

*LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated*



25th Anniversary Celebration

Jackson Convention Complex

12 Noon, Saturday, March 2, 2013



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The LeFleur's Bluff Chapter



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Lefleur's Bluff Chapter
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Dear Ladies:

It gives me great pleasure to greet you during the commemoration of your 25th Anniversary. The Links have a long, distinguished history of civic engagement in the African American community. We are very appreciative of your continued efforts in also promoting academic excellence, scholarship and social activities in the community.

I salute each of you for assuming a responsibility in mentoring our youth and awarding scholarships to deserving college students. In keeping with your efforts to improve and enhance lives, you remain dedicated and steadfast in your mission of transforming the hopes and dreams of our collective communities into a reality for the future. For this forthright commitment to excellence, I applaud you.

I wish you the very best for a most successful and enjoyable event. **Keep the Faith!**

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 meeting of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links Incorporated.

I hope you will find this opportunity to discuss current issues and strategies both productive and enjoyable. I thank all members of the Links for their continuing efforts to offer volunteer service on a variety of levels.

Many thanks are also due to the host and organizers. I applaud their efforts to put on this outstanding event.

Again, I commend you for the many hours you contribute to community service. Welcome to Mississippi and have a wonderful program!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

Phil Bryant
GOVERNOR

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Greetings:

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Jackson, I congratulate the members of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated as you celebrate your 25th anniversary. I commend you for maintaining a legacy of volunteerism and service for so many years.

The Links, Incorporated is known throughout the nation and abroad for contributing millions of dollars to charitable causes, and millions of service hours to assist communities in the United States, Africa and developing countries. I especially commend you for your service to youth and your commitment to the arts.

In addition, as Mayor, I welcome Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Isabel Wilkerson to Jackson. It is a great honor to have such a gifted writer take part in this special event. I congratulate you on your outstanding accomplishments, including being the first black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in the history of American journalism.

Again, I congratulate the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for 25 years of dedicated service to the community and to the country. It is organizations like yours that are helping to move Jackson forward.

Sincerely,



Harvey Johnson Jr.





Congratulations on behalf of the Jackson City Council as we join in celebrating your 25th Year Celebration.

It is a pleasure to greet The LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links Incorporated.

Together, we exhibit the power to make a difference in our communities. Together, we are one body with many parts. Each part is unique, needed and valuable for the whole body to function in its capacity and move forward. Inclusiveness will enlarge our territory, break down barriers and allow everyone to grow.

Be encouraged and God bless!

Councilman Tony T. Yarber



February 13, 2013

Supervisor Robert Graham
Hinds County Board of Supervisors
316 S. President Street
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Greetings LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of the Links Incorporated!

Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. On behalf of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, we would like to say that we hope you will enjoy many more years of such outstanding service.

Not a lot of organizations have that staying power and are able to continue to serve their communities in such a generous capacity as The Link's Incorporated. As you are aware 1946 was a long time ago and for your organization to have remained focused, positive, and true to your word is noteworthy! So we at the board would like to say thank you and may God continue to bless you on your journey.

On behalf of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, we are pleased and honored to be a part of such a great celebration. We wish you the very best.

God Bless,

Supervisor Robert Graham, President
District One



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March 2, 2013

My Dear Sisters,

On behalf of The Links, Incorporated, I extend special greetings to Link sisters, guests and supporters of the LeFleur's Bluff (MS) Chapter's *25th Anniversary Celebration*.

Over the last twenty-five years, your chapter's stellar programs have consistently represented the best of Linkdom. Your commitment to serve the Jackson metropolitan community is invaluable and I am grateful for all that you do. I know your chapter will continue to enrich the quality of life of others, while also preserving the rich legacy of our organization.

What your chapter has been able to achieve has not gone unnoticed. It takes compassion for a chapter to have a transformational impact on the community it serves. And for this, I applaud you. The Jackson metropolitan community will continue to benefit tremendously from your dedication to helping disadvantaged children and their families. What's more, your chapter has financially supported the United Negro College Fund and the Piney Woods Country Life School. You should be immensely proud of these achievements.

I wish each of you an afternoon filled with fun, fellowship and fabulous fare. I am certain the *25th Anniversary Celebration* will be a tremendous success.

