



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

## Friday, April 17, 2009

**This week, the Annual District Lodge 142 Flight Attendant Conference** was held at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center (W3). The conference took place over two days (April 14 and 15) and covered a broad range of topics, which addressed the many facets of the Machinists Union as well as contract administration, upcoming negotiations and the labor movement in general. The majority of the members in attendance were from Continental, ExpressJet and Continental Micronesia and for many it was their first time at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center. It was also the first time for many our members to attend such a conference, which is exactly what this event was designed for, reaching out to new activists. This was a very successful conference thanks to the Staff at W3 as well as the energetic participation of the attendees. We look forward to next years' conference.



**On Thursday, April 16, a meeting on changes to the Family Medical Leave Act** was held at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center for District 142 General Chairs; Local Lodge Grievance representatives and Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) committees from all four Flight Attendant bases. At this meeting, Carla Siegel from the IAM Legal Department, reviewed the numerous and recent changes to the FMLA law, updating your representatives with the necessary knowledge to represent our members' best interests.



**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, May 12, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Cleveland:** Thursday, May 14, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Houston:** Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

**Guam:** Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room