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History of the Local Chapter



Pictured are the Organizer and Charter Officers of the Las Vegas Chapter of The LINKS, Inc., which was organized in 1976. Described as a group to offer multi-service to youth, they are, seated L-R, LINKS Thelma Toms, Organizer and First Presi-

dent; and Charlotte Cook, Vice President. Standing, L-R, are Anna Bailey, Treasurer; Bobbie Troutman, Recording Secretary; Edna Perkins, Financial Secretary; and Debra Moore, Corresponding Secretary.



Pictured above is LINK Bobbie Troutman, who was elected President in 1980. She served two terms as the President of the LINKS, Inc. Las Vegas Chapter. LINK Troutman is married to Dr. Porter Troutman, Jr., Director of the Office of Professional Studies, UNLV. They have two children, Greg and Portia.

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The LINKS, Inc. possess a rich heritage of determined, committed, dedicated, wise leadership. Through the years they have challenged their members to be a forceful women's movement, committed not only to be, but also to do, answering human needs and finding meaningful ways to change society.

The Las Vegas Chapter of The LINKS, Inc. installed its first members May 22, 1976. It was chartered on October 13, 1976. Since that

time, the chapter has continuously strived to achieve the highest standard available to any group.

The local chapter, which has focused on Minority Youth, has successfully sponsored many worthy projects, such as the Pre-School Program, the Talented Teen Pageant, the Talented Teen Search, Operation Breakfast and the College Bound Search. It has also assisted the Clark County School District Human Relations Department with the Miss Black

Teenage Pageant.

The local chapter contributes approximately \$500 yearly to two students through the NAACP College Bound program. During its six years in the LINK Chain, it has contributed over \$2,000 to the Services of Youth and the National Trends and Services Programs.

Local Chapter Past Presidents are: LINKS Thelma Tome, Founder (1976-78); Edna Perkins (1978-80); and Jean Troutman (1980-82). LINK Lois Ice is the new in-coming President.

The LINKS, Inc. is a family oriented organization. Each member and her family serves a respectable place in the organization. The member herself is called by the name LINK, her spouse is called CONNECTING LINK and, of course, the children are called HEIR-O-LINKS. To this date the chapter has 19 CONNECTING LINKS and approximately 40 HEIR-O-LINKS. The HEIR-O-LINKS include college age students as well as younger children.

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