Thank you for *Leading with Excellence ~ Serving with Grace*.

Sisterly yours,

Margot James Copeland

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Eneid A. Francis
Southern Area Director

My Dear Link Sisters,

On behalf of the Southern Area of the Links, Incorporated, I offer you heartfelt congratulations on the important milestone of your 25th Anniversary. Throughout Linkdom, we celebrate you as an important link in our chain of friendship and service.

The Le Fleur's Bluff Chapter has made important contributions to both the Southern Area and our National organization during its existence. Your members have served on both the National and Area levels, helping to shape the direction of our service and strengthening our programs.

I am especially proud of the mentoring program at Rowan Middle School you have been involved with for more than 25 years. Streamlined and focused programs which benefit the young women you support are the reason why you have been recognized on the Area level on three separate occasions - in 1999, 2001 and 2011. The Southern Area also appreciates your involvement in our initiatives over the years including Project LEAD, Education Across the Miles schoolhouses in South Africa, endowed scholarships at HBCUs, bone marrow and tissue donation programs and the Commission on Childhood Obesity Prevention. You have been a strong link in our chain.

Enjoy this moment. May it refresh your spirit, renew your resolve and inspire you to continue "*Effecting Change Through the Power of Friendship and Service.*"

In the spirit of celebration and achievement,

Eneid A. Francis

18th Southern Area Director

Effecting Change Through the Power of Friendship and Service



The Links, Incorporated
Founded in 1946
Le Fleur's Bluff Chapter

P.O. Box 9513 • Jackson, Mississippi 39286-9513



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration is indeed a noteworthy occasion for the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. It commemorates our gift of time, talent and resources to improve the lives of many children both here at home and abroad. We feel blessed to have been able to contribute so much with your support in last twenty-five years. We will strive to do greater things as we move into the next twenty-five years. We are grateful that you have chosen to celebrate with us today.

The LeFleur's Bluff Chapter was organized with a commitment to educational, cultural and civic projects that would positively impact people of African descent. Twenty-five years ago our chapter adopted Rowan Middle School and today, we are a stronger force in that community than ever before. Through our mentoring program at Rowan, we have been able to implement programs of enrichment, math and literacy for a group of girls who welcome our involvement. We monitor girls from the sixth through the eighth grades.

One of our international projects allows our girls at Rowan to attend the International Fair at Jackson State University in April of each year. Our girls have become winners in such programs as they research customs, ideals and other information about different countries. Nationally, our organization is committed to promoting health, ending breast cancer and fighting HIV/AIDS. We have also joined the cause to promote awareness for organ and tissue donation.

In keeping with our commitment to higher education, the Chapter's endowed scholarship at Jackson State University is currently in excess of \$35,000. We make annual contributions to this scholarship as well as the United Negro College Fund for both Rust and Tougaloo Colleges. We also contribute annually to the Piney Woods Country Life School to improve those students' lives.

Our fund-raising efforts and the support of friends like you will allow us to continue to make a difference in the lives of students in need. We look forward to your continued support of our community service projects and we extend our profound thanks and appreciation for your past contributions.

In Friendship and Service,

Dorothy Stokes, Ed.D., President



Greetings and Welcome to Our Friends and Supporters:

Twenty-five years ago today, a group of women met to put the final touches on their upcoming big event. They were preparing to enter a sisterhood dedicated to community improvement through civic, educational and cultural efforts. They were chartered as the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

This day is not much different from that one. LeFleur's Bluff Links have spent months preparing for this luncheon and book signing. We are presenting the noted journalist and author, Isabel Wilkerson, to our community not only to celebrate our anniversary, but to promote literacy, history and journalism. Members agreed that if someone was going to bring the first African American Woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in Journalism to Jackson, it should be us!

Much more than planning events over the last quarter century, LeFleur's Bluff Links have been about the business of changing lives. This work is not always obvious. In fact, when it is done best, the recipients may be the only ones who know.

For 15 years, I have been a member of this organization and still people ask me, "What is a Link?"

