

Candidate For The Office Of: Central Area Vice Director

Area: Central Area

Chapter: Cincinnati (OH)

First Name: Kathy

Middle Name:

Last Name: Wade-Jenkins

Maiden Name:

Name as it should appear on Candidate for Nomination Profile: Kathy Wade

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Induction Date: 2001

Age Category: 56-65

Attendance at National Assemblies:

Chicago, IL, 2002

Seattle, WA, 2008

Detroit, MI, 2010

Orlando, FL, 2012

National Harbor, MD, 2014

National Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Central Area Chair, National Communications/Public Relations Committee, 2008-2010

Central Area Chair, National Governance, 2008-2010

Central Area Chair, National Communications/Public Relations Committee, 2010-2014

Central Area Chair, National Governance, 2010-2012

Attendance at Area Conferences:

CA Conference Oklahoma City, 2009

CA Conference St. Louis, 2011

CA Conference Little Rock, 2013

Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Chair, CA Communications Committee, 2007-2011

Chair, CA Communications Committee, 2011- Present

Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

President, 5/2007-9/2007

Chair, Communications, 2003-2005; 2008-2009; 2013-Present

Chair, National Trends, 2001-2003

Leadership Positions in other organizations:

Secretary, United Way of Greater Cincinnati 2008-2012

Co-Chair, YWCA Career Women of Achievement Luncheon 2007

Communications Vice President, Junior League of Cincinnati 1994-1996

Board Member-At-Large, Junior League of Cincinnati, 1993-1994

Employment History:

CEO, Co-Founder and Executive Producer, Learning Through Art, Inc. 1420 Sycamore Street, Suite F50, Cincinnati, OH 1992-Present

President, Daka Music, 1263 Rossmore Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45237 1988-Present

Consumer Services Representative, Procter and Gamble, One Procter and Gamble Place, Cincinnati, OH 1984-1988

IRA Specialist, Major Federal Savings and Loan, Closed 1982-1984

Administrative Assistant, Muse Machine, Dayton, OH, 1981-1982

Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, City of Cincinnati, City Hall, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, OH 1977-1979

Honors, awards, Literary/Aesthetic works:

Two-time EMMY Nominated Producer

Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year

Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency Bridge Builder Award

Cincinnati Human Relations Commission Connecting Communities and Culture Award

Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitor's Bureau Wendell P. Dabney Diversity Award

City Beat CEA Best Jazz Artist

City Beat 6th Most Influential Person In the Arts

College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, William Lawless Jones Jazz Award

Editor, Cincinnati Snaps

Emmanuel Community Center Triumph Award

Essence Magazine, Teaching With Music

Inspire Magazine's Inspiring Women

Leadership Cincinnati Distinguished Alumna

Leading Woman in the Arts

Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) President's Award

United Way of Cincinnati Joseph A. Hall Diversity Award

Scripps-Corbett Award

The Black Girls RHOck Award, Pi Upsilon Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Xavier University

YWCA Career Woman of Achievement

#1 Blues Vocalist on MP3.com

#1 Jazz Vocalist on MP3.com

Special Skills and Abilities:

Innovative Leadership

Creative Collaborations

Communications

Marketing

Branding

Conference Planning

Organizational On-line Applications

Program Development

Program Assessment Tools

Multi-media Producer

Interests and Hobbies:

Building Community Through Art

Travel

Reading

Jazz

Walking

Rummikub

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:

No

Candidate's Statement:

Dear Link Sisters,

I ask for your vote in my candidacy as your Central Area Vice Director of The Links, Incorporated. Thirteen years ago, I was welcomed into this incredible Sisterhood hoping to share my meager knowledge of creating innovative programs, developing cutting edge communications, providing creative engagement activities, engaging communities through dialogue on their direction and enriching lives by building community through art. Thirteen years later, the opportunities afforded me on the Chapter, Area and National levels of The Links, Incorporated merged my talents with the time treasured traditions and transformational impact of living our pledge to “do my share toward serving my community and my chapter to the best of my ability – and this, I promise.”

It is my best that I bring to the position of Central Area Vice Director. Serving my Chapter as National Trends and Communications Chair, Chapter President and committed member. Transforming and continuously developing innovative solutions keeping the Central Area 'Linked-Up' as the Central Area Communications Chair and serving on the National Communications Committee and Governance for the last eight years. I have learned our Sisterhood needs to stay connected in friendship and service with membership amenities at our fingertips, one click away, to support the responsive fast paced transformational work we provide to our communities.

As your Central Area Vice Director, I will continue my ongoing timely response to your membership requests and remain ahead of the curve to anticipate your needs. Our members are the very foundation of our Sisterhood. It is imperative to keep you engaged to perform and produce at your highest levels with respect to your time and treasure of talent that each of you bring to The Links, Incorporated whether through the use of the popular Conference App to the highly informative Quick Links.

As your Central Area Vice Director, I will be sensitive to your need to develop and implement strategic, sustainable and replicable transformational programs with data driven results. The opportunity to collaborate with the Central Area's Closing the Achievement Gap: Math and Literacy Initiative and the national Services to Youth Facet's Signature program, Links To Success: Children Achieving Excellence with my four-time EMMY nominated and Links national award-winning performing arts literacy program, Books Alive! For Kids®, keeps me focused on the importance of flexibility to address ever changing community needs.

The most important lessons I bring with me, if elected as your Central Area Vice Director, are the lessons from the Links love you have showered over me in good times or bad; basking in the celebration of achievements or holding up after the loss of a loved one; agreeing to disagree or reaching across the table to build consensus.

As your Central Area Director, I will work to take care of the heart and soul of our great Sisterhood in the 'Heart of Linkdom', You, our most treasured member.

I ask for your vote in my candidacy as your Central Area Vice Director of The Links, Incorporated. Your vote will afford me the opportunity to lead and serve You.

In friendship and service,