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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

April 1, 2026 - 8:30PM EST

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Jacksonville (FL) Chapter
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Vanessa Falls, Southern Area Director



Attendee Engagement Guidelines



Microphones will be muted by the technology team for the duration of the webinar. We ask all attendees to please keep microphones muted to minimize any disruption or interference.



Today's session is not being recorded.



Please submit all questions via the Zoom chat feature. Questions will be addressed at designated times during the meeting.



The presentation slides will be posted in the Members' section of the Southern Area Website.



Attendees will earn **1 service hour** for attending this meeting.

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AGENDA

Linkspiration
Membership Calendar
Friendship Activities
Adjourn

Next Meeting 5/6/2026

Linkspiration



**Link Hester Buie
Mississippi Roses (MS) Chapter
Vice President**

THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

OUR MISSION

Friends transforming communities through service.

OUR VISION

Enrich communities and improve the quality of life for people of African descent through friendship and service

OUR VALUES

- Friendship
- Honesty
- Commitment
- Courage
- Integrity
- Service
- Family Relationships
- Respect for Others and Self

OUR NATIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Friendship and Engagement
- Transformational Community Service
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Operational Excellence and Alignment
- Brand Awareness
- Leadership and Professional Development



APRIL

- Candidate orientations continue
- Candidate's service project
- Dues due 4/1
- Dues submitted after 4/2, late fee imposed
- Last month to submit dues
- Monies due no later than 4/15 for candidates
- \$600 Building Assessment – **separate payment via the NEW link**

MAY 2026 – New Fiscal Year Starts

- Induction of new members May 1 – June 30
- Transfer period starts May 1 – Dec. 1
- Transition of Chapter Officers
- Officer dates should be extended in MMS – to keep officers from being locked out

JUNE

-  Last day to induct new members June 30.
-  National Assembly – June 24 – June 28 – Detroit, MI (call to assembly in your email)

JULY-AUGUST

- Forfeiture letters to be sent from National Headquarters
- Office acknowledgement letters sent for resignations
- Chapter retreats continue

INTAKE (Ethics and Standards)

- NEW – Ethics and Standards video – 1 hour
- Located on National website
- Click Documents
- Click Membership
- Click New Member Intake
- Video titled: Annual Ethics and Standards Training 10.30.2025

INTAKE (CANDIDATE TEST)

- Orientation Test and Answer Key
- Located on National Website
- Under Documents – Membership – New Member Intake Process
- 106 questions
- Earn a 75%
- Closed book test
- Individual test

ALUMNA & PLATINUM REPORT



Link Brenda DeRamus Coleman
Alumna & Platinum Affairs Chair
Montgomery (AL) Chapter

FRIENDSHIP IN ACTION COMMITTEE

Coordinates GEMs and Friendship Month Activities



Link JoAnn Taylor
Columbus (GA) Chapter



Link Tevi Rice
Magnolia (GA) Chapter



Link Tonjua Williams
St. Petersburg (FL) Chapter



G.E.M.S.

Graciously Elevating Our Members

March Membership GEM:

COMEDY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS



Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT



PAWS, CLAWS, AND CONVERSATIONS

Join us for **Membership: *Paws, Claws and Conversations on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 8:30PM***, a membership-centered webinar where friendship, education, and well-being come together. Through pet stories, thoughtful discussion, and engaging interaction, we will explore how animals can positively influence our mental health by offering comfort, easing stress, encouraging companionship, and bringing moments of joy into our daily lives.

Our panel of presenters will share valuable tips on caring for our pets, helping us better understand how to support their health and well-being while appreciating the important role they play in our lives.

MEMBERSHIP IN ACTION COMMITTEE

Coordinates the Membership Engagement Tool



Link Rochelle Small-Toney
Vice President
Wilson Rocky-Mount Tarboro (NC) Chapter



Link Dorothy Brown Smith
Vice President
Raleigh (NC) Chapter



Link Chanda Douglas-Ward
Vice President
Triangle Park (NC) Chapter

RESOURCES

- <https://www.flipsnack.com/9D59CC66AED/membership-engagement-activities/full-view.html>



Membership Engagement Tools



VP Meet & Greet

- ❑ VP MEET and GREET Successful
- ❑ May 19, 2026 @ 8:30PM EST

VP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

- How do you handle a beloved member who, year after year, has to be coaxed (gently forced) to get her hours in? What is the final deadline to get her hours in?
- Hello, Can you tell me if a woman who became a Link before her Mother can still be classified as a DOL in membership acknowledgements and for chapter headcount purposes?
- Is there a digital version of the Membership Orientation Test? If so, how do you get access to it?

SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

- Who is responsible for making changes in Track It Forward- i.e., adding or deleting categories? For example, adding items to the activity category or adding another category type for members to select when entering time.
- Please comment : A member comes in 30 minutes before a meeting is over. Should we count that person present for a meeting?



Vice Presidents on the move!

Congratulations to our Chapter Vice Presidents as you step into your new role. Your willingness to lead, serve, and support your chapters is both meaningful and appreciated. This position carries great responsibility, but it also offers a wonderful opportunity to strengthen membership, foster engagement, and help your chapter thrive. Wishing each of you a successful and rewarding term as you lead with grace, vision, and friendship.



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Thank you.

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