The answer is found in the new knowledge of students who received copies of *The Warmth of Other Suns* and learned about the Great Migration; at the school house in South Africa built for students with our chapter's donations; in generations of young women at Rowan Middle School who have called members mentor, supporter and friend for more than 25 years; in the lives of college students who stay in school because of financial support from our endowed scholarships and gifts to the United Negro College Fund; or in a child's ability to attend a harp concert, quilt display, health fair, Christmas play, theatre event and so much more that they couldn't do otherwise.

That is who a Link is and what she does. Today, we rejoice at finding new helping hands in the sponsors and supporters who have joined us. Know that your support means hope and change for hundreds of local students. On their behalf and with genuine gratitude, we say thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Sweet

25th Anniversary Chair

The Author

Isabel Wilkerson



Born in Washington D.C. in 1961, Isabel Wilkerson studied journalism at Howard University, becoming editor-in-chief of the college newspaper *The Hilltop*. During college, Wilkerson interned at many publications, including the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African-American to win for individual reporting. Wilkerson has also won the George Polk Award, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, and she was named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists.

She has also been the James M. Cox Professor of Journalism at Emory University, Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University and the Kreeger-Wolf endowed lecturer at Northwestern University and Professor of Journalism and Director of Narrative Nonfiction in the College of Communication at Boston University. She also served as a board member of the National Arts in Journalism Program at Columbia University.

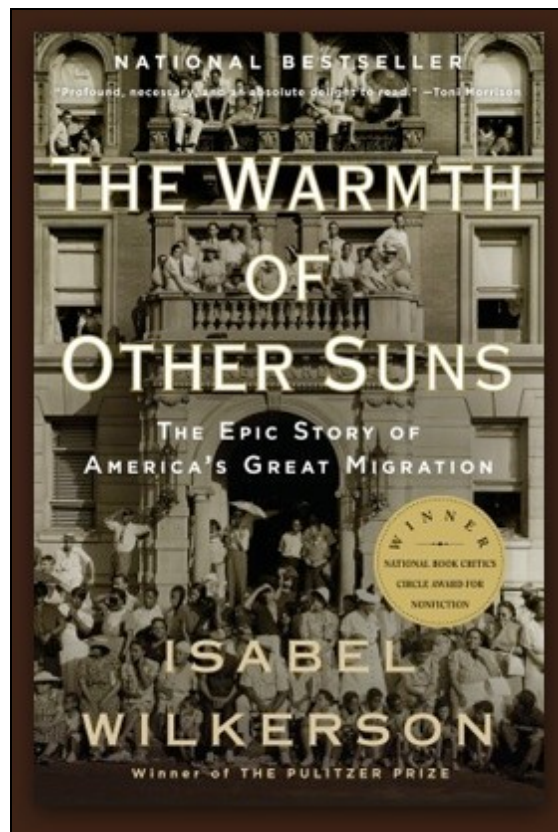
After fifteen years of research and writing, she published, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, which examines the three geographic routes that were commonly used by African Americans leaving the southern states between 1915 and the 1970s, illustrated through the personal stories of people who took those routes. During her research for the book, Wilkerson interviewed more than 1,200 people who made what became known as The Great Migration from the South to Northern and Western cities.

Warmth won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the 2011 Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the 2011 Lynton History Prize from Harvard and Columbia universities, the 2011 Anisfield-Wolf Award for Nonfiction, the 2011 Hillman Book Prize, the Stephen Ambrose Oral History Prize, the Independent Literary Award for Nonfiction, the Horace Mann Bond Book Award from Harvard University, the New England Book Award for Nonfiction, the Hurston Wright Legacy Award for Nonfiction, the NAACP Image Award for best literary debut and was shortlisted for the 2011 Pen-Galbraith Literary Award for Nonfiction and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

Warmth was named one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times* Book Review, one of the Five Best Books of the Year by Amazon and made the Best of the Year lists of *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Economist*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Newsday*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *O Magazine*, *Publishers Weekly* and more than dozen others.

It made news around the world when President Obama chose *Warmth* for summer reading on Martha's Vineyard in 2011.

Wilkerson has appeared at universities across the country and in Europe and on national programs such as CBS' *60 Minutes*, PBS's *Charlie Rose*, NPR's *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, NBC's *Nightly News*, MSNBC, the BBC, C-SPAN, and others. She has taught narrative nonfiction as Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University, as Cox Professor at Emory University and as Professor of Journalism at Boston University.



