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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

## Friday, November 21, 2008



**Son of NTA Flight Attendant 2008 Scholarship Winner**– The District 142 Scholarship program is offered for members in good standing of District Lodge 142 as well as their legal children who are 2008 graduating high school seniors. Thomas F. Kelly, son of Newark based Flight Attendant Maria Kelly, had his essay selected as one of the six winning essays. District Lodge 142 General Chairperson Michael Cianci presented Maria Kelly with Thomas' Certificate at the November 11, 2008 Local Lodge 2339N business meeting. Thomas will be attending Loyola College and

\$1,000.00 will be paid directly to the institution from the District 142 Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to Maria and her son Thomas for his achievement and best wishes to Thomas in his educational endeavors.

**Negotiations for the Flight Attendants at CommutAir** continued this week on November 17, 18, and 19 in North Olmsted, Ohio. The Union and the Company continued discussion on investigations, the grievance procedure, system board of adjustment and leaves of absence. In addition we began discussions on seniority and providing crew meals while flying out of the Newark domicile especially when situations arise creating insufficient time to get a meal during the duty day. Both parties are working on a solution to this problem. Significant progress was made this week and we look forward to continue negotiating an agreement for the Flight Attendants at CommutAir. The parties agreed to additional dates and will continue negotiations in January. The Union wishes to reach an agreement that you will ratify in an expeditious manner. Your support is essential to reach such an agreement. We will update you with future developments as they occur.

*The officers and staff of Air Transport District Lodge 142 wish our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.*



## Complete the Survey; Benefit All Flight Attendants –

Over the next few days, you may receive a survey from the Federal Aviation Administration on crew duty, rest, scheduling, health, alertness, and fatigue. At the direction of Congress and the President, the FAA Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City is sending surveys to approximately 23,000 U.S. flight attendants in the months of November and December and will analyze and report participant responses next year. The survey may be completed online or by returning the paper version mailed to you. **Only a few flight attendants from each airline will be selected, so it is very important that you respond if you receive the survey.** The IAMAW encourages you to complete and return the survey. Your honest and confidential feedback will help government, industry, and employee representatives make the best possible decisions to ensure the safety and health of flight attendants and the traveling public. In accordance with scientific sampling protocol, all data will be completely anonymous, and the IAM will not know who is chosen to participate in the survey. Participation is strictly voluntary but is strongly encouraged. Thank you for your support as we continue to enhance the safety of the flight attendant profession.



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#### Class dates:

#### 2008

November 25

December 2, 9, 18

#### 2009

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 24, 26

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

**Newark:** Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Cleveland:** Thursday, December 11, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Houston:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

**Guam:** Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room