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May 2026

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence, Impact, and Sisterhood

Dear Members, Supporters, Family and Friends,

It is with great pride and heartfelt joy that we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our extraordinary chapter, The West Towns (IL) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated—a milestone that reflects five decades of vision, resilience, and unwavering commitment.

What began as a shared purpose has grown into a powerful legacy. For 50 years, this organization has uplifted voices, created opportunities, and fostered a community where Black Women are empowered to lead, inspire, and thrive. Each volume written along this journey carries the imprint of remarkable individuals who dared to dream, to build, and to support one another along the way.

This anniversary is not only a reflection of our history, but a celebration of the friendships, relationships, achievements, and progress that define us. It is a testament to the strength found in unity and the impact that can be made when Black Women come together with purpose and passion.

As we honor those who laid the foundation and those who continue to carry the mission forward, we also look ahead with excitement. The future holds new opportunities to grow, innovate, and expand our reach—continuing to make a meaningful difference for generations to come.

Thank you to every member, leader, supporter, and friend who has been part of this incredible journey. Your dedication and spirit are the heart of this organization.

Here's to 50 years of excellence—and to many more ahead.

With celebration, gratitude and in friendship,

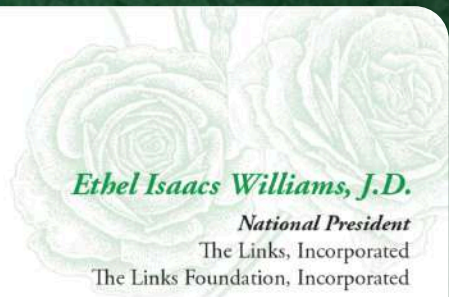
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Ethel Isaacs Williams, J.D.

National President
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Office of the National President

May 3, 2026

Greetings Sister Links and Guests:

As National President of The Links, Incorporated and The Links Foundation, Incorporated, it is my honor to extend greetings on behalf of more than 17,500 members across 303 chapters to the **West Towns (IL) Chapter** on our 50th Chapter Anniversary. As you commemorate this occasion under the theme *"Belles, Beaux and Bourbon: A Golden Jubilee, A Celebration of 50 Years of Friendship and Service,"* a heartfelt ***Congratulations!*** to the chapter officers, members, family, and friends as you celebrate this milestone year.



Since the chapter's chartering on June 13, 1976, with twenty-two extraordinary and dedicated women, the members of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, have continued to build on an enduring legacy of friendship and service. For five decades, the West Towns (IL) Chapter has strengthened its community through impactful programming in education, health, the arts, civic engagement, and international service. Its legacy of purposeful volunteerism and compassionate service continues to uplift Chicago's western boundaries and reflects the highest ideals of The Links, Incorporated.

The West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated delivers impactful programming locally and internationally through programs such as its work at Lincoln Elementary School in Bellwood, Illinois, supporting more than 400 students and staff with supplies, STEM education and cultural enrichment; and through *Honoring Our Sheroes*, a pilot program supporting women in the military in partnership with Hines VA Hospital and other veterans' organizations. Internationally, through *Linkages to Jamaica*, the chapter provides educational resources, technology, and facility improvements to preschool and primary grade students while fostering global connections through a pen pal program. Together, these efforts reflect a sustained commitment to transforming lives.

On this milestone occasion, I wish to thank the community and civic partners for their longstanding generosity. A very special ***thank you*** to Patricia Davis, M.D., Chapter President for her stellar leadership, to the Chapter Officers and Chairs (past and present), the 50th Anniversary Chairs and Committee, and every Chapter Member for always going above and beyond in answering the call *to do some good each year for those who need our aid.*

Today, I hope you will take a moment to celebrate your work and one another. With a grateful heart, I join sister Links around the world in saluting the West Towns (IL) Chapter for your outstanding contributions to fulfilling our mission, *Friends Transforming Communities through Service.* **Well-done!**

With admiration and gratitude,

Ethel Isaacs Williams, J.D.
National President

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March 23, 2026

Dear Members of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

It is both an honor and a privilege to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated as you commemorate your 50th Anniversary – a remarkable milestone that reflects a legacy of distinguished service, enduring friendship, and transformative impact.

This occasion holds special significance for me, as I reflect on the unique and cherished bond between the West Towns Chapter and the South Suburban Chicago Chapter. Inducted just one week apart, our chapters share a parallel beginning that has evolved into a lasting connection grounded in sisterhood, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the mission of our beloved organization. The memories of our preparation for induction remain a testament to the strength of that early partnership—one that continues to resonate across the years.

For five decades, the West Towns Chapter has exemplified excellence in service through innovative and far-reaching programming that has uplifted communities across the western suburbs of Chicago. Your unwavering dedication to addressing critical needs, fostering empowerment, and advancing the principles of The Links, Incorporated stands as a model of leadership and impact within our organization.

As you celebrate this golden anniversary during your signature event, “Belles, Beaux, and Bourbon: A Golden Jubilee, A Celebration of 50 Years of Friendship and Service,” you do so with a profound legacy behind you and an even more promising future ahead. Your contributions over the past fifty years have not only strengthened the communities you serve but have also enriched the fabric of our national organization.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and deepest admiration as you mark this historic milestone. May your legacy of excellence continue to inspire and guide generations of Links to come.

With highest regards and in the spirit of enduring sisterhood,

Gwendolyn B. Lee, Ph.D.
14th National President
The Links, Incorporated



April 21, 2026

To the Members of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

It is with immense pleasure that I congratulate each and every one of you on 50 years of impactful and impressive service in our esteemed organization, The Links, Incorporated. Through the decades your chapter has been emblematic of the fundamental principles and tenets of our organization. Your community engagement has been a constant example for all to admire because of the meaningful and tangible contributions your actions and activities produced.

Tonight's celebration will highlight and uplift the important work of the West Towns Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. It will also be a time to reflect on the cherished members and visionaries that organized and chartered your beautiful chapter. These were women of considerable renown, locally and nationally, that helped complement and strengthen the chain of friendship and service that makes our organizational brand illustrious, vibrant and powerful.

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone. I extend sincere best wishes as you embark on the next 50 years of "Leading with Excellence and Serving with Grace".

Yours in Linkdom,

Margot James Copeland
15th National President
15th Central Area Director
The Links, Incorporated





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Patricia L. Davis, President
and the members of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

On behalf of the Central Area Executive Leadership, the Central Area Board, and the 72 chapters of the Central Area—**The Heart of Linkdom**—it is truly my pleasure to extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the members of the West Towns(IL) Chapter as you celebrate your 50th Chapter Anniversary and Chapter Fundraiser, “**Belles, Beaux, and Burbon: A Golden Jubilee, Celebrating 50- Years Friendship and Service.**” This golden anniversary is a powerful testament to your unwavering commitment, collective strength, and profound impact on the communities your chapter has served—locally, nationally, and internationally.

For five decades, the West Towns (IL) Chapter has embodied the mission of The Links, Incorporated by delivering relevant, impactful, and sustainable programs that transform lives. Beginning with 22 and expanding to 40 accomplished professional women united in purpose, your chapter has consistently demonstrated what is possible when community service is guided by excellence, compassion, and strategic vision through your chapter members engagement.

Your near-decade partnership with Lincoln Elementary School in Bellwood, Illinois (District 88) is a hallmark of your legacy. **The Links C.A.R.E. (Children Advancing in Reading Excellence) Program** advances literacy through tutoring, monthly reading experiences, book donations, and parent engagement. Improved literacy outcomes reflect the depth and effectiveness of your work. This **award-winning umbrella program**, supported by all five facets and chapter members, has served all 400 students and staff with back-to-school supplies, behavior incentives, and signature assemblies, including STEM Fest and International Day. The chapter also provides anti-bullying programming and annual field trips to theatrical productions. Through community partnerships, you continue to strengthen literacy and help break cycles of poverty and violence in underserved communities.

As you celebrate 50 years of excellence across the Five Facets—Services to Youth, The Arts, Health & Human Services, National Trends & Services, and International Trends & Services, you also celebrate a legacy grounded in sisterhood, leadership, and transformative service. Your countless service hours and generous financial contributions stand as enduring symbols of your commitment to community empowerment.

May this milestone honor all that you have achieved and inspire continued impact for generations to come.

West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, you are “Simply the Best!”

Yours In Linkdom,

Sheila R. Brown

Sheila R. Brown
Central Area Director of The Links, Incorporated



Welcome Message from the Chair

We warmly welcome you and extend our sincere appreciation as you join us for our signature fundraising event, Belles, Beaux, and Bourbon: A Golden Jubilee, A Celebration of 50 Years of Friendship and Service. We are honored to celebrate this remarkable milestone for the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

Please enjoy a Kentucky Derby inspired day party featuring, music, bourbon tastings, chef-inspired small plates along with a tribute to our 50-year legacy. Most importantly, the funds raised will directly support our community initiatives and scholarships.

For five decades our chapter has remained committed to service, leadership, and educational advancement by building partnerships, addressing critical needs, and investing in the futures of young scholars through programs like our partnership with Lincoln Elementary School and our scholarships.

As we celebrate 50 years, we honor the legacy of those who came before us and remain committed to continuing this important work.

Thank you for your support and for celebrating with us.

With gratitude,

Candace T. Sharp, Fundraising Chair
Mia Woods, Fundraising Co-Chair





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April 13, 2026

The Links West Towns (IL) Chapter

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Dear Distinguished members of the West Towns Links:

Strong communities are built where education and service intersect, creating more opportunities that shape the experiences of students and families alike. As Superintendent of Bellwood School District 88, it is my distinct honor to recognize and extend heartfelt congratulations to The Links, Incorporated – West Towns (IL) Chapter as you celebrate 50 years of friendship and service.

As one of the nation's largest volunteer service organizations, The Links, Incorporated continues to make a meaningful impact through its commitment to strengthening communities and expanding access to opportunity. At Bellwood School District 88, your chapter's work—especially in the area of childhood literacy—has created lasting connections with our students and families. Through partnerships with our schools over the years, you have helped cultivate a love of reading, reinforce essential learning skills, and support parents as active partners in their child's educational journey.

In addition to literacy, your sponsored events have enriched student experiences through the arts, encouraging creativity and self-expression while helping students see themselves as thinkers and contributors with purpose. As part of a national organization, you have also provided opportunities that extend beyond our local community, offering students valuable exposure that broadens their perspectives and connects them to a larger network of excellence and achievement.

Taken together, these efforts reflect a partnership grounded in shared purpose and long-term investment in the success of young people. At Bellwood School District 88, we deeply value the role you continue to play in supporting meaningful experiences for our students and families, and we look forward to building on this work in the years ahead.

Congratulations on this incredible milestone. We are proud to celebrate alongside you and honor the legacy you continue to build.

With appreciation,

Dr. Victoria H. Stockton

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April 2026**Dear West Town Links, Inc., Illinois Chapter,**

Fifty years. Half a century of Friendship and Service. Words alone cannot fully capture the magnitude of what the West Town Links, Inc., Illinois Chapter has accomplished, but today, with full hearts and immense pride, we pause to honor, celebrate, and shout your legacy from the rooftops. Congratulations on this extraordinary milestone! Your fifty years of dedication represent countless hours of service, rivers of compassion, and an unshakeable commitment to uplifting communities, families, and children. You have not simply served; you have **transformed**. You have shown, again and again, that the spirit of sisterhood and the power of collective action can change the course of a child's life forever.

For over ten years, the Lincoln Elementary School community has been one of the most beautiful recipients of your boundless generosity and vision. For over a decade, your members have walked through our doors not as visitors, but as family. You have invested in our scholars with a depth of care that has left an indelible mark on every hallway, every classroom, and every heart in our building. The families of Lincoln have witnessed firsthand what it means to be truly seen, supported, and celebrated by an organization that refuses to let our children be an afterthought.

A Legacy of Literacy

Your commitment to literacy has been a lifeline for our most vulnerable readers. Through weekly tutoring sessions, thoughtfully facilitated reading groups, and the warm joy of read-alouds, the Illinois Chapter has met struggling readers exactly where they are and walked alongside them with patience, encouragement, and expertise. You have understood that a child who reads with confidence is a child who believes in their own voice, and you have fought for that confidence one page at a time. The impact of your literacy initiatives reaches far beyond test scores; you have helped our scholars fall in love with stories, with language, and with the power of their own imagination.

Expanding Worlds, Broadening Horizons

The West Town Links, Illinois Chapter has never settled for simply opening books; you have opened the entire world to our students. Through the breathtaking **Amazing Africa** performances and the delicious, eye-opening exploration of **Food Around the World**, you have gifted our scholars with windows into cultures and histories that reflect both their own heritage and the magnificent diversity of our global community. These experiences have ignited curiosity, sparked pride, and reminded our children that the world is wide, wondrous, and filled with people whose stories deserve to be told and celebrated.

Engineering the Future: Science and Exploration

Your investment in our scholars' scientific minds has been nothing short of remarkable. Through the **JR Engineers** program, you have placed tools of discovery in the hands of young people who may have never otherwise imagined themselves as builders, inventors, or innovators. The field trips to the **Morton Arboretum** have carried our students out of their everyday surroundings and into the living, breathing classroom of the natural world. These experiences have planted seeds of wonder that will grow for a lifetime.

