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The Links Incorporated is an organization of women with 270 chapters located in 40 states, The District of Columbia, Nassau, Bahamas and Frankfurt, Germany with a total membership of over 10,000 women. The organization was founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1946 by the late Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott.

The Links, Inc. is a voluntary service organization of concerned, committed and talented women who, linked in friendship, enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the world. The mission and vision is to contribute to the formulation of a positive, productive and culturally diverse society. A strong focus is given to education, cultural enrichment, health, wellness and civic involvement. The Links, Inc. is an entity which through its chapters and The Links Foundation, Inc. has granted more than ten million dollars to charitable organizations.

The Buffalo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was organized on May 26, 1950. We were the 14th chapter to be chartered in the Eastern Area and the 20th Chapter to be chartered nationally. Many of our Links have held area and national offices including: Link Thelma Hardiman, who served as National Vice President and Eastern Area Director; Link Cecelia Henderson has served as Eastern Area Vice Director, Eastern Area Director and National Secretary. We have made our presence felt in Buffalo and its surrounding areas through thousands of hours of individual and collective volunteerism annually and through our programs, charity giving and scholarship awards. We pride ourselves on being willing to accept the challenge of civic responsibility through service, friendship and love.

The Buffalo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is comprised of women who are committed to utilizing their collective energies and resources to address the critical needs of the underserved; particularly African Americans in the Buffalo community, and concurrently, to address issues and concerns which affect those of African descent throughout the world.

-Information taken from http://linksbuffalochapter.org/ on 03/30/2018
Box Number 1 - Material pertaining to the Buffalo Chapter

**Folder Number and Subject:**

1. Addresses of Buffalo LINK members
2. Agendas, 1984-85
3. Announcements & Invitations, Ebony Fashion Fair
4. Application for scholarship
6. Archive-personal history forms
7. Archive form and LINK profile form
8. Buffalo Chapter Officers
9. Buffalo Chapter Members
10. Buffalo Regional, 1967
11. Budget (dues, etc.)
12. By Laws / Buffalo Chapter
13. Connecting LINKS
14. Charities, etc.
15. Directories - Roster
16. Ebony Committees and budget
17. Ebony Programs, 1957-1988
18. Erie County Chapter
19. Federation - Women’s Clubs Clippings
20. Former Buffalo LINKS
21. Heir 0 LINKS
22. Historical Material on the Buffalo Chapter
23. LINK Projects
24. LINK Certificate of Charter
26. Photographs
27. Newspaper clippings on Ebony Fashion Fair
28. Newspaper clippings on Buffalo LINKS
29. Niagara Falls/Buffalo, Members, etc.
30. Membership-Chapter Analysis Guidelines
31. Presidential Report, Buffalo
32. Projects, Programs, etc.
33. Misc. Materials
Folders on members of Buffalo LINKS

34. Asbury  
35. Coles, Leroy  
36. DuBard  
37. Baker, Marie  
38. Hall  
***Hardiman, Thelma (filmed after "Other material below)  
39. Henderson, Cecilia  
40. Johnson, Mamie  
41. Johnson, Patricia  
42. Hodges  
43. Maloney  
44. Mayo, Johnnie  
45. Melford, Juanita  
46. Patterson  
47. Price  
48. Robinson, Edith  
49. Simmons  
50. Wallace, Garnet  

Other Materials on Local LINKS

1954  Memo to Cora Maloney from Margaret Hawkins  
1957  Letter to Bernice Martin from Bernice T. Suitt  
       Letter to Niagara/Buffalo Chapter from Paulene F. Wheldon  
1963  History, Buffalo LINKS  
1964  Letter to Bernice from Theresa G. Evans  
       Letter from Theresa G. Evans  
       Activities Report  
1965  Letter from Marie P. Capps  
       Letter to Mrs. Bessie Hill from Buffalo Chapter  
       Letter to Sister Monica from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to Thelma Hardiman from Mrs. Vernon D. Halden  
       Niagara Buffalo LINKS, Initiation  
       Letter to Mr. Bellamy from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to Audrey Worrell from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to LINK President from Susie Verdele  
       Letter to Leeland Jones from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to President & Board from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to Mrs. Downing from Theresa Evans  
       Letter to LINKS from National Treasurer (Mrs. Gaston)  
       Letter to Mrs. June Carter from Theresa Evans  
1966  Membership Committee  
       Letter to Vivian Beamon from Theresa Evans
Presidents Handbook
1967  Memo to Connecting LINKS from J. Patterson
      Newsclipping
1969  Salvation Army Project
      Memo to Sister LINKS from Evaemae Asbury
1972  Memo to Edith Robinson from Helen Edmonds
      Women's Day Ward Committee
1976  Letter to Mrs. Valeric Ackess from Paulene Ellison
      Letter to James Pappas from Edith Robinson
      Members of Executive Council
1977  Pilot Plan on Membership*
      Scholarship Winners
      Several newsclippings
      Resolutions Committee Report / Area Meeting

