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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 6, 2009

**DISTRICT LODGE 142 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION** – District Lodge 142 is pleased to announce the opening of its 2009 Scholarship Competition, beginning 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](http://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!

**Restore Fairness to the National Mediation Board** – President Barack Obama has



an opportunity to replace the Mediation Board's anti-worker chair, Read Van De Water, with a labor-friendly appointee. Van De Water, whose term expired in July 2006, previously was the legislative counsel for international trade and investment with the Business Roundtable, and legislative counsel and director of government affairs for Northwest Airlines. Airline employees need a National Mediation Board that defends their rights, and IAM members can help make that happen. Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard (D-CA) is urging her fellow members to sign on to a letter imploring President Barack Obama to take swift action to appoint new labor-friendly members to the National Mediation Board.

The pending merger of Delta and Northwest and new rounds of airline industry bargaining ahead, IAM members are asked to take a few brief moments to urge your U.S. Representative to sign on to Rep. Royball-Allard's letter to restore fairness to the National Mediation Board. You can call, write a custom email or send a pre-written message to your representative directly through the IAM website at [www.goiam.org/transportation](http://www.goiam.org/transportation).

**Continental Airlines flight attendant dedicates her life to helping animals –** A new dog and cat spay/neutering clinic will open its doors for the first time this month, potentially saving the lives of thousands of Pinellas County animals that would otherwise be euthanized. SPOT, or Stop Pet Overpopulation Together, will offer low cost spaying, neutering and other services to pet owners at its new clinic at 4403 62nd Ave. “Thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized annually, not only in Pinellas County but all over the United States as well,” says Pamela Borres, founder. Borres, a Continental Airlines flight attendant who flies to France, Germany and Switzerland several times each month, launched SPOT in 2004 after adopting a dog from the SPCA. Borres points out that her clinic is not an alternative or competition to local veterinarians. Besides fixing animals, the clinic will sponsor “doggie boot camps,” a two-day obedience course, and a variety of other programs. Eventually it will offer microchip services and rabies, heartworm prevention, nail trimming and dog washes. The facility has one veterinarian on board and several qualified assistants. A new operating room, cages and other equipment is already in place. “We may eventually open other clinics in Florida,” Borres said. “Pet over-population is a problem all over the state, country and world.” Persons interested in donating money or equipment are urged at contact Borres at 727-545-3463.



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**Pamela Borres, right, founder of the new Stop Pet Overpopulation Together clinic, holds dog with assistants Maria Ryan, left, and Jill McDonald.**

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### **Crewmember Self-Defense Training**

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**Class dates:**

**2009**  
**February** 12, 24, 26

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**Class dates:**

**2009**  
**February** 18  
**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, February 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

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

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

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