PROGRAMME
 PRESIDING
KIMBERLY SWEET, CHAIR
 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION..... THE HONORABLE JAMES E. GRAVES, JR.
 JUDGE
 U.S. FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

GREETINGS DR. DOROTHY STOKES
 PRESIDENT
 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER
 THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

INTRODUCTION OF DAIS AND SPONSORS KIMBERLY SWEET

MUSIC HILLARY WATKINS
 SOLOIST
 SENIOR, JIM HILL HIGH SCHOOL

THE OCCASION BARBARA HILLIARD
 HISTORIAN
 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER
 THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

RECOGNITION OF CHARTER AND
 CHAPTER MEMBERS GAILYA PORTER
 VICE-PRESIDENT
 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER
 THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

MUSIC DR. BETTYE R. GRAVES
 SOLOIST
 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER
 THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

***** LUNCH IS SERVED *****

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER KIMBERLY SWEET

LUNCHEON ADDRESS ISABEL WILKERSON
 PULITZER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR
 "THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS"

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ISABEL WILKERSON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS DR. DOROTHY STOKES
 PRESIDENT
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 THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

***** BOOK SIGNING *****



LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

25th Anniversary Event Committee Members

Dorothy Stokes	LeFleur's Bluff (MS) Chapter President
Kimberly Sweet.....	25th Anniversary Event Co-Chair
Lelia G. Rhodes.....	25th Anniversary Event Co-Chair
Debra McGee.....	Event Sponsorship Chair
Sharolyn Smith.....	Event Marketing Chair
Carla Kirkland.....	Souvenir Chair
Anna Jackson.....	Event Finance Chair
Bettye R. Graves.....	Souvenir Program Book Co-Chair
Linda Smith.....	Souvenir Program Book Co-Chair
Barbara Hilliard.....	Program Chair



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LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Chapter Officers (2012-2013)

Dorothy Stokes	LeFleur's Bluff (MS) Chapter President
Gailya Porter.....	Vice President/Membership Chair
Linda Smith.....	Corresponding Secretary
Azande Williams.....	Secretary
Bettye R. Graves.....	Assistant Secretary/Technology Chair
Barbara Hilliard.....	Historian/Archivist
Anna Jackson.....	Financial Secretary
Montyne Clay.....	Treasurer
Sharon Reed.....	Immediate Past President/Parliamentarian
Yvonne Brooks.....	Program Committee Chair



The Links, Incorporated Lefleur's Bluff Chapter

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Chapter Members

Seated (Left to Right): Sharon Reed, Yvonne Brooks, Azande Williams, Gailya Porter, Glenda Glover, Anna Jackson, Linda Smith. **Standing-1st Row (Left to Right):** Eleanor Mitchell, Esther Rigsby, Portia Espy, Geraldine Kelly, Emma Brooks-Smith, Lisa Gibson-McKee, Gerrilyn Thomas, Debra McGee. **Standing-2nd Row (Left to Right):** Bettye Graves, Johnnie Patton, Kimberly Sweet, Debra Gibbs, Sharolyn Smith, Jasmine Taylor, Lelia Rhodes, Virgia Gambrell, Linda Rigsby, Barbara Hilliard.

Not Pictured: Mildred Allen, Carrine Bishop, Hope Bynum, Zelma Carson, Montyne Clay, Gwendolyn Chambliss, Wilma Clopton, Carolyn Jefferson, Carla Kirkland, Evelyn Leggette, Rica Payton, Dorothy Stokes, Dorothy Thompson, Dora Washington, Dean Wiley, Rhea Williams-Bishop

LeFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER HISTORY

Early in the 1980s, Beatrice Butler Mosley, a solidly established mogul in the field of education, recognized that she was singularly one of a small cadre of similarly skilled women. Her decision was to unite this group as the nucleus of an organization fervently committed to improve the interrelated circumstances that affect lives. They envisioned committing themselves to noteworthy educational, cultural and civic projects that would positively impact the Black family as well as the global society. Within a span of two years, the group had increased to a total of twenty-three women.

