

Candidate for Office

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Candidate For The Office Of: Central Area Secretary

Area: Central Area

Chapter: Oakland County (MI)

First Name: Lauren

Middle Name: Hicks

Last Name: Barton

Maiden Name:

**Name as it should appear on
Candidate for Nomination
Profile:**

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Induction Date: m/a

Age Category: 56-65

Attendance at National Assemblies:

Dallas 1994
New Orleans 1996
Boston 1998
Atlanta 2000
San Francisco 2004
Philadelphia 2006
Seattle 2008
Detroit 2010
Orlando 2012
Las Vegas 2016

National Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

CA Heartlinks Liaison to National Heartlinks Committee

Attendance at Area Conferences:

CA Conference Detroit (Chair of Friday night event), Showdown in Motown (Year???? 1995 or 97)
CA Conference Cincinnati 2015 (Presentation at HHS workshop)
CA conference Minneapolis 2017(Co-chaired HHS/Services to Youth Workshop)
CA leadership conference Lexington 2012 (Presentation at HHS workshop)
CA leadership conference Merrillville, IN 2014 (Presentation HHS workshop)
SA Conference Mobile, AL 2007?

Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

CA HHS Facet Chair 2015-2019
CA HHS Heartlinks Liaison to National 2012
CA HHS committee member 2013-2015

Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Recording secretary 2001-2003 and again 2009-2011
First HHS Chair
Elected Vice President 2015 (subsequently appointed as CA HHS Chair)
Membership Chair
Nominating Chair 2013 x 2
National Trends Chair
Christmas Luncheon Chair
Obama Inauguration Party Fundraiser Co-chair 2008-09

Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Festival of Giving Chair 2017
Rituals Chair 2017-2019

Leadership Positions in other organizations:

Recording secretary Oakland County Jack and Jill x 2
Recording secretary Detroit Sophisticates 2015-2018
Recording Secretary Michigan Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association 2012-2013
Vice President Michigan Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association 2013-2014
President Elect Michigan Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association 2014- 2015
President Michigan Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association 2015-2016

Employment History:

Chief Physician Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, 800 Chrysler Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 2005-present
Occupational Physician Chrysler 1997-2005

I have an MD from Meharry Medical College, am board-certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine and have a Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Honors, awards, Literary/Aesthetic works:

Michigan Chronicle: Woman of Excellence 2013
Fellow American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association 2013

Special Skills and Abilities:

I have held the position of recording secretary in almost every organization of which I have been a part as this is a job I particularly enjoy. As an undergraduate, I was an English major at Fisk who wrote news for WSM Radio in Nashville, Tennessee, an experience that combined a love of the written word with an appreciation for accuracy and fact-checking. Medical school honed my ability to listen and take copious, detailed notes quickly after determining what was important and what would not be necessary for documentation.

Interests and Hobbies:

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Reading, Crosswords, cooking, swimming, travel, walking for fitness, getting together with friends, community health education

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:

No

Candidate's Statement:

The Links, Incorporated, and its commitment to friendship and service, has been an organization I have long believed in, even before my induction in 1990. I would like to enhance my share of service by taking on the role of Central Area Secretary. The areas where I have focused most of my efforts were in the realms of Membership and Health and Human Services. Over the years, I have served my chapter, Oakland County (MI), several times in these areas and most recently I am serving on the Area Board as the Chair for Health and Human Services.

The other role that I have embraced was that of recording secretary for at least two terms, the first time being when I was relatively new to the chapter. Oftentimes, this is an office that many shy away from as it is seen as being too "labor intensive", causing people to take this job only because no one else is willing. However, this is a position that I have always enjoyed for several reasons. If one is new to an organization, serving as the recording secretary provides a quick, immersive opportunity to get to know the members as well as to learn the inner workings of the organization. Even if you are a seasoned member, this is an excellent way to understand more about how the group functions.

Another reason is that I love the written word. In fact, crosswords, especially the European-type, are my passion. My undergraduate major was in English, and while in school at Fisk I worked at WSM writing radio news. Understanding the importance of deadlines and accuracy from that perspective served me well in medical school at Meharry, where precise, pertinent, detailed, organized note-taking in the days prior to laptops and tablets made all the difference when it was time to study. In addition to my studies there, I was the editor of Meharry's student newspaper, The Fovea.

Writing experience also was an invaluable asset when I was working on my Masters in Public Health at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Part of my studies included classes in Occupational Law as well as Occupational Medicine which required writing reports and presentations that had to be clear, concise and factual.

Writing is also important to me in my present role as Chief Physician at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, where policy writing, written consultations to Corporate management on issues of health, written information on health concerns for the workforce, and written opinions on questions of fitness for duty, and the like, are part of my everyday life. I am still writing and developing presentations for work, the chapter and the community.

I have served as recording secretary for several other organizations in both my personal and professional life and would like to offer my experience and skills in this role to the Central Area of the Links, Incorporated.