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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 7, 2008



President-elect Barack Obama

The world is a different place today. A new optimism, a new hopefulness and a new spirit courses through our land. The challenges we face seem less daunting; the obstacles in our path seem less formidable. And it is all because one man decided “Yes, we can!” President-elect Barack Obama’s historic campaign reminded America that it had lost something very, very special: the can-do-anything spirit that has been our hallmark since the first shots were fired at Lexington and Concord. Re-igniting that drive and determination was what his remarkable candidacy was all about. And sixty-two million of his countrymen echoed his “Yes, we can!” The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers congratulate Senators Barack Obama and Joe Biden on their decisive victory. It was – and is – a thrilling example of America’s can-do spirit.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants Ratify Agreement – The tentative agreement reached October 14, 2008 and unanimously recommended by your negotiating committee has been ratified by a majority of the voting membership. The changes made to the current agreement are effective November 1, 2008. IAM District Lodge 142 and your negotiating committee thank the membership for their professionalism, patience and support during this process.

CommutAir Flight Attendant Negotiations – Negotiations will resume the week of November 17th, 2008. Information regarding additional meeting dates for December will be announced once the dates are finalized. Please continue to encourage your fellow flight attendants to provide the Union their contact information. As future developments occur you will be advised.

Machinists Deliver in Election 2008 – IAM members from coast to coast delivered on their pledge to put boots on the ground and go all out to elect Barack Obama, Joe Biden and a long list of labor-friendly candidates. In the battleground states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, hundreds of IAM members knocked on thousands of doors and made untold phone calls to help channel voters' anger and frustration in a worthy direction. "For some, this election was the culmination of eight long years of hard work and determination to get this country back on the right track," said IP Tom Buffenbarger. "For others, it was the high water mark of a crusade for change that stretches back to the voter registration drives and civil rights marches of the 1960's. For all of us, it is an opportunity to face the extraordinary challenges of a troubled world with new energy, new leadership and new ideas. On behalf of the entire IAM Executive Council, I want to say how very proud and grateful I am to every member who helped make this day and this dream possible."

Crewmember Self-Defense Training

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Class dates:

November 11, 20, 25

December 2, 9, 18

Houston Area

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Class dates:

November 11, 25

December 9, 18

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, November 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, November 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

Guam: Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room