



NBCFAE-Headquarters

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Greetings from the President

I must say I am impressed with the number of members that have been attending our membership meetings lately. We even have had past Washington Headquarter Presidents come out such as Clarence Butcher, Ron Jennings, Ralph Randall and Marcus Brown. We appreciate your support and welcome your ideas. Members that have not attended meetings in a while have been showing up and volunteering their time to head up activities. (That is what I am talking about). In my last message, I outlined several activities that the Washington Headquarters National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) would like to accomplish in the next year. We still need the help of **every member**. I would like to have more of you come up to me and ask where you can help **your** organization.

I am always looking for new opportunities for us to feel more like a group. We are all in this together, so to speak. I believe by supporting NBCFAE sponsored group activities, events, (i.e., NBCFAE Pre-Holiday Gala), and conducting NBCFAE Outreach activities we demonstrate that commitment.

Some time ago some of us had the opportunity to buy long sleeve red cotton shirts with the NBCFAE symbol on them. Recently, I put out a request to see how many of our members would be interested. The response is outstanding. Do not miss out on this opportunity to order a shirt (like the one I'm wearing in the photo). What better way to show **support** at the next National Training Conference, on Fridays and membership meeting days here in the building at the Federal Aviation Administration that you belong to a great Employee Organization.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a new year filled with new ideas, opportunities and achievements.

In Unity,

Margarete Henson Berrios,
President, Washington Headquarters Region
NBCFAE



President – Margarete Berrios

A Successful Pre-Holiday Gala

NBCFAE Headquarters Region would like to thank all of you who attended our Pre-Holiday Gala on November 14, 2008. We had nearly 150 members and friends celebrate the season with us, including the NBCFAE National Executive Board and numerous past Presidents and retirees.



Secretary Joan Griggs and National Executive Board member Ron "Bags" Bagley at the Gala.

Dinner, beverages, line dance instruction, XM Radio DJ - Dr. Nick (former FAA'er Nick Johnson), all made this a wonderful event. Upcoming events sponsored by HQ NBCFAE will be posted in the Newsletter.

Adopt a School Program

By Norma Ely

I am looking for names of elementary schools in the lower income areas that I can contact to possibly adopt in the HQ Adopt a School Program. Please e-mail me: Norma.Ely@Faa.Gov, your school names as soon as possible so that we can get this program started.

Norma Ely
Andrews Air Traffic Manager (Acting)

HQ Outreach – Educational Activities

Our National and Regional President's are encouraging members to take part in Aviation Education, and outreach programs in our area. If you participate in any type of mentoring, career fairs, or science programs, please pass this information on to Marcus Brown, Editor of the newsletter, so we may record and track the information. Community outreach is part of the Administrator's Flight Plan, and is encouraged at all FAA offices. In addition, you will be doing a great service to the community.



Marcus and one of his classes at Chase Elementary School in Temple Hills, Md. (Nov. 14, 2008)

Gifts From the Heart

The NBCFAE Gifts From the Heart Committee delivered holiday packages to two deserving families at Thanksgiving. No additional families were nominated for Christmas, so the same two families received assistance at Christmas. In addition to food and a grocery gift card, additional gifts delivered were toys and clothing (jeans, underwear, gloves, and hats) along with wrapping supplies, so the parents were able to enjoy wrapping gifts themselves.

Thais Davis-Campbell, Gifts from the Heart Chair

Members Buffet – December 18

Headquarters NBCFAE members attended a Christmas buffet on December 18. Lunch was served between 11:30am and 2pm. This event was **free** for members. The buffet included turkey, honey ham, meatballs, chicken, hot dogs, green beans, barbeque beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls, cake, pie, sodas and water. Door prizes were given away, and we had a great time.

This was a way for us to say "thank you" to our members who have supported us through the years.



Monthly Meeting Telcons

Our monthly membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless notified otherwise. For your convenience, you can dial in at noon 202.493.4180 pass code 2920.

NBCFAE Headquarters Officers

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