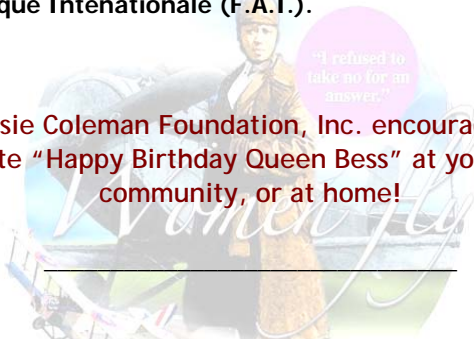




Happy Birthday Queen Bess! January 26, 1892

Bessie Coleman (January 26, 1892 – April 30, 1926), popularly known as "Queen Bess," was the first African American licensed to fly an airplane and the first American citizen to hold an international pilot license from Federation Aeronautique Intenationale (F.A.I.).



The Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc. encourages you to celebrate "Happy Birthday Queen Bess" at your school, community, or at home!

Fourth Annual "Fly-Sister-Fly" Empowerment Breakfast

Bessie Coleman Foundation (BCF), Inc., hosted the Fourth Annual "Fly-Sister-Fly" Empowerment Breakfast on August 5, 2009 at the Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, GA. This year BCF honored the ASA flight crew who made history in Feb 09 as being the first all black female commercial flight crew in the U.S.



2009 Fly-Sister-Fly Honorees

Atlantic Southeast Airline's Captain Rachelle Jones, first officer Stephanie Grant, and flight attendants Diana Galloway and Robin Rogers

BCF Executive Board & Board of Directors

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BCF's Yes - I Can!
First Place Essay Winner
Darryl Jennings, Jr.



As part of BCF's Fly-Sister-Fly Empowerment Youth Initiative, the Essay Coordinator, Celika Caldwell proudly presents Darryl Jennings, Jr. with certificate. Darryl and other essay winners enjoyed a "Bi-Plane Ride Over Atlanta" and a tour of the Air Traffic Control Tower at Peachtree Dekalb Airport.

Please visit www.WeAreTheLegacy.com and read all the great essays.

BCF Speaks with Upward Bound
Students at Clark Atlanta University
June 26, 2009



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thelma Rudd,
National President of
Bessie Coleman
Foundation, Inc.

Greetings of Peace from Thelma,

The officers and directors of the Bessie Coleman Foundation, Inc., thank all for your support at our Fourth Annual Fly-Sister-Fly Empowerment Breakfast on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, GA. The entire historic Atlantic Southeast Crew Captain Rachele Jones, First Officer Stephanie Grant, and flight attendants Diana Galloway and Robin Rogers were present and were honored. USAF Brigadier General Stayce Harris facilitated the discussion with these remarkable women. Our Yes-I Can Youth Essay Winners were in attendance and we were "wowed" by the incredible speech by Daryll Jennings, Jr. Enjoy the pictures below!

It looks like a good day to fly,

Thelma L. Rudd

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Bessie Coleman Aeronautical Lab

Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles, CA is the home of the Bessie Coleman Aeronautical Lab. BCF is a proud supporter of this program is looking for volunteers to visit with the students during the 2009/2010 school year. If you are interested, contact Dr. Nancy Lawrence at lawre353@erau.edu.

Are You Are Black Female Pilot? Are You Interested in Flying?

Well, we want to connect with you! **There will be no pressure to join BCF.** But it makes sense for Queen Bess' legacy to be the link between black female pilots. **We realize that there is a need for BCF to have a measurable database of the diversity within aviation careers.** We realize that there is synergy in numbers. Perhaps together we can establish an aviation scholarship from Sisters to Sisters! But we need your help. **Please fill out the short contact form on our website www.WeAreTheLegacy.com** and BCF member and FEDEX Express Pilot Tahira Brown will be in touch with you. Together we can ensure that Queen Bess' legacy continues.

Spread the word and Fly-Sister-Fly!



BCF NATIONAL ELECTIONS JUNE 15, 2010

THE MEMBERS OF BCF WILL VOTE TO ELECT ALL OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JUNE 15, 2010. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THIS PROCESS. THE BCF BYLAWS ARE ON-LINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT, NANCY LAWRENCE, PHD AT lawre353@erau.edu.

Please contact Thelma Rudd at trudd@wearethelegacy.com or Jennifer Myers at jmyers@wearethelegacy.com.

**Articles of interest for the "Winter Edition" must be received no later than Feb 15, 2010. Send to jmyers@wearethelegacy.com or trudd@wearethelegacy.com.

We're on the Web!

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