

## LEFLEUR'S BLUFF LINKS NEWSLETTER

## LINKS COMMUNIQUE'

## Programs | Friendship Activities | Events

**Mardi Gras Ball**

DATE: January 30

TIME: 7 - 11 pm

LOCATION: Country Club of Jackson

**Byram Walmart Opening**

DATE: January 27

TIME: 9 am - 1 pm

LOCATION: Walmart Opening in Byram MS

**Habitat for Humanity -  
Martin Luther King Day**

DATE: January 18

TIME: 7:30 am &amp; 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Kevin Garnett Court

**Christmas Social**

DATE: December 10

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Home of Link Carla &amp; Connecting Link Malcolm Kirkland

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:****Annual Day at the Capitol****"Links with the Legislators"**

DATE: February 11

TIME: 9 am - 1 pm

LOCATION: MS State Capitol

Communications Committee members: Debra Gibbs, Barbara Hilliard, Davetta Lee and Dorothy Thompson -

Thank YOU for your dedicated service and time committed!!!

**President's Message**

Greetings Lady Links. Our Links year began with a whirlwind of activities for our Chapter but Kudos to everyone for a very successful year's start. Beginning with the Town Hall Meeting at our adopted Rowan Middle School and community, you represented the program with grace and flair and I thank you for that. I am sure the audience received some great and very relevant information, and I am especially thankful for the father that shared his feelings about "bullying" being experienced by his daughter. It was as though he was placed there on purpose.

Thanks also for supporting the Christmas Social with your presence and support of the New Member Candidates attendance. Everyone had a great time and looked wonderful. Link Carla was so gracious to open her home and host the event and the food was just superb.

2016 brings several new things that we will be engaged in: (1) the upcoming Mardi Gras Ball on Saturday, January 30th at the Country Club of Jackson. Just as before, we are raising monies to fund the "Just Raring to Read" Summer Reading Book purchase for JPS Middle School students. (2) We had a very successful Habitat for Humanity House Rehabilitation on Martin L. King Day, Monday, January 18th. Thanks ladies for your monetary support and your physical help with scrubbing and painting walls and cabinets. (3) We look forward to your support with the opening of the Byram Walmart, Wednesday, January 27th. And (4) last but not least, assisting Link Hope with the orientation of our new member candidates these next few months.

It has been a great "ride" so far and with your help and support, things will continue to be great!!

Link Bettye Graves, Chapter President





**Service To Youth (STY)  
Facet Important Dates:**

**STY General Meetings:**

- February 9
- March 15
- April 12
- May TBD

**LOCATION: New Hope Baptist Church**

**STY Sessions at Rowan Middle School:**

- February 17
- March 16
- April 20
- May TBA

**Chapter Meeting Dates:**

4th Monday each month -

- January 25
- February 22
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23

**LOCATION: Anderson UMC**

(Dates are subject to change)

**Executive Board Meetings - TBA**

**Erin Pickens, Co-Editor  
Lori Patton, Co-Chair**

**Link Hope Bynum, VICE PRESIDENT'S Message:**

Dear Link Sisters,

"Year of Yes", what a timely title, the perfect inaugural book club selection, and an excellent way to kick off what promises to be an exceptional year.

Our Chapter is in the cusp of many exciting adventures with 1) the much anticipated Mardi Gras Ball on January 30 2) New members who will broaden our base and boost our capacity and much, much more. As we experience these new developments, our individual and collective commitment will ensure our success.

With this in mind, please remember to:

- ☑ Say YES to leadership in LeFleur's Bluff Chapter;
- ☑ Say YES to reading and sharing;
- ☑ Say YES to supporting our fundraiser;
- ☑ Say YES to ensuring a great orientation and induction for our new members;
- ☑ Say YES to mentoring a new member; and
- ☑ Say YES to making 2016 a remarkable year in LeFleur's Bluff history.

**Link Debra H. Gibbs, PROGRAM Facets Chair Message:**

Link Sisters,

I encourage and salute you to continue the great works that we have begun during this year. Thank each of you for all that you have done and will continue to do for our Chapter Facets' Programming in the New Year 2016!

**Habitat for Humanity Project - Link Lori Patton, Co-Chair**

It was a day "on" and not a day "off" on MLK day. The LeFleurs Bluff Chapter of the Links put works into action through friendship and service by partnering with others to build a home in West Jackson for a special family.

It was a frigid morning, members rolled up our sleeves and worked all morning! We teamed with members from Atmos Energy, Butler Snow, Mississippi Blood Services and Junior League of Jackson to perform duties such as degrease walls, doors, inside cabinets, bedrooms and began painting.

"It felt rewarding to volunteer and to give back as our mission in our organization."



**Town Hall Meeting at Rowan Middle School - Link Erin Pickens, Co-Editor**

Rowan Middle School and The LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of the Links, Incorporated held a town hall meeting on October 27, 2015 at Rowan to discuss education. It was called Equity in Education: Schools, Parents, and Communities Demanding Quality Education for all Students. The panelists were State Senator Sollie Norwood, who gave information on Initiative 42; Dr. Amanda Rice of Quinn Healthcare who discussed the importance of good health and education; Dr. Pamela Banks, the psychology department chair at Jackson State University who discussed having good mental health and recognizing mental health issues in students and their families; and Dr. Cindy Ayers, the CEO and Founder of Foot Print Farms in Jackson who discussed healthy eating and agri-tourism for community development in the City of Jackson.

Members of the LeFleur's Bluff chapter facilitated the town hall meeting and assisted parents and students in receiving fresh fruits and vegetables that were provided for them by Foot Print Farms.



**Sharolyn Smith, Chair  
Communications Committee**

**Bettye Graves, Chapter President  
Hope Bynum, Vice President**

# SPECIAL Friendship Highlights & Celebratory Events

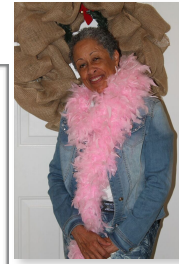
🎁 - HAPPY BIRTHDAYS to YOU! - 🎁 - January - February 2016

🎂 Link Anna Jackson - January 8

👤 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - January 15 - Black History Month

🎂 Link Debra Hendricks Gibbs - February 11

🎂 Link Bettye R. Graves - February 14 - "Happy Valentine's Day Baby"



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