

Candidate For The Office Of: Central Area Vice Director

Area: Central Area

Chapter: Windy City (IL)

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Middle Name:

Last Name: Allen

Maiden Name:

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Induction Date: 1985

Age Category: 46-55

Attendance at National Assemblies:

Washington, DC 2014

Orlando, Fl. 2012

Detroit, Mi. 2010

Seattle, Wa. 2008

Philadelphia, Pa. 2006

Atlanta Ga. 2004

Chicago, Il. 2002

National Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Member, National Program Committee 2013-current

Member, Governance Committee 2011-2014

Member, National Trends and Services Committee 2011-2013

Workshop Moderator, Anti-Bullying -Trash talking, 'It's No Joke' Orlando National Assembly 2012

Attendance at Area Conferences:

Central Area

Little Rock, AR 2013

St. Louis, MO 2011

Kansas City, MO 2007

Eastern Area

Arlington, VA 2007

Norfolk, VA 2005

Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Central Area

Member, Executive Board 2011-current

Program Coordinator 2014-current

Program Co-Coordinator 2013-2014

Chair, National Trends and Services 2011-2013

Member, Time and Place Committee 2009-current

Program Peer Reviewer 2004-2013

Coordinator, Floor Couriers 2011 Area Conference, St. Louis

Eastern Area

Workshop Presenter, "Chapter Burn Out', Balancing Work, Family Life, and Links -Eastern Area Conference 2005

Workshop Presenter, "Succession Planning', Preparing Chapters for Growth and Future Success - Eastern Area Conference 2007

Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:

Windy City (IL)

Co-Chair Fundraising 2010

Executive Board 2003-2009

Chapter President 2007-2009

Chapter Vice-President 2005-2007

Membership Chair 2005-2007

Member, Membership Committee 2001-2007

Member, Budget and Finance Committee 2003-2007

Program Director 2003-2005

Harbor City (Md) Charter Member 1985

Chair, National Trends and Services -1989-1992

Corresponding Secretary- 1987-1989

Leadership Positions in other organizations:

Board of Directors - Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) 2006-current

Chair, Pastoral Relations Committee, TUCC 2006-current

Member, Budget and Finance Committee, TUCC 2010-current

Member, Scholarship and Education Committee, TUCC 2007-current

Steering Committee, 50th Anniversary Fundraiser, Chair Ticket Sales 2010-2011

Member, Community Development Corporation Board, TUCC 2002-2005

Member, Leadership Council, TUCC 1997-2001

Chair, Career Development Ministry, (CDM) TUCC 1998-2001

Vice Chair, CDM, TUCC - 1997

Treasurer, CDM, TUCC - 2002

Secretary, CDM, TUCC -1996

Member, Women's Advisory Board, Shore Bank 2000-2003

Vice-President, Sno-Gopher's Ski Club 1997-1999

Business Manager, Sno-Gopher's Ski Club 1995-1997

Employment History:

Principal, Jesse's Farm (Health and Wellness Consulting and Advocacy)

Chicago, Illinois

2007-Present

Owner-CEO /Xerox Sales Agency - Copiers 4 Business

Chicago, Illinois

1998-2006

Managed Care Sales Manager -Manor Care Health Services

Chicago, Illinois

1995-1997

Territory Sales Manager - Health Infusion

Columbia, Maryland

1990-1993

Territory Sales Representative - Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

Central New Jersey

1987-1989

Honors, awards, Literary/Aesthetic works:

Sno-Gophers President's Award 1997 and 1998

Special Skills and Abilities:

Strategist

Trainer/Facilitator

General Accounting, Payroll, budgeting, forecasting

Program Development, Implementation, and Evaluation

Contract negotiation

Event Planning

Community Health Advocate

Interests and Hobbies:

Reading

International Travel

Gardening

Pilates

Board games

Gourmet Cooking

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:

No

Candidate's Statement:

My Dear Sister Links,

It is with a great sense of excitement, pride and humility that I announce my interest in becoming a candidate for the office of Central Area Vice Director.

As an active 29-year member, an Heir-O-Link, Charter Member of the Harbor City (MD) chapter and past Chapter President, Vice-President and Program Director of the Windy City (IL) chapter; I am seeking a more active role that will enhance our legacy of Sisterhood and sustain our most precious asset - YOU.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as a Leader of the Area Program Team for the past 3½ years, stimulating members from all 68 chapters, supporting their programming growth through the introduction of 'Program Pearls', a monthly call established to provide programming resources and connections with National and Area Programs and initiatives, all dedicated to elevating and transforming

their communities. To that end, the Central Area proudly received 7 awards for Programming Excellence at our most recent National Assembly.

As we prepare for transition at our 2015 conference in Cincinnati, it is clear from my past and present experiences that the heart and success of community service is directly influenced by the strength and gratification of our members. To that end, I humbly ask for your support to serve as your Membership Ambassador.

I bring diverse qualities of Proven Leadership, Creative Entrepreneurship and Life Skills to a Membership that is constantly in motion; living, breathing, changing, adapting and yes aging.

Link Sisters, our Membership is on the move. It requires us to reflect on our common thread of Friendship and Sisterhood, to recognize unique challenges of recruitment and retention of members and to adopt strategies for enriching leadership advancement.

I offer an innovative, compassionate and purposeful approach to ensure that our membership remains viable and is sustained by:

- Strengthening the bond of our existing relationships; leading and nurturing our membership with respect, fairness and dedication
- Working in tandem to create a recruitment plan that will attract able, proficient and talented members who support the tenets of friendship and transformational service
- Building upon pathways to leadership that will encourage succession at the Chapter and Area levels

Join me as I continue my journey and unpack my Membership toolkit. It's all in there; my vision, my experience, my plan!

With your confirmation of my candidacy for Central Area Vice Director, we will work together, building upon our rich legacy of Friendship and Sisterhood, after all Membership = YOU