The group initiated a series of efforts to ensure the success of their intent. In December of 1985, a request to organize an "interest group" was made to the National Office of The Links, Incorporated. Upon receipt of pertinent information regarding the process from Jacqueline J. Robinson, The Chapter Establishment Officer, the group executed the process procedures resulting in the formal submission of their application in February of 1986. Subsequently, approval was granted to organize the *Capital Metropolitan Interest Group* in June of 1986.

The group completed the arduous process of defining an Umbrella Approach with all program activities focusing on the four facets of The Links, Incorporated. Rowan and Blackburn Junior High Schools were selected as the group's project; however, Rowan Junior High School was eventually made the focal school for the project. The working year ended in June of 1987.

Jacqueline J. Robinson, Chapter Establishment Officer, made a site visit in November of 1987. Following her evaluation of the project, the Interest Group was approved to function during the ensuing year as the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter-Elect.

The weekend of March 4-5 was a pivotal time for the members of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter-Elect as they made readiness for their formal installation ceremonies. On Saturday, March 5, 1988, the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter received its charter as the 225th chapter in thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia.

Installation ceremonies were held as the twenty-three members became a full-fledged members of the Links, Incorporated. Executive officers participating in the induction ceremonies were: Regina Jollivette Frazier, National President; Dolores Albury, National Recording Secretary; Jacqueline J. Robinson, Chapter Establishment Officer; Ernestine Sapp, National Parliamentarian; and Barbara S. Moore, Southern Area Director. Carolyn C. Washington, Immediate Past Southern Area Director, was in attendance and rendered valuable assistance in preparation for the ceremony. Sharing the occasion were Links from three Mississippi Chapters and representatives from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, and North Carolina.

Following the chartering ceremony, were a number of culminating activities. These activities were highlighted by a reception at the University Club, an elaborate luncheon honoring the members of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter and a banquet. Other events concluding the chapter's "Evening of Emerald Elegance" included attendance at the Ebony Fashion Show and a concert featuring Lionel Hampton.

The entire weekend was one of historical significance for the City of Jackson; for the members of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter, it was a weekend of beauty and elegance.

In the late 1980s, LeFleur's Bluff Chapter members continued their efforts to positively impact the lives of students at Rowan Middle School. The ARMSGAD (At Risk Middle School Girls of African Descent) program focused on academic support, primarily one on one tutoring after school. Not all the work was in the classroom. In an effort to support the arts, the YAATS program showcased students with artistic talents and encouraged them through providing performance opportunities and recognition.

During the 1990s, service further expanded into the community. Monthly programs were held for students which featured each of the individual facets of Linkdom: Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services and the Arts. These programs included, but were not limited to: career awareness, health and dental screenings, walkathons, art projects, reading fairs, and academic support. Students at Rowan took field trips to see a holiday play each year. We also reached overseas by partnering with other Mississippi chapters of the Links through the Education Across the Miles Signature Program and sponsoring a schoolhouse in South Africa. School supplies for African students as well as black dolls for young girls were also sent overseas as part of our global outreach.

These domestic and international efforts were honored by the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated in 1999 when the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter won the First Place Award for its Umbrella or overall community service program. The Chapter also won First Place in 1999 for its exhibit presenting the program which included a display and video highlighting the efforts. In 2001, the Chapter won another Umbrella award, this time 2nd place, in recognition of its programs because they evidenced sustainability and a significant community impact. Students were also honored by receiving certificates of award and savings bonds when their academic achievement placed them within the top ten students at their school.

Into the Millenium, programs have included health screenings for students as well as town hall meetings in the community to discuss heart health, HIV/AIDS, and organ and tissue donation. An important aspect of student health has been the promotion of healthy living through diet and exercise. Nutritionists, meetings with cafeteria staff, and the distribution of healthy snacks were cornerstones of that initiative. Exercise was promoted through fitness routines, walking, a tennis workshop, and Zumba class. Members partnered with the Jackson Chapter of the Links to implement a childhood obesity prevention program at the Mid-Town Community Center which is near Rowan Middle School.

