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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, February 27, 2009

District Lodge 142 will hold its Fourth Annual Flight Attendant Conference April 13



thru 16, 2009. This year's conference will focus on a variety of subjects, some of which have been addressed in previous conferences, as well as a special Negotiations module. We are looking for flight attendants who have not attended the previous conferences in order to gain a wider audience. Space is limited and priority will be given to those who have not

attended before, so don't be left out, sign up today. Contact your District General Chairperson or base committee at any base grievance desk and secure your place at this conference. Time to register and conference slots are limited, so don't miss out. We look forward to your participation and input at the conference. Travel will be on Monday, April 13, Conference dates will be Tuesday/Wednesday April 14 and 15, 2009. On Thursday April 16, 2009 (departure day) we will visit the IAM headquarters before continuing onto the airport for travel back home.

District Lodge 142 Scholarship Competition – District Lodge 142 is pleased to announce its 2009 Scholarship Competition opened February 16, 2009. The competition will be open to all members in good standing of District Lodge 142 as of February 1, 2009, as well as their legal children who are 2009 graduating high school seniors. The winners of the competition will receive scholarship tuition of \$1,000.00. This money will be paid directly to the college or accredited institution of higher knowledge, at which the entrant is accepted, for tuition only. The competition will be based on an essay competition, the subject of which will be selected by the Scholarship Committee. The essays will be judged on grammar, style, syntax, originality and content, and the decision of the judges will be final. To apply for the competition, a fully completed application form together with an essay must be sent by U.S. mail to the District Office and postmarked no later than midnight April 30, 2009. Competition will open on February 16, 2009 and will close at midnight April 30, 2009. Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered. Winners will be announced on June 30, 2009. Application forms for the competition together with specific rules and regulations are available through your Local Lodge or on the District Lodge 142 website www.go142.org. Additionally, the General Chairperson assigned to your area can provide answers to any other inquiries concerning the entire program. Good Luck to All Participants!

ExpressJet Flight Attendants please make sure when using FMLA that you notify scheduling as well as your supervisor when you can not fly an assigned trip on your schedule. It's been reported that there has been an increase in missed assignments because scheduling wasn't aware of flight attendants out on Family Medical Leave.

National Group Protection Insurance will be offered at the Houston base in the Continental & ExpressJet crew rooms beginning March 11 - 17, 2009. Dates and details are being finalized for a visit to the Newark base this April. Underwritten by American Bankers Life Assurance Company, you can elect to have accident; cancer; critical illness; or universal life insurance coverage for yourself and/or your family members. There will be representatives in the crew rooms to explain the coverage being offered for IAM members. District Lodge 142 will notify our members when National Group Protection representatives will be coming to your base for enrollment. Flight Attendants from all bases transiting through Houston during this time are welcome to enroll.



Crewmember Self-Defense Training

Newark Area

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Class dates:

2009

March 12, 19, 26

Houston Area

Lone Star College - North Harris
10041 Regal Row, Suite 170
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Class dates:

2009

March 10, 19

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, March 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, March 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

Guam: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room