Celebrating Creative Voices: Art and Expression

Art is not a luxury; it is a necessity, and you have always known this. Your **Exhibit Contests** have given our students a stage to shine, proving that their creativity deserves an audience. Your generous provision of **art supplies** has meant that no child was left without the materials to express what lives inside their heart and mind. You have communicated loudly and clearly: our scholars' artistic visions matter, and the world is better for seeing them.

Nurturing the Whole Child: Health and Wellness

Your understanding that education cannot thrive without wellness has driven some of the most meaningful work you have done with our community. Your **Health Awareness Conference for Families** brought vital information directly to the people who needed it most, meeting families with respect and with resources. The **monthly health newsletters** have ensured that wellness remains a consistent, ongoing conversation in our community. You have treated the health of our families as a sacred priority, and we are deeply grateful.

Sankofa: Reclaiming What Was Forgotten

The Akan proverb **Sankofa** teaches us that it is not taboo to go back and fetch what you forgot. In a world where communities of color are too often hushed, overlooked, and erased, the West Town Links, Illinois Chapter has embodied Sankofa in the most powerful and intentional way. You have gone back. You have reached back into the richness of our collective heritage, our traditions, our stories, and our strength, and you have brought it forward for our children to hold. At a time when voices like theirs are being silenced and histories like theirs are being challenged, you have said: **not here. Not in our community. Not on our watch.** You have provided opportunities, food, clothes, mentorship, and relentless support that root our scholars in who they are and who they can become. That is not simply service. That is **love in action.**

Honoring Those Who Led the Way

We hold a special and profound gratitude for the visionary leaders who have shepherded the educational initiatives at Lincoln Elementary with grace, intentionality, and unwavering passion. Your leadership has not only directed programs; it has shaped the culture of what is possible when a community decides to show up fully for its children. And to every member, known and unknown, who gave their mornings, afternoons, eventings, their expertise, their encouragement, and their presence to amplify the voices and strengths of our scholars: **thank you.** You are seen. You are celebrated. You are the reason so many of our children walk taller, dream bigger, and believe more deeply in themselves.

As we celebrate this extraordinary golden anniversary, we want you to know with complete certainty: your partnership with Lincoln Elementary School is one of the greatest gifts this community has ever received. Thank you for your continued commitment, your creativity, your courage, and your love. We stand beside you with full hearts and open arms, and we look forward with tremendous joy and excitement to another fifty years of this beautiful, powerful, transformative journey together. **Here is to the next fifty years and everything yet to be written!**

With boundless gratitude, admiration, and celebration,

The Lincoln Elementary School Family

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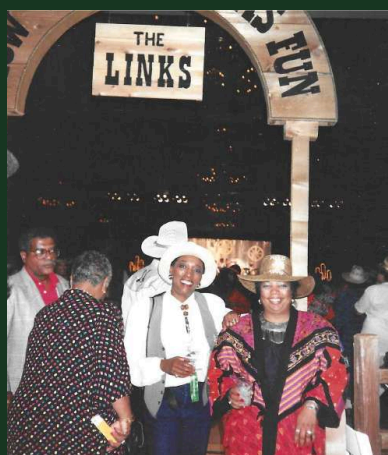
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Our History

A Golden Jubilee
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Honoring Our Legacy, Preserving Our Story, Inspiring Our Future

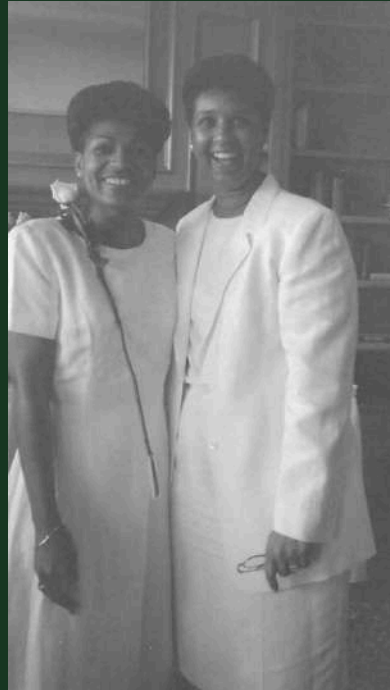
On June 13, 1976, the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was chartered by twenty-two visionary women from the western suburbs of Chicago who recognized both a need and an opportunity to create lasting impact. From its inception, the chapter distinguished itself through innovative programming, including sponsoring a performance of The Wiz and launching a Career Conference for high school students, establishing a strong foundation for its Services to Youth initiatives.