Still, academics remain our key effort. In an effort to improve literacy, students were given summer reading books at year end and assisted with reading comprehension and assignments in the fall of each year. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in the Jackson State University International Fair. They divided into groups and chose countries for study. Representatives from JSU came to the school to share their personal experiences and give deeper insight to the assignment. At the Fair, students displayed what they learned about the country and its culture, even dressing in native costume. One group won the First Place prize. For those students with the most basic needs, uniforms are purchased along with book bags and supplies. Our effort to promote college education and assist those in school is proven by our growing endowed scholarship at Jackson State University on the name of our Chapter Organizer, Beatrice Mosley, and an annual United Negro College Fund contribution to help students at Tougaloo and Rust Colleges.

In 2011, the Chapter was honored again for its work through a 3rd Place Award and monetary stipend which was used to purchase more books for the students at Rowan Middle School. Over the past 25 years, members have aimed to pool their time, talent and treasure to positively impact those in need both here and abroad, living out our tenets of friendship and service.

CHARTER FOR LEFLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER ESTABLISHMENT

THE LINKS, INCORPORATED



Certificate of Charter

We hereby Certify that the

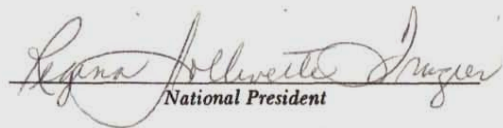
LE FLEUR'S BLUFF CHAPTER

was duly chartered on March 5, 1988 *as a local chapter, having complied with*

all provisions of the Constitution and pledges to engage in educating for Democracy

through its civic, educational and intercultural programs

FOUNDERS
MARGARET HAWKINS
SARAH S. SCOTT


National President



The Le Fleur's Bluff Chapter

of

The Links, Incorporated

Charter Date: March 5, 1988

Location: The Holiday Inn, Jackson, Mississippi

Organizer: Dr. Beatrice Mosley

Charter Members: Dr. Beatrice Mosley, Dr. Mildred Allen, Dr. Sarah Beard, Bernice Bell, Ruby Black, Dr. Yvonne Brooks, Dr. Emma Brooks-Baham, Gwendolyn Chambliss, Alice V. Harden, Barbara Hilliard, Ellistine P. Holly, Eddie Mae Johnson, Geraldine Kelly, Johnnie Middleton, Dr. Jessie Mosley, Daisy Mullen, Dr. Lelia Gaston Rhodes, Esther M. Rigsby, Thelma Sanders, Kathryn Thames, Dr. Cleopatra Thompson, Ida Witherspoon, Melita Woodard

Installation Officers: National President Regina Jollivette Frazier and Jacqueline J. Robinson, Chapter Establishment Officer

Interest Group Service Project: Rowan and Blackburn Junior High Schools were selected as sites for educational, cultural and civil projects which would positively impact the Black family. Work at Rowan has continued for 25 years.



Shown with the Chapter are Members Inducted in 1990

*All seated on the first row: Sharon Reed (second from left); Terri Rigsby (third from left);
and Patricia Wise (fourth from left)*



Shown with the Chapter are Members Inducted in 1991

*First row seated from left: Elaine Gage Johnson, Rica Lewis Payton, Joan Bishop, Rosemary Moncure.
First row seated from right: Anita Scott, Carrie James, Monica Parker*



*Second row left, seated: Debra Gibbs; second row right, seated, Barbara Watson;
Top row, first from right, Eleanor Mitchell and fifth from right, Margie Lee*



Members Inducted in 1992
Jeannie Middleton and Dora Washington

Members Inducted in 1993

JoLynn Bridges, Malena Dow, and Jocelyn Lyons



Member Inducted in 1995
Sharon Devine Harris



Members inducted in 1997
Zelma Carson and Carrine Bishop



Shown with Chapter President Emma Smith. Members inducted in 1998
*Beginning with second from left: Dorothy Thompson, Joyce Pulley, Dorothy Terry,
Rosie Thompson Pridgen and Kimberly Sweet*



Members inducted in 2000

*From Left: Helen Beady, Hope Bynum, Pene Gray Long, Jasmine Taylor, Lisa Teeuwissen
Not Pictured: Johnnie Patton*



Members inducted in 2003

*From Left: Rhea Williams Bishop, Virginia Gambrell, Dorothy Stokes, Montyne King Clay,
Vivian Taylor, and Glenda Glover*