1978  Buffalo Urban League
1979  Letter from Cheryl Smith
      Gift to Black Colleges
      First National African American Crafts Jubilee
      Letter from St. Homes Church
      Letter to Louise Leiker from Edith Robinson
      Letter to LINKS from Barbara Simpkins
1982  Luncheon to Honor Outstanding Women
1987  LINKDOM


*** A large folder of material on Thelma Hardiman

Misc.

Box # 2 - Eastern Region LINKS

The contents of this box pertain to the Eastern Region LINKS
and are organized chronologically.

1958  Material from P.H. Irving.
      Presidents of the Chapter in the Eastern Area from Irving.
1962  Minutes.
      LINKS Conference in Williamsburg.
1963  LINKS Conference in New Haven, Conn.
1964  Material from the nominating committee.
1965  Eastern Area executive committee meeting.
1966  Letter for chapter presidents from M.B. Smith.
      Area conference.
Report of the nominating committee to delegates and officers.
Eastern Area Directory.
Eastern Area conference.
1967 Eastern Area conference registration form.
1968 Conference Director, Beatrice T. Butler.
Memo from nominating committee.
Annual report from Assistant Director of Eastern Area.
Directory, Eastern Area.
1969 Conference Director, Beatrice Butler.
Other material on LINKS.
1970 Eastern Area executive board meeting.
Program Award Committee.
Newspaper clipping on Eastern Area LINKS.
Agenda for executive board meeting.
Agenda for president's meeting.
Memo from Millicent Smith to presidents of the Eastern Area chapters.
Recommendations Report from Millicent Smith to Helen Edmonds, presidents of LINKS.
1971 Greetings to sister LINKS, memo from Crystal Brown and Rosa Hudgins.
Treasurers report.
Danville, VA Conference.
Newspaper clipping from Philadelphia Tribune.
Memo from Marion Jennings to chapter president.
1972 Resolutions committee. Eastern Area, national issues.
Long Island Chapter Area Assembly.
Presidents and recording secretaries of chapters in Eastern Area.
Activities programs.
Newspaper clipping from Atlantic City about Mrs. Butler.
Digested historical profile of the Eastern Area.
Eastern Area membership book.
Eastern Area Assembly committee.
Letter from Millicent B. Smith.
The Atlantic City Chapter.
Letter about program report.
1973 Registration form from Philadelphia Assembly.
Questionnaire about national journals.
Memo from national president, Helen G. Edmonds.
Report from the resource committee to aid the members at large.
Luncheon and program at Delaware Ballroom South.
Report by Dorothy Bullock (South Jersey), chairman of national and international funds.
Report by Margarete Sphax, chairman of Service to Youth.
Newspaper clipping from The Afro-American.
1974 Eastern Area minutes, at Washington Hilton, April 20, and June.
Delegates reports.
1975 Minutes, Roanoke, Virginia.
1976 Flight to Seattle.
Letter from Virginia W. Finn.
Membership profile.
Memo to all chapter presidents.
Letter to Mrs. Celestine Cook from Florence Frazier.
Memo to members of executive council.
Letter to Mr. Henderson from Paul B. Zuker.
Letter to Mrs. Burke from Paul B. Zuker.
Letter to Mrs. Thelma Hardiman from Anna Cherrie Epps.

