

## Dade County Chapter



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## DADE COUNTY (FL) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED INSTALLS 2012-2014 LEADERSHIP TEAM AND HONORS ALUMNA MEMBERS

MIAMI— The Dade County (FL) Chapter, of The Links, Incorporated recently held its installation of officers ceremony at the Don Shula Hotel and Golf Club. Dr. Cynthia Clarke, education consultant and Florida Memorial University freshman studies professor, was elected to lead the volunteer women's service organization as President for 2012-2014. Clarke, a retired Miami-Dade public schools administrator, brings more than 20 years of executive, strategic management, and community service experience to her new leadership role. Clarke hopes to expand chapter initiatives such as Lean Forward with Mentoring, a partnership with Florida Memorial University, and implement chapter programs that support the national initiatives of The Links, Inc. such as childhood obesity prevention, breast cancer research and awareness, and student retention at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"I look forward to my tenure as president of the Dade County Chapter," said Clarke. "Working with the very dynamic women of our chapter as well as members of other chapters, I know we will continue to make a positive impact in our community."

The other officers of the organization include Tammy Reed, Vice President; Veronica Rahming, Recording Secretary; Karen Bullard-Jordan, Assistant Recording Secretary, Elsie Hamler, Treasurer; Shelain Welters, Assistant Treasurer; Marilyn Lindsey, Esq., Corresponding Secretary; Teresa Brown, Financial Secretary; LaTaryn Gay, Archivist; Sandra Pelham, Ed.D., Journalist; Geneva Knowles Woodard, Ed.D., Parliamentarian, and Tawnicia Ferguson Rowan, Chaplain.

In a separate ceremony, the group also recognized its alumna members. Those honored include Virla Barry, Maud Newbold, Dr. Gwendolyn Robinson, Marcia Saunders, and Jessie Stinson. Stinson is one of three chapter organizers. Collectively, all five women have served in The Links organization for more than 85 years, volunteering countless service hours. "I am proud to be a member of the Dade County Chapter of The Links," said charter member Maud Newbold, who is also a retired Miami-Dade schools principal. "It has been a rewarding experience. For more than 25 years we have celebrated friendship and given back to a community that we love dearly. My involvement in the Links has been one of the highlights of my life."

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Editor's Note: Photos Attached



*Members of the 2012-2014 Executive Committee: (l-r) Geneva Knowles Woodard, Ed.D. (Chapter Organizer) Teresa Brown, Veronica Rahming, Cynthia Clarke, Ed.D., Tammy Reed, LaTaryn Gay, and Tawnicia Ferguson Rowan*



*Dade County (FL) Chapter of The Links, Inc. Alumna Members: (l-r) Marcia Saunders, Gwendolyn Robinson, Ed.D., Jessie Stinson (Chapter Organizer), Francis Moore (ceremony held previously), Virla Barry, Maud Newbold*

## **ABOUT THE LINKS**

The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1946, is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching and ensuring the culture and economic survival

of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Links, Inc. has a membership of over 12,000 professional women ([www.linksinc.org](http://www.linksinc.org)). The Dade County (FL) Chapter was chartered on June 1, 1986. Chapter Organizers: Jessie Stinson, DoLores Washington, and Geneva Knowles Woodard. For more information about the Dade County (FL) Chapter, please visit [www.dadecountylinksinc.org](http://www.dadecountylinksinc.org).