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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 13, 2009

Contract 2010 Survey Now Available

Contract negotiations are once again upon us and as a result of an overwhelming membership response with contract proposals that were submitted we have developed a negotiation survey that will assist the Negotiating Committee with members concerns and demands. This survey will be the first of 3 surveys over the next several months, providing your Negotiating Committee with a detailed picture of members needs to date. Don't

miss an opportunity to have your voice heard and to have your input included in the negotiation process. Go to survey link and take the survey today.



Survey link: <http://iamsurvey.iamaw.org/checkbox/Survey.aspx?s=d177f19eca1b4bf1b6fc9a28b3f20383>

District Lodge 142 launched the “Contract 2010” webpage recently, which will be your main source for information regarding contract negotiations. Local Lodge websites have a direct link to the “**Contract 2010**” web page, ensuring easy access for all members. Visit the web page often and stay informed during negotiations.

Contract 2010 link: <http://www.iamdl142.org/contract2010/>

Flight attendants are a step closer to qualifying for benefits under the Family and Medical Leave Act (**FMLA**) that IAM flight attendants have enjoyed because of their contract for many years. The Senate approved a measure late Tuesday clarifying the intent of the FMLA law that will cover airline flight crews. The current law provides eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family emergencies or after the birth of children. Employers with 50 or more employees are generally covered. Because flight crews don't work a traditional 40-hour week they were considered excluded under the original law. The House already passed similar legislation earlier this year. House members are expected to pass the Senate's version of the bill before the end of the year. Union officials believe it is likely a bill will be ready for President Barack Obama to sign by year's end.

Flight Attendants Working Trips to Mexico – Mexican authorities are enforcing regulations regarding items that crewmembers are allowed to bring through customs when entering Mexico. **Working crewmembers may not bring alcohol (liquor) and cigarettes into Mexico.** See company Inflight Bulletin 09-154, dated October 12, 2009, for a list of items that you are permitted to bring into country. If you have any questions please speak with a Union representative at your base.

LaHood to create panel to fix airline industry – Secretary Ray LaHood said Thursday he will create a special panel to come up with a plan to restore health to the ailing airline industry, which is losing billions of dollars, shedding jobs and blamed for using a business model that critics say undermines safety.

Read the full article: http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/1310ap_us_fixing_airlines.html

Crewmember Self-Defense Training	
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Class dates: 2009 November 19, 27, 29	Class dates: 2009 November 27 December 3, 22

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:

- Houston:** Tuesday, November 17, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd
November and December Monthly Union Meetings to be Held at LL Office
- Guam:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room
- Newark:** Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel
- Cleveland:** Thursday, December 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive