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RIVER CITY (TN) CHAPTER

Chapter History

In the fall of 1987, Dr. Elma H. Mardis and Emma H. Stotts organized a service organization called River City Sette. This group was comprised of 30 women of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents that came together with the purpose of providing service for underprivileged youth in the greater Memphis community. Being fully aware of the high ideals and commitment to service exemplified by the national body of The Links, Incorporated, the membership voted to seek avenues for entry into that national body. After serving as an interest group, the River City Sette celebrated induction into Linkdom on Saturday, May 15, 1993, at the historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

The River City (TN) Chapter became the third chapter in Memphis, the tenth in the state of Tennessee and the two hundred and forty-fourth chapter in the Central Region. National President, Marion Schulz Sutherland and Chapter Establishment Officer, Marion Sweeney installed twenty-one charter members. Charter members were Dr. Elma H. Mardis, president;

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The past presidents of River City (TN) Chapter are Dr. Elma H. Mardis, Charlene M. Turner, Norma F. Griffin, Martha P. Beard, Beverly C. Robertson, Carolyn F. Bishop, Dr. Charlotte M. Freeman, Dr. Inetta F. Rogers, Carla Stotts-Hills, Gale Jones Carson, and Ailene Oliver Booker. Vanecia Belser Kimbrow, Esq., is the 12th President to graciously lead our beloved circle of friends.

The River City (TN) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated demonstrates a commitment to the Memphis community through the development of collaborative partnerships that deliver strategic solutions to community ills through programs that enrich the lives of our fellow citizens.

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RIVER CITY (TN) CHAPTER

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Welcome to Groovin' with River City: Party at the Palace, presented by the River City (TN) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Since our inception, our members have been committed to serving where there is great need throughout the Greater Memphis and Shelby County community and abroad. Together with our community partners, we strive to successfully deliver transformational programs that are sustainable and measurable to ensure social and judicial equity, and the cultural and economic survival and advancement of African Americans and those of African descent, and all other persons that need our aide to live empowered.



Because of your support for Groovin' with River City, our chapter continues to develop and implement impactful programs within our five national program areas: The Arts, Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our long standing community partners for their ongoing support which helps us to provide excellence in programming to the Memphis and Shelby County communities – Hattiloo Theatre, the National Civil Rights Museum, LeMoyné-Owen College, and FedEx.

I would like to also recognize Gale Jones Carson, our Fund Development Chair, and each of her committee members for this stellar event. I owe a very special "thank you" to the River City (TN) Chapter membership for their unwavering commitment to transformational service to our community. My beautiful Sisters, I wholeheartedly appreciate you and thank you for your time, talent and service.

To our friends, supporters, volunteers, and sponsors, together, let us harness "The Power of 1", and build strategic collaborations that transform our communities through friendship and service.

Vanecia Belser Kimbrow, Esq.,
President

Welcome to

GROOVIN' WITH RIVER CITY: PARTY AT THE PALACE

Welcome to the River City (TN) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated's Groovin' With River City: Party at the Palace. We are very excited about your presence and support of our major fundraiser. That support will help us achieve our commitment to serve Memphis and Shelby County through our five facets: Services to Youth, Health and Human Services, the Arts, National Trends and Services, and International Trends and Services.

Today, for your enjoyment, we have a great line-up of performers Karen Brown, Tamara Monger, Mark Baker, and Tracy McGee with the Copaetic901 Band.



The River City (TN) Chapter expresses thanks and gratitude to our sponsors, guests and supporters. With this support we will be able to continue serving Memphis and Shelby County.

I appreciate and recognize that it is the dynamic leadership within our chapter who continually thrusts us forward towards excellence.

The fruition of today's Groovin' With River City: Party at the Palace was made possible by the service of my Link Sisters President Vanecia Kimbrow, Michelle Fowlkes, Nashawnda Thomas, Elizabeth Stewart, Jewel Wilburn, Patrice Myers, Rose Flenorl, Kontji Anthony, April Thompson, Stephanie Scurlock; Merry Lynn Moore, Kimela Cox, Ocpivia Johnson Stafford, Tessera Michelle Hardaway, Shirley Burford Miller, , Loyce Lambert Ryan, Lashell Vaughn, Victoria Vaughn, Charlene Turner, Gwen Washington Jones, Carla Stotts Hills, Erica Evans, Marilyn Evans, Loverta Dorris, Joy Rogers Stout, Shirley Cobbins, Cynthia Hailey, Sophia Hardy, Kimbra Toney, Yvonne Joiner, Ailene Oliver Booker and Harriett Holman -- their hard work, dedication and commitment to serve is invaluable -- we are truly Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service.

