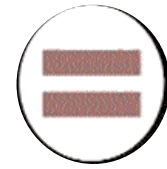




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Annual Breast Cancer Screening and Health Fair offers much-needed services

Our annual Breast Cancer Screening and Health Fair was held on Saturday, February 25 with examinations for a total of 35 women. Knowing an exam is not the most pleasant experience, we're hopeful the Breast Cancer necklaces provided by the Guild brought some smiles! Special thanks to Claudia Geurin for chairing this great event again this year along with the support of Audrey Beasley, Wilda Brown, Elizabeth Caples, Jasper Crenshaw (who also donated breakfast items for

the patients, workers, and volunteers), Lynn Tyler, and Jerry Wright.



THIS MONTH

University Club Guild Meeting - March 13

NEXT MONTH

Guild Meeting - April 10
Easter Egg Hunt/Cookout - April 15
Thunder Over Louisville - April 22

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The mission of the Louisville Urban League Guild is to unite, strengthen, and support the Louisville Urban League in its endeavors with volunteerism and community service.

March is National Women's History Month

In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month, and it has issued a resolution every year since then for Women's History Month. The U.S. president also issues an annual proclamation on Women's History Month. As last year's presidential proclamation stated, "Women's History Month provides our country the privilege of honoring the countless contributions that American women have made throughout our history."

The following two African-American women are exemplary examples of women who chose to be leaders and champions and who left a great legacy to be honored and remembered throughout history.



Shirley Chisholm was born November 30, 1924, Brooklyn, New York, U.S. She died January 1, 2005, Ormond Beach, Florida. She was the first African American

woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress.

Shirley St. Hill was the daughter of immigrants; her father was from British Guiana (now Guyana) and her mother from Barbados. She grew up in Barbados and in her native Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Brooklyn College (B.A., 1946). While teaching nursery school and serving as director of the Friends Day Nursery in Brooklyn, she studied elementary education at Columbia University (M.A., 1952) and married Conrad Q. Chisholm in 1949 (divorced 1977).

An education consultant for New York City's day-care division, she was also active with community and political groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and her district's Unity Democratic Club. In 1964–68 she represented her

Brooklyn district in the New York state legislature.

In 1968 Chisholm was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, defeating the civil rights leader James Farmer. In Congress she quickly became known as a strong liberal who opposed weapons development and the war in Vietnam and favored full-employment proposals. As a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. president in 1972, she won 152 delegates before withdrawing from the race.

Chisholm, a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, supported the Equal Rights Amendment and legalized abortions throughout her congressional career, which lasted from 1969 to 1983. She wrote the autobiographical works *Unbought and Unbossed* (1970) and *The Good Fight* (1973).

After her retirement from Congress, Chisholm remained active on the lecture circuit. She held the position of Purington Professor at Mount Holyoke College (1983–87) and was a visiting scholar at Spelman College (1985). In 1993 she was invited by President Bill Clinton to serve as ambassador to Jamaica but declined because of poor health.

Bessie Coleman (1892-1926). Bessie Coleman (Brave Bessie or Queen Bess), the world's first licensed black pilot, daughter of Susan Coleman, was born in Atlanta, Texas, on January 26, 1892, the twelfth of thirteen children. She grew



up in Waxahachie. Her father left the family in 1900 to return to Indian Territory. Bessie, along with several siblings still living at home, helped ease the family's financial troubles by picking cotton or assisting with the washing and ironing that her mother took in.

Upon graduation from high school she enrolled at the Colored Agricultural

and Normal University (now Langston University) in Langston, Oklahoma. Financial difficulties, however, forced her quit after one semester. She moved to Chicago, where a brother was then living, and attended beauty school for a time. She spent the early years of World War I working as a manicurist at the White Sox Barbershop. She then operated a small but profitable chili parlor.

In 1920 Coleman, acting on a lifelong dream of learning to fly, traveled abroad to attend aviation school in Le Crotoy, France, after she discovered that no American school would accept African Americans. Robert S. Abbott, editor of the *Chicago Weekly Defender*, assisted her in contacting schools abroad. After studying for ten months in France she was issued a license on June 15, 1921, by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, giving her the distinction of being the first black person in the world to become a licensed pilot.

She returned to the United States in 1921. Her goal, in addition to making flying her career, was to open a flying school for black students. In 1922 she made a second trip to Europe and during her studies took lessons from the chief pilot for the Fokker Aircraft Company in Germany.

Coleman's first American air show was at Curtiss Field, near Manhattan, on September 3, 1922. She followed the success of this show with exhibition flights all over the country, many of them in her native South. After several years of touring the East and West coasts, she traveled back to Texas and established her headquarters in Houston in 1925. Her first performance in Texas took place in that city on June 19, 1925. Her daredevil stunts and hair-raising maneuvers earned her the nickname "Brave Bessie."

She primarily flew Curtiss JN-4D planes and army surplus aircraft left over from the war. During her trips she often gave lectures to schools and churches to encourage young black men and women to enter aviation. On one occasion in Waxahachie she

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men and women to enter aviation. On one occasion in Waxahachie she refused to give an exhibition on white school grounds unless blacks were permitted to use the same entrance as whites. The request was granted, although blacks and whites remained segregated once inside.

