



### *Link Ruth Harris Terrell*

Link Ruth Harris Terrell was inducted into the Metro-Manhattan (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1988 where she was a charter member. She has held several positions at the chapter, area and national levels. She served as Vice President, Secretary, and International Committee Chair in the Metro-Manhattan Chapter; Vice President, International Trends and Services Chair, Friendship Luncheon Chair, and Evening with Jazz Co-Chair in the Fayetteville (NC) chapter; Southern Area Convention Chair for six years; member of the National International Trends and Services Committee for five years; and member of the National Conference Planning Committee under three Presidents. She is a graduate of Knoxville College and Atlanta University's School of Social Work. She also attended the University of Ghana at Legon and completed the Harvard University's Non-Profit Management Course. Link Ruth worked for over 35 years as Managing Director of several International Not-for-Profit organizations. She is a member of New Providence Baptist Church.



### *Link Carolyn H. Walker*

Link Carolyn H. Walker was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1977. She served as President, Recording Secretary, Services to Youth Chair, on the Friendship Luncheon and Social Committees, as well as on several other committees. Link Carolyn earned a bachelor's degree from Shaw University and a master's degree from Fayetteville State University, a Certificate in Reading from North Carolina State University, and did further study at NC A&T State University. She was a devoted educator for 39 years serving as a teacher and principal. She retired from Cumberland County Schools. Link Carolyn is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Retired Teachers Association, Women's Civitan Club of Fayetteville, Shaw University Alumni Association, and is a founding member of the North Hills Gardening Club.



### *Link Christina Washington*

Link Christina Washington was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 2008. She served as Chair of The Arts and International Trends and Services Facets, and on other facet committees including Services to Youth and Health and Human Services. She also served on the Five-Year Strategic Plan Committee. Link Christina graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. She most recently owned the Medical Arts Pharmacy and retired upon selling the business. She also worked in many areas of pharmacy including retail, hospitals, and at a community health center. She has proudly been a mentor to high school and college students pursuing the field of pharmacy. Several of her students have become pharmacists. Link Christina is a member of St. Luke AME Church, and serves as a trustee. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



### *Link Sarah C. Washington*

Link Sarah C. Washington was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1995. She served as Corresponding Secretary, Chair of the Services to Youth Facet for several years, and on several other committees. She received a master's degree in Education from NC A&T State University. Link Sarah is a member of Gamma Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc and First Baptist Church where she has been the church clerk for the last 4 years and continues to do so. Link Sarah was married for 56 years to the late Connecting Link Claze Washington and is mother to two adult daughters.



### *Link Mary D. Williams*

Link Mary D. Williams was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 2000. She has served as Chair of the Services to Youth Facet and on other committees such as Social, Legacy/Archives/History, Friendship Luncheon, Amenities/Courtesies, Program, and Executive Committees. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree in guidance and counseling from Elizabeth City State and Ball State Universities, respectively. Link Mary retired in 2003 from Cumberland County Schools having served as an educator, school counselor and counselor coordinator. She is married to Connecting Link retired Lieutenant Colonel David Williams and they have two adult children. She serves as a Sunday school teacher and is an active member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority.



## **Chapter Alumnae Members** **(As of October 2019)**



### *Link Katie Neely Carter*

Link Katie Carter was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1977. She served as Financial Secretary, on the Services to Youth Committee and several other committees. She has a B.S. in Math and Chemistry from Bennett College and did further study at UNC-Charlotte and North Carolina A&T State Universities. Link Katie taught math in public schools for 18 years and has served as the administrator for her husband's medical practice for more than 38 years. She also served on the Board of Trustees for United National Bank. Link Katie is a member of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



### *Link Olivia D. Chavis*

Link Olivia D. Chavis was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1995. She served as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Chair of Services to Youth and The Arts Facets, and Chair of Evening with Jazz, Friendship Luncheons and several other committees. Link Olivia is a native of Augusta, Georgia. She received a bachelor's degree from Delaware State University, a master's degree from Campbell University, and did further studies at North Carolina State University. She began her career at Fayetteville State University (FSU) in July 1983 as a Counselor ultimately retiring from FSU as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Link Olivia is a member of First Baptist Church on Moore Street and Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. She is married to Connecting Link Kenneth Chavis for 55 years and they have four adult children.



### *Link Beverly Davis-Sanders*

Link Beverly Davis-Sanders was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1995. She served as Chair of Health and Human Services, Co-Chair of Services to Youth, and on several other committees. She earned an M.D. from the Howard University School of Medicine where she also completed residency in Diagnostic Radiology. She also completed an Internship at Freedman's Hospital and a Fellowship at Washington Hospital Center. She is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. With a career spanning 35 years, Link Beverly retired after many years of service as a radiologist with Carolina Regional Radiology now Valley Regional Imaging. She is a member of the Old North State Medical Society and Women's Giving Circle, and also served on the Mid-Carolina Area Agency on Aging Board.