1977
Executive meeting with area program chairperson and Hazelle Boulware, consultant and national director of service to youth.
Newspaper clipping from the Philadelphia Tribune.
Minutes of the area conference, "Reach out and Touch>"
Conference at Northeast Philadelphia.
Newspaper clipping.
Minutes, executive committee meeting.
24th Area conference, Buck County Penn.

1978
LINKS Officers.

1979
Area conference, "To Serve With Love."
Proposed action plan for "A Weekend of Celebrations."
Letter to JoAnn Champion.
Letter.
Eastern Area chapters and presidents.
Youth, community involvement, arts, conference in Virginia.
Farewell memo from Thelma Hardiman.
Newspaper clipping, "Singing Dean to appear in New York."

1981
Eastern Area conference bulletin.

1983
Memo from June Banks and Marian Palmer.

1985
Minutes of 28th Eastern Area Conference, "Making History—Providing Hope."
By-Laws of Eastern Area Links.
Report of Betty King, Vice Area Director.

Eastern Area Folders
1. Letters, publicity, etc.
2. Pamphlets, handouts, memos, programs, etc.
3. Correspondence.
4. Undated material.

Programs and pamphlets of Annual meetings (chronologically)

1963 "Blueprint for a New Image."
1964 "Facing the Impacts of Today's Crisis."
1968 "Educating for Global Understanding."
1969 "Black History"
1972-74 Misc. materials from those years.
1975 "Friendship with a Purpose."
1977 "Reach Out and Touch."
1977 Archives Brief Book - "A Past to remember - a future to mold.

Box # 3 - National Assembly, LINKS

The material in this box pertains to the LINKS National Assembly and is organized chronologically. There are also some materials in this box that relates to the Buffalo Chapter.

1950 Buffalo Chapter LINKS, Certificate of Charter.
1955 Reports of Officers and committees at 7th National Assembly.
    Minutes of 7th National Assembly.
1956 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting
    Minutes of 8th National Assembly.
1957 Letter.
    Minutes of the Executive Committee.
    Minutes of the 9th Annual Assembly.
1959 Minutes of the meeting of Executive Board.
    The 11th Annual Assembly.

1960 Letter to members from Tammie Mae Lightfoot.
1964 Newspaper clippings.
1964 Minutes of the 14th National Assembly.
    Other materials from 14th National Assembly.
1966 Minutes and other materials from 15th National Assembly.
1968 Minutes of Executive Council.
    The Journal, new year, and national assembly issues.
    Recommendations, Resolutions and Statements of Concern.
    117th General Assembly.
1972 The 18th National Assembly, minutes, etc.
    Roster of Executive Council Chapter Presidents.
    Mid-Winter meeting of Executive Council.
1973 Newsclippings and other information on scholarship winners.
    Souvenir journal of the 25th Anniversary of Links.
1974 Information on scholarship winners.
    Financial statements and other financial information.
    19th National Assembly, minutes, reports, etc.
1975 Newsclippings on scholarship winners.
    National newsletter (LINKS)
1976 Letter to Mr. Simmons from William Lee.
    Report of chapter establishment committee.
    Freedom and the arts form.
    The Journal.
    Newsclippings of scholarship winners
Minutes of executive council.
Improving the quality of life through community programs.
President's Biennial Report.
Membership Report to the 20th National Assembly.
National Assembly Recommendations.
Membership Profile.
20th National Assembly.

1977 Newsclipping.
1978 21st National Assembly
Focus on Linkdom.
Financial and Membership reports.
Newsclippings.
1979 Misc. Pieces of correspondence.
1980 Newsclippings about scholarship winners.
The Journal.
1982 The 23rd National Assembly, reports, minutes, etc.
Letter to Mrs. Patterson from Arlene Nickolas.
Tenure of Office, 7th National President.
Scholarship winners.
24th National Assembly, minutes, etc.
1985 Scholarship Winners.
Foundation dedication of the National Headquarters.
Ebony Fashion Fair committee assignments.
Applications for memorial scholarship.
1986 25th National Assembly, reports, etc.
1987 Award of Honor to Tonique Duncan.
Misc. other items.

Misc. programs, pamphlets, and materials, most deal with the Ebony Fashion Fair. The materials cover the period 1953 - 1988, and are filmed in chronological order.