



## **ROXANN THOMAS CHARGOIS**

Western Area Director, The Links, Incorporated

Roxann Thomas Chargois, Missouri City (TX) Chapter, began her tenure as Western Area Director in June 2015 at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Western Area Conference in Sacramento, CA.

She leads the Western Area's 60 chapters in 10 states under the theme, "A Mind for Business and A Heart for Service." Chargois envisions reaching new heights within the Western Area by focusing on training and communication among members, on chapter efficiencies, and the strengthening of programs and initiatives tailored to Western Area communities. Key to her administration is sharpening the Western Area's business acumen and developing and implementing innovative programming that yields impactful results.

She is passionate about addressing the current disparities and social injustice in Western Area communities – launching new initiatives to increase awareness in areas such as mental health, Black Lives Matter, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and human trafficking. She has launched efforts to bolster fund development, and to give members the opportunity to lend extra support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Chargois envisions building a cadre of fully engaged members through efforts that enhance harmony and friendship, embrace alumni members, and reach out to the Western Area's under-40 demographic.

Chargois is a resident of Houston, Texas, and has been a member of The Links, Incorporated for 25 years. She has served as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, managing portfolios for small to medium-sized companies; as the Executive Director for the Austin Public Housing Authority; and as the Human Resources Director for Baxter International, Inc. She holds degrees from the University of Illinois, University of Chicago, and most recently completed a Social Justice degree in Rome, Italy, through St. John's University/New York.

### **About The Western Area of The Links, Incorporated**

In September 1950, three chapters of The Links, Incorporated were chartered in California (Los Angeles, Oakland Bay Area and San Francisco), connecting the national organization's chain of friendship from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Drawing on the synergy generated by women who are committed to friendship and service, the Western Area now has more than 3,000 members in 60 chapters located in 10 states — Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington. Western Area chapters are characterized by leadership, award-winning programs, and warm, interpersonal relationships between and among members, as well with other chapters. Service hours that members contribute in their Western Area communities have increased yearly -- currently topping 187,000. Glenda F. Newell-Harris, M.D., National President, hails from the Western Area's Alameda Contra-Costa (CA) Chapter. The 7th Western Area Director, the late Marion Schultz Sutherland, Seattle (WA) Chapter, was chosen to serve the organization as the 10th National President.



*"A Mind for Business and A Heart for Service."*

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