Over the decades, West Towns has built a powerful legacy through impactful school partnerships, most notably through award-winning tutoring and enrichment programs that have strengthened academic outcomes and expanded opportunities for students. The chapter has also extended its reach globally through transformative international service efforts, including supporting education in Jamaica, building water wells in Africa, and fostering cultural exchange to promote global awareness. In addition, West Towns has remained steadfast in advancing community well-being through health awareness initiatives and civic engagement, including advocacy efforts at the Illinois State Capitol.

Grounded in friendship, service, and excellence, the chapter continues to honor its legacy by uplifting communities, empowering youth, and inspiring generations to come.

The distinguished Charter Members: Jann Beauchamp, Helen Branch, Mary E. Davidson, Georgia Edwards, Mary Lou Finley, Carolyn Gibson, Grace Hagan, Elsie Harley, Beverlynn Ivory, Margaret Jackson, Bobbie Lawrence, Ollie Matthews, Geraldine McCullough, Brenda Nunnally, Ella Pappademos, Sherlynn D. Reed, Victoria L. Sanders, Barbara Smith, Velma Wiggins, C'Ella Williams, Georgia Williams, Betty Davis Wilson





Friendship

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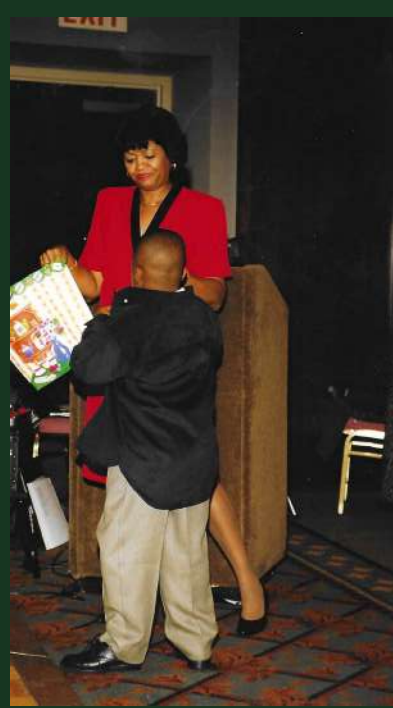
Bound by Sisterhood, Strengthened by Purpose, United in Legacy

Friendship is the cornerstone of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, anchoring every act of service in trust, love, and shared purpose. The bonds we cultivate strengthen our connections and empower us to leverage our individual gifts and talents in meaningful, transformative ways that impact communities across the African diaspora. Within our chapter, accomplished women in health, government, STEAM, education, and beyond bring both expertise and passion to breathe life into our signature programs, ensuring excellence in every initiative we undertake.

Our sisterhood thrives not only through service, but also in intentional celebration—whether through lively game nights, cultural outings, or elegant winter teas shared with family and friends that deepen our unity. Equally, we honor the legacy of those who paved the way through our Alumnae Love Committee, uplifting members who have devoted 25 years or more and ensuring their wisdom remains a guiding force for future generations.

Through storytelling, mentorship, and shared reflection, we preserve our rich history while inspiring innovation, strengthening our initiatives, and continuing to build relationships—and a legacy of friendship—that will endure for generations to come.





Service

A Golden Jubilee
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Empowering Communities and Transforming Lives

Since 1976, the members of the West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated have faithfully served children, adults, and families throughout the western suburbs of Chicago, extending their impact both nationally and internationally. Guided by a legacy of excellence, the chapter has remained steadfast in its commitment to uplifting communities through purposeful service and strategic outreach.

Through its five dynamic programming facets—*Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Service, International Trends and Service, and Health and Human Service*—the chapter delivers initiatives that are both responsive and transformative. Signature programs such as the Links C.A.R.E. Reading Program and SHEROES exemplify a deep dedication to education, empowerment, and cultural enrichment. Each initiative is thoughtfully designed to address the evolving needs, challenges, and opportunities within the communities they serve.

The chapter's work reflects a powerful blend of compassion, innovation, and leadership that continues to inspire meaningful change. Rooted in a sisterhood built on friendship and shared purpose, members lead with integrity, passion, and an unwavering commitment to service. As they honor their rich history, the West Towns (IL) Chapter continues to build a legacy of impact—uplifting lives and shaping a brighter future for generations to come.