Members Inducted in 2004
Anna Jackson and Evelyn Leggette



Member Inducted in 2006
Bettye Graves



Members Inducted in 2007

Ally Mack, Azande Wallace Williams, Portia Ballard Espy



Members Inducted in 2009

Dean Wiley, Gailya Porter, Linda Smith, Sharon Bridges



Members Inducted in 2012

Gerrilyn Thomas, Sharolyn Smith, Linda Rigby, Lisa McKee, Debra McGee, Carla Kirkland



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Kimberly Sweet

SOUTHERN AREA ARCHIVIST

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CHAIR

AND

The Le Fleur's Bluff Chapter

of

The Links Incorporated

FOR *25* YEARS

OF

FRIENDSHIP, SERVICE AND AN UNWAVERING
COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY



LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
expresses deepest sympathy to

President Dorothy Stokes, Ed.D.

In memory of

Connecting Link Carl Stokes



(February 19, 1945 — January 24, 2013)

Carl Stokes, 67, passed away peacefully at the Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center in Houston, Texas, on Thursday, January 24, 2013, surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services were held at the New Zion United Methodist Church, 201 West Piazza Street in Crystal Springs, MS on Tuesday, January 29th. A native of Canton, MS, Carl was educated in the Canton Public Schools and graduated from Rogers High School in 1963. He attended Jackson State University where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geography. He received a Master's degree in 1974 from Delta State University in Administration and Supervision.

Carl was first employed as a teacher and coach at Higgins High School in McComb, MS and later he taught World History at Gentry High School in Indianola, MS. He served as an assistant principal at Indianola Junior High School in Indianola, MS for one year before becoming principal at Crystal Springs Middle School. He served in this position for sixteen years until his retirement in 1998. After retirement, he worked with the Mississippi Department of Education under School Improvement, and served as an Adjunct Professor at Belhaven University. As a testament to his abilities and dedication, Carl touched the lives of many students, teachers and principals giving them encouragement, inspiration and enhancing their lives.

Carl's legacy will be cherished by his devoted wife, Dorothy Boyd Stokes; two daughters, Hazel (Mark) Townsend of Lawrenceville, GA and Carla (Charlie) Slaymon of McDonough, GA; son, Carlos Stokes of Jackson; two sisters, Carline Johnson (twin sister) and Jo Alice (Louis) Sanders, both of Canton, MS; one aunt, Huristine Hawkins of Jackson, MS; three grandchildren, Brian Hunter, Brittany Hunter, and Noah Slaymon. Also, left to cherish his memories are six sister-in-laws, four brother-in-laws; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and lifelong friends.

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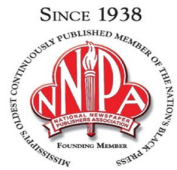


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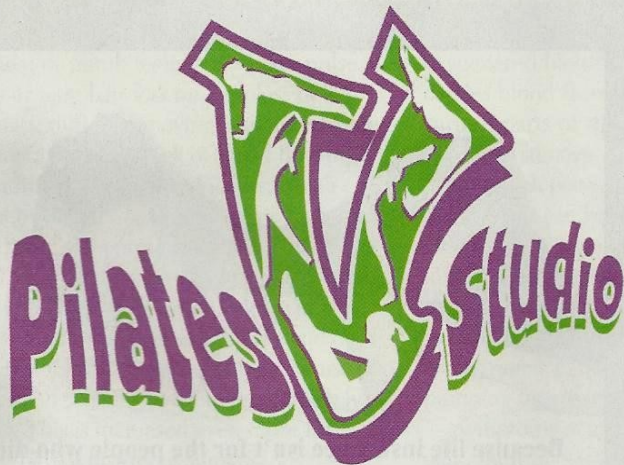


