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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, October 2, 2009

The Coalition of Flight Attendant Unions met this week in Dallas, Texas. As you may know, the unions meet several times a year to discuss issues that affect flight attendants throughout the industry. Participating for the IAM were General Chairman Brian Wozniak, IAM Economist Peter Greenberg and Legislative Director Hassan Soloman. Agenda items discussed included a legislative update from each of the unions and a commitment to combine our efforts, whenever and wherever possible. Patricia Ireland spoke to the group regarding a couple of meetings that are in the planning stages on how to get all stake holders to come up with a way to stabilize the airline industry. Other items that were discussed included DOT/TTD Aviation Policy Forum, Turbulence Mitigation Programs, Fatigue Study, TSA Crew Pass and a lengthy discussion on contract negotiations. The coalition has gained insight as to how companies approach issues, like negotiations, and how it appears almost choreographed between the major carriers. The participating unions gained valuable information to assist our members by exchanging information in the area of grievances, arbitration cases and FAA issues.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants

- 2010 Flight Attendant Vacation Bid's opened October 1, 2009. CIL 09-078 explains the process. Don't forget to bid!
- ExpressJet is offering employees flu shots at the company clinics for \$8. EWR and IAH clinics are open 6:00 am - 8:00 pm, seven days a week; CLE is open 6:00 am - 8 pm Mon-Fri, closed weekends. Shots are available while supplies last and you will need to show your company I.D.
- ExpressJet's prepaid travel policy change has been postponed until March 1, 2010. Many flight attendants have voiced concerns to their union representatives. The Union asks that you submit your concerns to your representatives in writing so that we may address them with the company.
- There has been a recent increase in complaints from reserve flight attendants regarding Scheduling and how FIFO is being applied. All complaints must be submitted in writing, together with all supporting documentation (pairings, pool displays, FIFO lists, date/time/scheduler's name for tel. calls) so that your concerns may be addressed with the company.

2009 Bi-Annual District 142 Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on October 19 -22, 2009. The convention will be called to order on Tuesday morning, Oct. 20, and it will adjourn on Thursday, Oct. 22. This gathering will be different from previous conventions. In addition to reports from Grand Lodge and District officers, we will hold breakout sessions followed by reports from several of our committees. Committees in action include the Education Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Communications Committee and the Ground and Flight Safety Committee. Delegates will choose the breakout sessions in which they want to participate. At the convention's breakout sessions, the leaders of these committees will report on what they have done over the past year. Session participants will then discuss issues they want their committees to address in the next two years. At the end of the session, each group will approve the report that will be read to the entire convention. This participation by the delegates will benefit our entire membership and create more active committees. Delegates will return to their local lodges, many of which don't have these committees, and help them improve service to their members.

H1N1 Makes a Strong Comeback – Health experts expect the H1N1 to become much more wide spread in several areas of the United States. Fortunately, the seasonal flu has not been a factor to date and now is the time to take precautions to help prevent yourself and co-workers from becoming ill. Get your flu shots as soon as they become available. Wash your hands often, sneeze into your sleeve, remember to use gloves when picking up trash, use the sanitizer's that are provided for you and if you are sick, please stay home and don't pass it onto your co-workers. While H1N1 could mutate aggressively into a deadly pandemic killing millions, Dr. Margaret Chan of the World Health Organization, now admits that well into the flu season in the Northern Hemisphere that H1N1 has apparently not mutated. With that being said, if you suffer from a compromised immune system or have a chronic illness or are pregnant, you should take extra precautions and consult your doctor at the first sign of any flu like symptoms. If each of us does our part it will go a long way in slowing the spread of the flu and H1N1.

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:

Cleveland: Thursday, October 8, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Newark: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Houston: Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room