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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

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Christine Diaz with her daughter, Imani

A New Direction For Working Women — CLUW will host its 14th Biennial Convention on October 10-13, 2007, in Las Vegas. Over the course of the past 33 years, CLUW has been in the forefront to promote affirmative action in the workplace, encourage participation of women in the political arena, advance legislation to better address the needs of women and their families, organize the unorganized and promote the growth and development of women seeking leadership positions. **This year's CLUW convention is an especially important one.** We will come together to determine the best strategic plan that will direct us in accomplishing our ambitious objectives and fundamental goals set forth in our founding principles. There are no easy solutions to the issues that women and working families face, but by coming together, sharing ideas and networking with others throughout the trade union movement, we keep the conversation alive and make progress possible. With these ideas in mind, I hope you will join us for what promises to be an exciting convention, with dynamite speakers and a host of workshops to further inspire and empower CLUW members to ensure **CLUW is THE NEW DIRECTION FOR WORKING WOMEN.**

For more information please visit the CLUW website: www.cluw.org.



Working America Invites You to 'Ask a Lawyer'

Working America, the 1.6 million member community affiliate of the AFL-CIO is offering a free online service to help workers understand their legal rights on the job. "[Ask a Lawyer](#)" is not a substitute for personal legal representation, but a forum where workers can submit questions on work-related topics and get answers from recognized legal experts. Among the recent topics addressed in the Ask a Lawyer forum are: "Is there anything I can safely write about in a blog for which my employer cannot fire me?" and "Can my employer fire me for what I do on my own time outside of work?" For answers to these and other questions about work-related issues and to learn more about Working America, visit www.workingamerica.org

ExpressJet Reserve Flight Attendants — If you are having difficulty contacting scheduling to block in after an assignment, please call an inflight supervisor or the duty desk rather than waiting on hold for an extended period of time for a scheduler.

Airline Unions Strengthen As Carriers' Fortunes Improve — Industry analysts say airline labor unions, which were forced to give ground on wages and other issues amid a wave of financial difficulties, are strengthening along with carriers' improved finances. "The fact that the unions are still around is a victory, given the poundings some of them took in bankruptcy court," said Lowell Peterson, a labor attorney.

FAA Reauthorization Bill Promotes Passenger Bill Of Rights — The House and the Senate have similar versions of language promoting a passengers' bill of rights in their FAA reauthorization bills. Under the legislation, carriers would be required to have a backup plan for providing passenger necessities, and passengers would be allowed to deplane at the four-hour mark.

Boeing To Roll Out Dreamliner July 8 — The world will get its first look at Boeing's 787 Dreamliner on July 8, in a simulcast event hosted by Tom Brokaw. The airliner is the world's first to be made primarily of carbon composites. "This is the next evolutionary step in aviation," says an aviation consultant. "It's a game-changer for its manufacturing and assembly processes and will probably be mimicked by succeeding airplanes." Continental has reported it has a firm order for 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliners. A spokesman for Continental said the aircraft will help the carrier maintain its average fleet age of less than 10 years and unlock additional international expansion opportunities. To view the webcast this Sunday, log on to www.boeing.com or www.newairplane.com.

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each base must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Newark: Tuesday, July 10th, 3:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Airport Hotel.

Cleveland: Thursday, July 12th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Houston: Tuesday, July 17th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, July 18th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.



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