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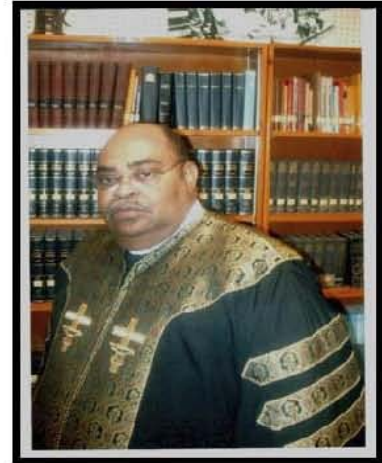
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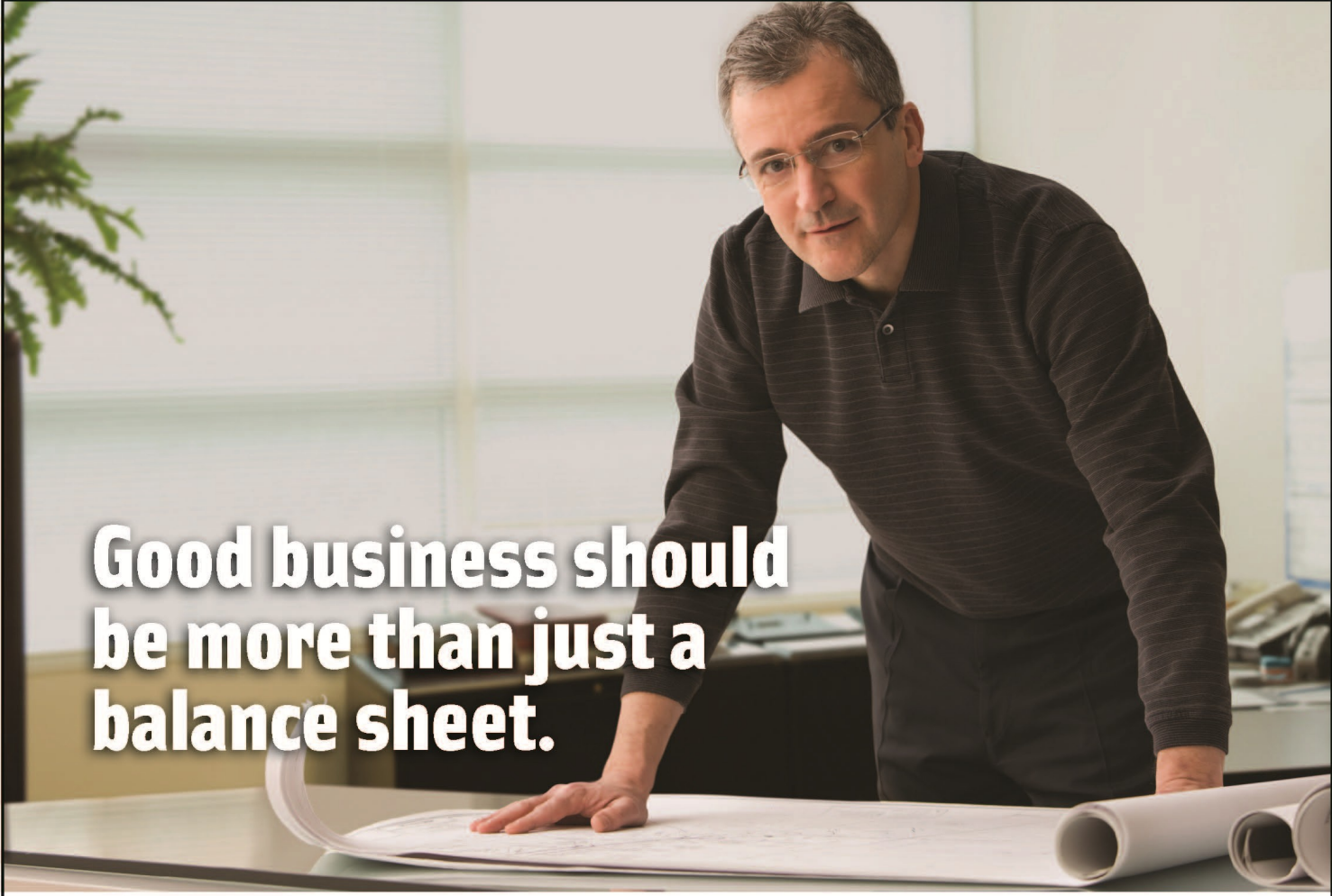
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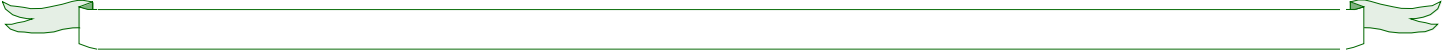
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