

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Savannah Links Attend 40th Southern Area Conference



Members of the Savannah Chapter of The Links, Inc. are pictured with Rosalind Hollis (seated, left) who received her 25-year certificate during the Southern Area Conference.

The 40th Southern Area Conference of The Links, Incorporated was held May 13-17, 2009.

The four day event took place at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, in Jacksonville, Florida. Members of The Bold City (FL) Chapter were perfect hostesses delivering southern hospitality with flair and finesse.

The Savannah Chapter was well represented with twenty members in attendance. The conference started with the membership attending both programmatic and operational workshops.

Programmatic workshops served to enhance the knowledge base of planning and executing effective chapter programs in the areas of the arts, health (childhood obesity), and literacy.

Operational workshops allowed the membership to fine tune individual skills that collectively will continue the advancement of our chapters.

One of the conference highlights for the Savannah

Chapter was Link Denise Cooper continuing her quest as a Scott Hawkins Leadership Institute Fellow.

Another conference highlight was The Friendship Breakfast where Links Deanna Cross, Rosalind Hollis and Dorothy Law were honored for reaching the milestone of twenty-five years in Linkdom.

Link Rosalind Hollis was in attendance to receive her award.

The conference closed with Links, Connecting

Links and Heir-o-Links celebrating a successful conference at The White Rose Banquet.

Link Marie Currie was installed for her second term as Southern Area Director.

The Links, Inc. next gathering of its membership will be in June of 2010 at the National Assembly in Detroit, Michigan. Virginia A. Edwards serves as chapter president, Laura N. Wiggins serves as Chair of Communications & Public Relations.

## ACLU Makes Call For Paycheck Fairness Act

The American Civil Liberties Union marks the 46th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act with a call for the Senate to pass S. 182, the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill that gives employees the legal tools needed to fight wage discrimination.

Forty-six years ago – on June 10, 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, a law that prohibits wage discrimination.

Unfortunately, over the last few decades, loopholes and weak remedies have watered down the Act's effectiveness.

Back in January 2009, the House of Representatives recognized the need to update the Equal Pay Act and overwhelmingly passed the Paycheck Fairness Act with bipartisan support.

The bill is still pending before the Senate.

“The 46th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act is a good reminder that the Senate needs to join the House in working to finally secure equal pay for equal work for all Americans workers. Congress needs to close the loopholes in this 46-year-old law by passing the Paycheck Fairness

Act.” In this economic slump, passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act is essential not only for women, but for all working families. Under any circumstances, single-mother households and families dependent on two wage earners should not have to struggle to live on less than they rightfully deserve. The impact of these pay disparities is felt even more during these times of economic hardship. We urge the Senate to act quickly”, said Deborah J. Vagins, ACLU Legislative Counsel.

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## NAACP to hold Community Wide Mass Meeting

The NAACP, National, State and Local offices, along with Rev. Matthew Southhall Brown, Sr., all area Churches, other local and National organizations, and concerned citizens are asked to come out and support this very important Community Wide Mass Meeting.

A week of Prayer, Witnessing and Action will begin on Friday, June 19th to mobilize churches and citizens in Savannah and throughout the county.

The MASS MEETING will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2009 at Historic Bolton Street Baptist Church, 821 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Please join us and others in the faith community to pray for justice.

The eyes of the world are on the hostess city of Savannah, Georgia, more importantly, the eyes of God are upon us.

For more information on this mass meeting or the NAACP, call the Savannah Branch at 233-4161, Helen Johnson at 663-5305, or Demetrius Fisher, Georgia State Conference NAACP (404) 227-1659.



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