Celebrating Our Generous Sponsors

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Program

2:00 Arrivals and Cocktails.
Chef inspired Bites served.

2:45 Greetings –
Candace Sharp,
50th Anniversary
Fundraising Chair

Greetings –
Patricia L. Davis,
President

3:00 Invocation –
Theresa A. Dear

4:30 Call to Action –
Emmy Award winning
journalist Art Norman

5:45 Split-the-Pot drawing





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West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

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A Golden Jubilee Fundraiser & Celebration

For five decades, your commitment to friendship, service, and impact has uplifted communities and empowered generations.

Celebrating the past. Inspiring the future.

Lisa Marie Allen, Leslie Ford,
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WEST TOWNS (IL) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

50th Anniversary Website

Explore our rich history,
enduring legacy, and the lasting
impact we've made while serving
the **Western Suburbs of Chicago**
for over **five decades**.



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JUNE 13, 2026



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of Friendship and Service!

Congratulations to our Sisters of the
West Towns (IL) Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated

With Love and Pride,

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West Towns Chapter of The Links Incorporated



*Melissa Engram & Beverly Chapman
May 2013*

**Congratulations on 50
years of service in our
community!**



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West Towns (IL) Chapter
OF
The Links, Incorporated

ON EMBARKING ON

50 YEARS

OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE.

Shawn and Michael Levesque



In Loving Memory
GARY P. CARNEY

In gratitude for her unwavering friendship and dedication to The Links, Incorporated, we remember
GARY P. CARNEY
on the Golden Anniversary of the
West Towns (IL) Chapter.

With love and appreciation,
Kim Leslie Bright and Nikki Lang





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Congratulations West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated



50 years of Friendship
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For 50 years, we have created exceptional programs and delivered distinctive service. For 50 years, we have been unyieldingly committed to providing resources to our youth, building future leaders and preserving our legacy. The best part of this journey is that we did it with friends.

To our ancestors and alumnae, thank you for your steadfast investment and commitment. To our future inductees, know that you stand on broad, strong, innovative, resilient, accomplished, yet humble shoulders.

Serving in the West Towns IL Chapter of the Links Incorporated has been some of the most gratifying endeavors of my life. It was my honor to serve as president of this esteemed chapter and contribute to our continued success.

Happy Anniversary!!!!

Theresa A. Dear
Past Chapter President



Congratulations

Congratulations to my sisters of the West Towns (IL) chapter of The Links, Incorporated on our shared 50-year legacy of leadership, transformative community service, and sisterhood. Excited to see what comes next.

Much Love,

Kim Leslie Bright, Esq.

Alumna Member





Congratulations

**WEST TOWNS (IL) CHAPTER OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
FOR
50 REMARKABLE YEARS
OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

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The Rev. Jesse Hawkins, Pastor

In loving memory of Marlene Rickmond

Continuing in Friendship and Service:

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Mary Watson Hawkins
Elaine Johnson
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Congratulations,
West Towns (IL) Chapter
of The Links, Incorporated

on

50th

stellar years

of serving citizens in the
Western Suburban communities.



Dianne and Robert Engram

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



CONGRATULATIONS

West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Celebrating 50 Years of Friendship & Service

Honoring **Candace Sharp** for exceptional leadership in chairing the inaugural **Belles, Beaux and Bourbon (2025)** and the **50th Anniversary Celebration (2026)**.

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50 Years of Friendship and 50 years of
Excellence.*



Patricia L. Davis, MD



With Gratitude

CELEBRATING OUR VALUED PARTNERS & VENDORS

As we commemorate *Belles, Beaux, and Bourbon: A Golden Jubilee*
— and **50 Years of Friendship and Service** —

we extend our heartfelt appreciation to the outstanding vendors who helped bring this unforgettable celebration to life. Your creativity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence made every detail shine.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Premier Catering

For exquisite cuisine and exceptional service

Ven Sherrod Photography

For capturing our most cherished moments with artistry and care

Crowns by Standard

For stunning custom headpieces that elevated our our Derby style

Essations Hair Care

For beauty, elegance, and impeccable styling alive

We JAM DJ Services

For setting the tone and keeping the celebration alive

Team No Stress Solutions, Inc.

For breathtaking floral designs that transformed our space

Embassy Cigar Lounge

For providing a refined and memorable cigar experience

POSE Pic Studio

For making our photobooth a fun and memorable experience

With deepest appreciation,

West Towns (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated



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