

FOR THE RECORD:

It would be my honor to serve as the Central Area Secretary and if elected, I will faithfully capture, record, and retain the records of our work so that our organization operates at an optimum level, and generations to come will know what we have accomplished.

In almost every professional and social organization of which I have been a part, I have served as recording secretary. It's a position that I **enjoy** and one in which I **excel**. It is the logical extension of my professional life as a physician which entails accurate communication and pristine record keeping. This position requires listening and understanding, the ability to process and document information accurately, institutional and organizational knowledge, proficiency with today's technology and most importantly, the ability to work collegially with others.

REMEMBER ME BY MY ABC'S AND... D'S:

- **Accountable, Accessible and Attentive** to detail
- **Worker-Bee** and a **Believer** in the core values and service mission of The Links, Incorporated
- **Competent, Committed and Congenial** with a "Can-do" attitude
- **Dedicated, Dependable and Drama-free**



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Central Area



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CANDIDATE FOR CENTRAL AREA SECRETARY

MY JOURNEY OF LOVE FOR THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

My belief in this organization was formed many years ago, as my mother, the late Rose Hicks, became a member of the Tallahassee (FL) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, in 1956 and later was the co-organizer of the Pensacola (FL) Chapter. I watched these women work hard to plan events and opportunities to expose the community to all things cultural and witnessed their excitement as they eagerly looked forward to meeting their friends at the National Assemblies. They were friendship and service personified.

In 1990, this journey led me to the Oakland County (MI) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, where for the last 29 years I have served tirelessly with my sister Links, never losing my enthusiasm and commitment to this organization.

I have made many lifetime friendships with accomplished women who are also dedicated to serving the community and making the world a better place in which to live.

And the journey came full-circle when I brought my Mama to Michigan to live with me. At 92 years old, despite being a platinum and 50+ year member, Link Rose participated right along with Oakland County members in all our projects, meetings and activities. The service gene runs strong!

I am excited to be part of an organization that has evolved and remained relevant in meeting the needs of an ever-changing world. I have a sincere sense of appreciation for the various talents each member brings to the body as a whole, and I have learned that by tapping into these unique gifts we each possess, we are collectively so much more than a sum of our individual parts. Being Linked in Friendship truly magnifies our power.

MORE THAN TALKING THE TALK....

In 2015, I was appointed Area Chair of the Health and Human Services Facet. Although I have served the Organization in many roles in the past 29 years, my most memorable and fun accomplishment occurred when I launched Central Area's "Walking to Vegas Campaign" resulting in Area Links logging more than 200 million steps in 2016! In the "Heart of Linkdom," Central area "walked the walk" to Vegas and now we are "stepping into Nashville."

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MY INDUCTION 1990



FAMILY OF LINKS
ORLANDO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



FESTIVAL OF GIVING



LINK ROSE IS PLATINUM





HHS PRESENTATION IN ORLANDO



CHAPTER LINKS AT INDUCTION



INDUCTION IN YOUNGSTOWN

FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

- To illustrate my abilities for the position of Secretary, you should know that before med school, I was an English major with extensive writing experience. I worked as editor and reporter for WSM Radio News in Nashville starting while a student at Fisk. I won the award for the most outstanding English major in 1975.
- I am a proud alumna of Fisk University, Meharry Medical College and the University of Michigan.
- I am a physician, board certified in Occupational Medicine, a Fellow in the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and I have a Master of Public Health degree.
- I am currently the Chief Physician at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, a position I have held since 2005. I take pride in being as comfortable in my professional encounters with the union workers as I am with members of the executive suite.
- In my role as a physician in Corporate America, I have had to keep current with ever-changing technology. While the medical profession now struggles with the mandate to use an electronic medical record, I piloted the electronic medical record for Chrysler back in 2001.