### *Link Valeria P. Fleming*

Link Valeria Fleming was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1987. She served the chapter over three decades in numerous capacities. She received a B.S. and M.S. from North Carolina Central University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Link Valeria retired from Fayetteville State University (FSU) after an illustrious career of more than 50 years where she held numerous faculty and administration positions. She was the first African American to graduate in the field of Developmental Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill and was the first woman Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Provost at FSU. Link Valeria is a member of the College Heights Presbyterian Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



### *Link Gwendolyn Spaulding Griffin*

Link Gwendolyn Spaulding Griffin was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1966. She actively served for 52 years dedicating her time to the Services to Youth and International Trends and Services Facets, Operation In As Much, an organization designed to benefit the homeless, Habitat for Humanity outreach service projects, and other committees. She is a graduate of Winston Salem State University. After a 33-year career as an educator, she retired. Link Gwendolyn is a Life Member of the NAACP. She was married to the late Dr. John R. Griffin, Jr. for over 50 years and together have three adult children. She is a member of Haymount Presbyterian Church.



### *Link Pearl Hinson*

Link Pearl Hinson was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1957. She was the "baby" of the group. She is a retired elementary educator and a certified reading specialist. Link Pearl taught for 34 years. She is a graduate of Fayetteville State University. As a devoted grandmother, she inspires her grandson to push through adversity after losing her only son at an early age. She loves to dance and interact with other people. She is a member of First Baptist Church where she volunteers as a caretaker/advocate for the senior citizen population. She also volunteers in the testing program at several elementary schools in the area.



### *Link Shirley L. Johnson*

Link Shirley Johnson was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1997. She was an elementary school teacher and retired after 40 years. She taught in the North Carolina School System for over 30 years. Link Shirley is a graduate of Southern University. She is married and a mother to two children, grandmother of three and devoted to her family. She also is an active member of First Baptist Church. Link Shirley enjoys traveling and reading, and continues to volunteer at the Cape Fear Regional Theater.



### *Link Celesta Lane*

Link Celesta Lane was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1982. She served as President and held several other offices. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville (KY) and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. When living in Fayetteville, she was an active member of First Baptist Church. Link Celesta is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She now resides in Virginia with her daughter.



### *Link Willie E. Loftin*

Link Willie E. Loftin was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1989. She served the chapter as Recording Secretary and worked diligently with the Etiquette Seminar for youth as co-chair. She taught Home Economics in Cumberland County Schools for 10 years until she became employed by the Cooperative Extension Service as a Home Economics Extension Agent. She retired while working with the agency and then returned to Cumberland County Schools to teach once again. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for over 50 years. Her hobby in retirement is sewing. She is married to Connecting Link Leonza Loftin and they have three children: Heir-O-Links Eldred Loftin, Orrin Loftin and Sharon Rivera.



### *Link Louise Morgan*

Link Louise Morgan was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1985. She served as Vice President of Membership and in various facets throughout her years as an active member of the chapter. She has a deep affinity and appreciation for the inception of The Links Signature Program "Linkages to Life." Her daughter, the late Link Marsha Morgan Hobgood of the Triangle Park Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was an organ recipient and her son Heir-O-Link Ricardo Morgan was an organ donor. Link Morgan was a primary school teacher for 33 years in Cumberland County and Fayetteville City Schools where she retired. She was one of the first Marching Majorettes of EE Smith High School and is a proud Dove of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She was married to the late Connecting Link Otto.



### *Link Lois Owens*

Link Lois Owens was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1987. She served as Corresponding Secretary and Chair of The Arts Facet, Membership, and Evening with Jazz Committees, and on several other committees. She received her bachelor's degree from Savannah State University and her master's degree from North Carolina Central University. Link Lois was a devoted English teacher and retired after 31 years of service. She is a member of First Baptist Church where she enjoys singing in the choir and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was married to the late Connecting Link Retired Army 1LT Wallace Owens.



### *Link Juanita Pilgrim*

Link Juanita Pilgrim was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1993. She served as President and Treasurer, Chair of the Public Relations and Finance Committees, and on several other committees. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University. Link Juanita has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. since 1960 and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. She is married to Connecting Link Dr. James Pilgrim, Jr. and has two children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



### *Link Doris Ann Shipman*

Link Doris Ann Shipman was inducted into the Fayetteville (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 2002. She served as the Chaplain for many years, International Trends and Services Chair, and on several other committees. She currently is the regional coordinator for women in the NAACP covering NC, SC, GA, FL, MS, and TN. She has also been the National Vice Coordinator for women in the NAACP. Link Doris received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Fayetteville State University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, respectively. She is a member of Delta Gamma Sigma chapter of Sigma Gamma Ro Sorority, Inc. She is currently an elder member of College Heights Presbyterian Church.