Finally, I want to express my great appreciation for each of you who have supported the River City (TN) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated's Groovin' With River City: Party at the Palace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale Jones Carson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gale Jones Carson, Fund Development Chair
10th President, River City (TN) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated

Mistress of Ceremonies



APRIL THOMPSON

April Thompson is an award-winning reporter and co-anchors the 4:00 and 4:30 newscasts on WREG News Channel 3 every weekday. Thompson has received numerous journalism awards for her work in television including the Tennessee School Board Association's Award for Outstanding Reporting and in 2016 an Emmy Award for Journalistic Enterprise. She has also received several Emmy nominations for her reporting. Her favorite motto is, "If you believe you can achieve." She says God has blessed her life and if she can be a positive and shining example of God's goodness, she will have reached her goal.

Artists

KAREN BROWN

An evening out listening to the sounds of award-winning vocalist Karen Brown is like spending the night with the biggest musical legends of our time. Karen blends the soulful artistry of her church choir experience with the moving emotions of the great music legends and delivers a performance that is uniquely her own.

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Artists

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TAMARA MONGER

Tamara has blended her soulful-jazzy style into a unique melodic sound that is influenced by icons such as Sarah Vaughn, Nancy Wilson and Ledisi to name a few.

She has performed in both local and national arenas. She has been blessed with the opportunity to grace the stage with Stevie Wonder, Gerald Levert, Kem, and Eric Roberson. Her vocal experience also expands to her background support for Ledisi, Howard Hewett, Glenn Jones, Dave Hollister, Chico DeBarge and a host of others.



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ANGELIQUE GRAY

Angelique Gray is a graphic designer and visual artist. She is the Creative Designer and proprietor of AngeliQ Creations, a rising graphic and event design business that offers variety of design services as well as private paint parties and commissioned art. Angelique Gray is a graduate of Hampton University with an MBA from the University of Memphis. Professionally, she is also currently the Program Lead in Talent Acquisitions for Branding and Strategic Partnerships with Regional One Health. She is a past board member of Dress for Success Memphis and currently serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis. She is a proud member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Finally, she is the mother of one brilliant daughter, Callie.



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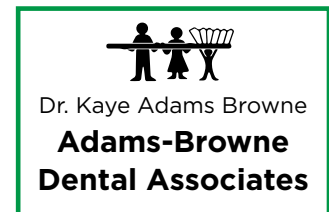
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SERVICES TO YOUTH

The Links, Incorporated created its first program facet, Services to Youth, to equip black youth to use their intellect and spirit of achievement to become successful and productive citizens. The Links, Incorporated is committed to ensuring that youth are academically successful and engaged in healthy lifestyles. We implement transformational programs that are responsive to the academic, health, cultural, social awareness, career development, and mentoring needs of youth.



THE ARTS

The Links support of the arts can be traced to our cultured co-founder Margaret Roselle Hawkins. Her passion for creative expression helped give root to the establishment of The Arts facet in 1964 at the 14th National Assembly. The goal of The Arts facet is to produce and support programs to enrich the quality of life of our youth and communities through educational and engaging art experiences while Transforming Communities, Fulfilling Our Purpose.



NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The National Trends and Services facet is tasked with eliminating disparities by reducing barriers to resources through advocacy, education, and service. Our chapter seeks to raise our collective voices and transform the communities in which we work. The facet's goals include increasing the number of sustainable and measurable programs; increasing collaborative partnerships; and extending our initiatives to communities identified as having the greatest need.



INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES

The International Trends and Services facet provides services and delivers transformational programs to people of African ancestry globally so that they may have a better quality of life. Programs are designed and developed to service educational, health and cultural needs and to help people emerge from poverty. A primary objective of our international work is to enrich the lives of women and their families.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Links, Incorporated established the Health and Human Services facet in response to the chronic health disparities that persist in black communities and result in the decreased life expectancy of African Americans and other people of African ancestry. The goal of HHS is to promote and facilitate programs that support the maintenance of good health and the elimination of chronic health disparities in communities of color through education, health advocacy, and optimal utilization of health resources. Community education about health risks is crucial and the River City (TN) Chapter plays a significant role in providing it.



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FedEx applauds the organizations that make community their business, like the River City (TN) Chapter of The Links, Inc. Working hard to create stronger, better communities is work that we all can appreciate.