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CHAPTER

- Recording Secretary 1991-1993
- Recording Secretary 2007-2009
- Co-Chair Obama Inauguration Fundraiser Gala 2009
- Membership Chair 1990's
- Nominating Chair 2013, 1990's
- First Health and Human Services Chair and Heart Grant Recipient 2011-2013
- National Trends Chair 2005-2007
- Vice President (elected) 2015
- Christmas Luncheon Chair 1990's
- Festival of Giving Chair 2017
- Rituals/Protocol Chair 2017-present
- Chair Race for the Cure (Multiple times)
- Co-chair Community Garden Initiative 2017

AREA

- Central Area Health and Human Services Chair 2015-Present
- Created and Implemented Central Area's "2016 Walking to Vegas Campaign" in which Central Area Links logged more than 200 million steps in 2016
- Central Area HHS Committee Member 2011-2015
- Central Area HeartLinks Chair 2012-2013
- Speaker Central Area Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY 2012
- Speaker Central Area Leadership Conference, Merrillville, IN 2013
- Speaker Central Area Conference Cincinnati, HHS Workshop, 2015
- Retreat facilitator Lansing/East Lansing Chapter 2018
- Central Area Flint Initiative Fact Finding Committee 2017
- Central Area HBCU Initiative Fact-finding Committee 2018
- Chair Friday Night "Showdown in Motown" Event, Central Area Conference, Detroit 1995

HISTORY OF SERVICE

LEADERSHIP & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE

- Every National Assembly since 1992 except Louisville, Chicago, Washington, DC and Indianapolis

PROFESSIONAL

- Physician, Board Certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- President, Michigan Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association (MOEMA) 2016
- MOEMA Board Member, 2012- Present
- American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- Detroit Medical Society
- Detroit Fisk Alumni Association
- Detroit Meharry Alumni Association

AWARDS

- Michigan Chronicle Women of Excellence 2013

- Link Patricia Larkins Hicks, Past National Chair Operational Effectiveness
- Link Kathryn Littleton, Past National Chair of Evaluations
- Link Mary Clark, National Chair Heartlinks to Heart Health
- Link Carol Goss, Past National Director of Philanthropy

AREA CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- Minneapolis, 2017
- Cincinnati 2015
- Detroit 1995

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Detroit Sophisticates, Incorporated
- Oakland County Jack and Jill (Graduated out 2002)
- Past board member Community Network Services

PERSONAL

My husband, Brandon H. Barton, DDS, and I will celebrate our 40th Anniversary in May 2019. We have three grown children and an adorable grandchild.

ENDORSEMENTS

- Link Jocelyn Garrick, Past National HHS Chair
- Link Nickie Martin, National HHS Chair
- Link Karen Patricia Williams, Central Area Program Chair
- Oakland County (MI) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated



COMMUNITY GARDEN



CRUISING IN THE MOTOR CITY



CPR TRAINING

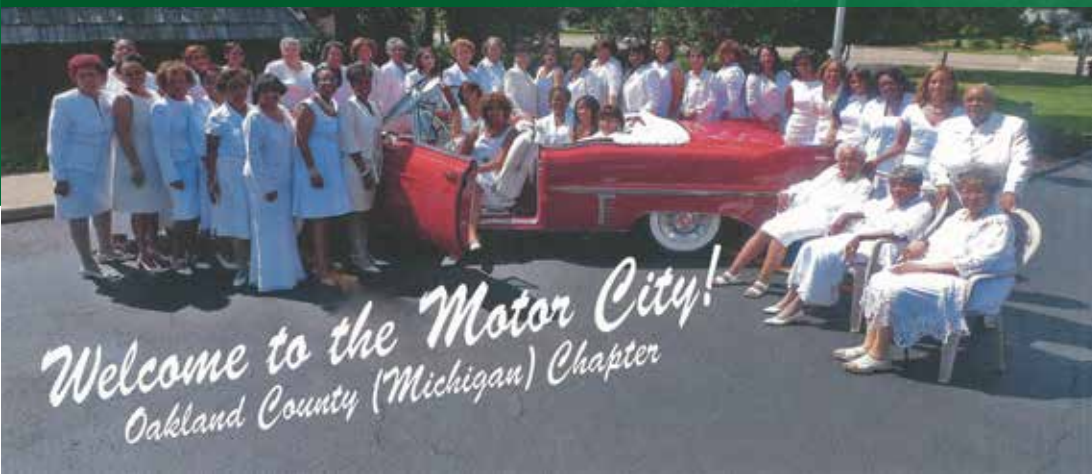


LINKS IN MINNEAPOLIS



CONNECTING LINK BRANDON & ME

Please allow me, Lauren Hicks Barton, MD, to serve you as Central Area Secretary.
Thank you.



Welcome to the Motor City!
Oakland County (Michigan) Chapter