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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, July 18, 2008



IAM Transportation Departments General Vice President (GVP) Robert Roach met with officers of Local Lodges 2339N, 2339H and 2339C, General Chairpersons from District Lodge 142, and staff from the IAM Transportation Department in Washington, D.C., on June 18, 2008, to evaluate the IAM's servicing of Continental Airlines Flight Attendants and to immediately implement programs to enhance representation. GVP Roach met with Flight Attendants on June 23, 2008 for One-on-one discussions and to hear suggestions as to how the IAM could better represent Flight Attendants. Flight Attendants

addressed the following topics as their primary concern; Increased Availability/Visibility; Improved Communication; and Flight Attendant Feedback. GVP Roach wrote a letter detailing these concerns and the IAM's commitment to provide Continental Flight Attendants with superior representation. You may view/download this letter from the recently re-designed District Lodge 142 Flight Attendant website by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.iamdl142.org/FA/Bulletins/2008/CO.FA.07.14.08.pdf>

The next meeting of the Coalition of Flight Attendant Unions will take place on July 31, 2008 and will be hosted by the United Steel Workers who represent the Pinnacle Flight Attendants. Items on the upcoming agenda will include but not limited to a legislative review, report from work group on a coalition coordinated message, a report from Mary Schiavo, former Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, an update on the Flight Attendant Fatigue Study, reciprocal jumpseat agreements, merger and acquisition discussion, and a negotiations update. The District Lodge will provide an update at the conclusion of the meeting, which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

Continental Flight Attendant Virginia Stogner McDavid is a Candidate for State Representative, House District 138, of the state of Texas. A Meet & Greet is being held, July 29, 2008, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the "Sheet Metal Workers Hall" in Houston, Texas to support Virginia McDavid and her campaign. To learn more information about Virginia, including her views and positions and for further information on the Meet & Greet, please click on the following link.

<http://www.votemcdavid.com/2008/07/02/virginia-mcdavid-meet-greet/>



ExpressJet Airlines – Most of the financial and operational information requested from the carrier has been received and is currently being reviewed. Meetings will soon be scheduled with the carrier to discuss the future business plan, as well as the carrier's expressed desire to achieve cost savings.

CommutAir Flight Attendant Negotiations Meeting Date Set – As a follow up to the July 1, 2008 bulletin new negotiating meeting dates have now been established. Negotiations will resume September 17, 2008. We are working to establish additional meeting dates and will provide that information once arranged. Please continue to encourage your fellow flight attendants to provide the Union their contact information. As future developments occur you will be advised.

Local Lodge 2339N Placed in Trusteeship – General Vice President (GVP) Robert Roach advised members in January 2008, that issues affecting the membership in Newark required that Local Lodge 2339N be placed under supervision. Since then conditions have not improved, in fact, they have deteriorated. Therefore, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the membership of Local Lodge 2339N to place the Lodge under trusteeship effective July 1, 2008. In accordance with the provisions of the IAM Constitution, Grand Lodge Representative Carla Winkler was named as Temporary Trustee or Deputy to direct the affairs of the Lodge during this trusteeship. Grievances will continue to be handled in the normal, contractual manner. You may be assured that we will take whatever actions are necessary to protect the interests and welfare of our members. In this regard, you will be receiving additional information concerning what actions are intended to take place regarding proper care and handling of the representation of all of our Flight Attendant members.

Crewmember Self-Defense Training	
Newark Area Essex County College Police Academy 250 Grove Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 Contact: Rocco L. Miscia (973) 877-4352 Email: miscia@essex.edu Mary Beam (973) 877-4350 Email: beam@essex.edu Class dates: July 24 August 5, 12, 19, 27 September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October 7, 14, 23, 27	Houston Area Lone Star College - North Harris 10041 Regal Row, Suite 170 Houston, TX 77040 Contact: Deb Pruitt (281)260-3598 Email: Debra.L.Pruitt@nhmccd.edu Class dates: August 7, 12

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, August 12, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel
- Cleveland:** Thursday, August 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.
- Houston:** Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.
- Guam:** Wednesday, August 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.