Early in her career she was presented a loving cup for her achievements from the cast of *Shuffle Along*, a black Broadway musical. By 1926, the year of her death, Coleman had become one of America's most popular stunt fliers. She had her first major accident in 1924 while barnstorming in California, and she took a year off to recover. On April 30, 1926, she died during a test flight before a show sponsored by the Negro Welfare League in Jacksonville, Florida. About twelve minutes into the flight, the plane did not pull out of a nosedive as planned; instead, it did a somersault and dropped Bessie Coleman to her death. Her mechanic and publicity agent, William Wills, fell with the plane and died on impact.

Although the charred condition of the wreckage prevented a full investigation, the crash was believed to have been caused by a loose wrench that jammed the plane's controls. After funeral services in Jacksonville, which were attended by hundreds of admirers, Coleman's body was returned to Chicago, where she had made her home. She is buried there in Lincoln Cemetery. Although her dream of establishing a flying school for black students never materialized, the Bessie Coleman Aero groups were organized after her death.

On Labor Day, 1931, these flying clubs sponsored the first all-black air show in America, which attracted 15,000 spectators. Over the years, recognition of Coleman's accomplishments has grown. In 1977 a group of black female student pilots in Indiana organized the Bessie Coleman Aviators Club. In 1990 a street in Chicago was renamed Bessie Coleman Drive, and May 2, 1992, was declared Bessie Coleman Day in Chicago. In 1995 the United States Postal Service issued a thirty-two-cent commemorative stamp in her honor.

Corporate Spotlight: CH2M HILL

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CH2M HILL was founded in Corvallis, Oregon in 1946 as a professional partnership of four men—Cornell, Howland, Hayes, and Merryfield. While the CH2M HILL of today differs considerably in size and capability from its roots, its original sense of entrepreneurial spirit, commitment to technical excellence, innovation, and emphasis on client service are as valued as ever.

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the world. Since the beginning, CH2M HILL has completed more than 40,000 water-related environmental projects and became the largest firm in the United States concentrating on water-related services. CH2M Hill has a downtown Louisville office which it shares with Quest Engineers, Inc.

CH2M HILL is characterized by project teams that are locally based and backed by the entire firm's depth of resources. CH2M HILL routinely cultivates open and mutually beneficial relationships with clients in effort to become a seamless extension of their organizations and enabling CH2M HILL to provide the best value and service.

CH2M HILL is dedicated to being a reliable corporate citizen and sustainability leader. The company has adopted formal sustainability policies to ensure that they "walk the talk."

CH2M HILL's current programs and accomplishments include more than 30 "Green Teams" whose employee volunteers raise awareness about sustainability within the company and in their communities. In 2004, CH2M HILL developed an environmental management system to reduce its environmental "footprint" and increase operating efficiencies. The company continues to make progress in the areas of procurement, recycling, facilities, business travel, and regulatory compliance.

CH2M HILL is committed to strong business ethics, employee well-being, and industry leadership. Its leaders hold high level positions in organizations that promote the global dialogue on sustainability. Contributing to communities through financial gifts, in-kind services, and volunteering is another important part of the CH2M HILL corporate culture.

**LUL Guild
Announcements**

Derby Cruise Committee

The DC committee met on Monday, February 27 at 6:00 pm. **The committee would like your input at the March 13 meeting regarding using a caterer vs. members providing the food. Please give this some thought so that we can discuss in more detail.** In an effort to retain more proceeds from our raffle (last year \$256 collected - \$200 cash prizes = \$56 net), the committee will provide donated items for prizes in lieu of cash prizes. The committee requests a volunteer to help with the distribution of raffle tickets.

Sponsorships/Donations

The Program Committee requests everyone's help in securing sponsorships/donations. Any amount or donated item will be greatly appreciated. Our dues do not cover our everyday expenses, so it is up to all of us to find ways to supplement our revenue.

March Meeting

Our March 13th Guild meeting will be held at the UofL University Club complete with hor d' oeuvres and refresh-

ments. Special thanks to the UofL and LUL board member and past Guild member, Dr. Mordean Taylor-Archer for giving us this special opportunity.

VITA

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provides working families with free tax preparation. The VITA program allows families and individuals to receive every tax benefit available to them, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). By supporting this program, we can directly help boost a working family's income plus a savings in tax preparation fees. By increasing income to working families, the VITA program directly effects the family's or individual's ability to become or remain self-sufficient.

"Super Saturday" was a big success. The tax preparers worked long hours along with many Guilders to help those in need with their taxes. Volunteers are still needed, so please contact Bobby Atchley if you would like to volunteer a couple of hours on a Saturday to help with copying, etc., between now and April 15.

**LUL Guild
Events**

Easter Egg Hunt/Cook-out

Our annual Easter Egg at THP will be Saturday, April 15. Please bring candy and/or plastic candy-filled eggs to either our March 13 or April 10 meetings. We will assemble the Easter treat bags immediately after the April 10 Guild meeting. Also, the Masons have again volunteered to help us with this event by providing hot dogs, etc.



**LUL Guild
Calendar**

March

- 4 VITA
- 11 VITA
- 13 Guild Meeting
- 18 VITA
- 25 VITA

April

- 1 VITA
- 3 Derby Cruise Committee Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 8 VITA
- 10 Guild Meeting and Easter Baskets - 6:15 p.m.
- 15 Easter Egg Hunt and Cookout VITA

May

- 6 **Derby Moonlight Cruise** - 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
- 8 Guild Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
- 20 LUL Diversity Soiree - Galt House Hotel

June

- 12 Guild Meeting/Annual Reports/Election of Officers - 6:15 p.m.