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Register of The Links, Incorporated Collection, 1955-2015

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Location: Special Collections Department, Morrow Library, Room 217

Corporate name: The Links, Incorporated

Dates: 1955-2015, bulk 1997-2015

Extent: 1.5 cubic feet

System of arrangement: Collection is arranged in three series by Huntington Links, Incorporated chapter materials; Central Area Links, Incorporated materials; and national Links, Incorporated materials. Huntington chapter meeting records are in reverse chronological order as received; other collection materials are arranged by type(s) of items in reverse chronological order where dates are known.

Scope and content notes: Established in 1955, the Huntington, West Virginia chapter of The Links, Incorporated is a women's volunteer organization that works to support culture, education, health and wellness for seniors, adults, and youth in the African American community. The national Links, Incorporated organization, founded in 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, oversees four regional areas, including the Central Area, which consists of 69 Links chapters in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Huntington, WV chapter is the only Links, Incorporated chapter in West Virginia, and its activities extend to Williamson and Bluefield. Chapter members such as Bernice Johnson, Willene H. Moore, and Wendy Thomas have been leaders at chapter, regional, and national levels during the dates encompassed by this collection, and Thomas has served in official positions within the larger Central Area and national Links, Incorporated organizations.

Series I consists of Huntington Chapter records and memorabilia, including meeting minutes and agendas, financial statements, news clippings and press coverage of chapter work like Project LEAD (Links Ending Alcohol and Drugs) from 1989-2010s. Series II and III are composed of materials from the Central Area and national Links organizations, respectively, including assembly reports, programs, agendas, and other conference publications; and newsletters and periodicals dating from 2005-2010. Series III, Folder 9 contains a 256-page history of The Links, Incorporated, *Linked for Friendship and Service*, published in 2010.

Related materials: The Links, Incorporated has several official repositories, including a national Links, Incorporated repository at the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center in Washington, DC, and a Central Area repository in the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History & Literature at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library in Chicago, IL.

Series I, Huntington Chapter Materials, Box 1

Folder 1 – Records of Chapter agendas, minutes, and financial statements by month and year, 1997-2011

Folder 2 – Agendas of Chapter meetings, 2006-2011

Folder 3 – Minutes of Chapter meetings, 2006-2011

Folder 4 – Minutes of Chapter meetings, 1997-2001

Folder 5 – Chapter financial documents, 1997-2011

Folder 6 – Press, news clippings, and Sterling L. Henderson memorial, 1989-2015

Folder 7 – Invitation and photos from Huntington Chapter's 50th Anniversary Banquet, 2005

Folder 8 – Color photograph of chapter group with banner, April 1990

Folder 8A – Color photos of seated chapter group, n.d.

Folder 8B – Black and white photo of group in church sanctuary, n.d.
Folder 8C – Black and white photo of group in formal clothing, n.d.
Folder 8D – Black and white photo of group at luau party, n.d.
Folder 8E – Black and white photo of chapter group dated April 1960
Folder 8F – Color photo of group, n.d.
Folder 8G – Oversize color photo of group attached to mat, n.d.
Folder 9 – Chapter Archives & History certificates, 2005

Series II, Central Area Materials

Folder 1 – Central Area conference materials, 2007-2009
Post-it notes: Huntington chapter add, “Huntington Chapter – 25 years, Thomas, Moore, Smith and Ramsey”
Folder 2 – Central Area conference materials, 2005
Folder 3 – Central Area Annual Report, 1999-2000
Post-it note: Huntington Chapter Report

Series III, National Materials

Folder 1 – 37th National Assembly materials, 2010
Folders 2-2A – 36th National Assembly materials, 2008
Folder 3-3B – A 35th National Assembly materials, 2006
Post-it notes/bookmarks: Huntington Chapter ad
“Huntington Chapter - Umbrella 2004-2006 Programming”
“Central Area – Wendy Thomas, Program Coordinator 2004-2006”
Folder 4 – Signature Service program booklets, 2006-2010
Folder 5 – National Program Planning Guide, 1998-2000
Folder 6 – National newsletters and periodicals, 2000-2014
Post-it note/bookmark: Huntington Chapter inclusion in list of chapters inviting new or reinstated members
Folder 7 – Governance Directory, 2009-2010
Post-it note: “Wendy Thomas, National Program Assistant Coordinator”
Folder 8- Par Excellence in Archives & History leaflet, 2012
Folder 9 – Huntington Chapter copy of *Linked for Friendship and Service: The History of the Links, Incorporated*, ed. Earnestine Nealey
Folder 10 – Huntington Chapter copy of Africare Annual Report, 2005
Post-it note: “The Links, Incorporated – major donor, Africare”

Preservation notes: Photographs in Series I, Folders 8 and 8B-8E have adhesives which may pose preservation problems (or already do). All photos were originally framed but were removed from frames to conserve space. Older black and white photographs have aging tape at the corners and on the back, and 8G is taped to a large frame mat. Folder 8E has the most extensive old tape attached, and also has some silvering. One photo in Folder 8 is glued to a piece of corrugated cardboard and is beginning to wrinkle.

Series II and III had post-it notes attached to some pages of booklets and programs, usually noting the involvement of the Huntington, WV chapter or its members in the Central Area Links, Incorporated or the national Links programming. Information from the notes has been transferred to this finding aid.

Personal names:

Clarke, Verona
Johnson, Bernice

Moore, Willene
Thomas, Wendy

Subjects:

African American women—Societies and clubs.
Huntington (W. Va.)
Links, Inc.
Women volunteers in social service.

Keywords:

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