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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, June 19, 2009

**Continental Airlines Flight Attendants Call For Contract Proposals Extended.** Due to numerous requests the deadline to submit contract proposals has been extended. Each proposed change should be submitted separately on a contract proposal form. Proposal forms can be obtained from the grievance committee, or submitted online via <http://www.iamdl142.org/proposals>. You must include the following information:

1. Identify the section and paragraph to be amended.
2. Proposed contract language change or modification.
3. Example of problem or reason for change.
4. Your name, employee number, and Local Lodge.

All proposed changes must be submitted online **or** to your base grievance committee for screening and categorization **no later than July 24, 2009**.

**Continental's Bid for Antitrust-immunity Hits a Snag** – AP Airlines writer, David Koenig, reported Wednesday, June 17, 2009, that Continental Airlines' bid for antitrust-immunity with United Airlines hit a snag at the Justice Department. Continental Airlines, United Airlines and others have been working on trans-Atlantic service and has recently hit a new snag with the Justice Department seeking to review the plan. April 2009, the Transportation Department gave preliminary approval to Continental's request for antitrust-immunity, allowing Continental to coordinate prices and schedules with United. On Wednesday, Attorney General Eric Holder indicated that his department wants a say in the matter. Continental has predicted it will win immunity. Click [here](#) to read the full story or paste this link into your favorite browser.

URL: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/New-snag-for-Continental-apf-15551265.html?.v=1>

**Continental Airlines Flight Attendants base transfer requests** on file with the company will automatically expire on July 1, 2009. If you currently have a transfer request on file and you would like to transfer bases, you may submit a new transfer request after July 1, 2009 (and prior to the July 5, 2009 deadline) or you may go online with the company's CCS computer system "**Inflight Forms System**" and check the box that indicates your desire for your current transfer request to remain on file after the July 1, 2009 expiration date. Transfer requests for the August 2009 bid month must be on file by 1000 hours base local time on July 5, 2009.

**ExpressJet Flight Attendants** please make sure that you are provided complete and proper paperwork by customer service agents prior to accepting unaccompanied minors on your flight.

## Machinists Women Applaud Secretary Solis' 100 Days – A delegation of IAM



*(left to right) IAM Executive Assistant Diane Babineaux, Nicole Washington, Local 2339C; Kristal Taylor, Local 2339N; Amanda Reurink, Local 2339N; Gail Frye, Local 2339N and Sheryl Kee 2339C.*

women activists, led by Executive Assistant Diane Babineaux, gathered recently at the historic Women's National Democratic Club in Washington, D.C. to commemorate Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis' first 100 days in office. Among the issues discussed was the role that women must have in the developing green economy and the need for fairness in the workplace. Solis, pictured below, also expressed concern for conditions faced by women and girls across our borders and overseas. Solis lamented the lack of attention that working women's issues received during the last eight years and declared that her department would give them the emphasis they deserved.

Also discussed at the meeting was the need for a strong leader at the Labor Department's Women's Bureau. The position of director is currently vacant. According to its 1920 mandate, the Women's Bureau formulates standards and policies to promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency and advance their opportunities for profitable employment. "Labor has taken a backseat for eight long years with budgets and bureaucrats that were actually hostile to working men and women," said Transportation Grand Lodge Representative Carla Winkler, who welcomed the opportunity to provide input. "Finally, we have a strong advocate in the Cabinet who understands the role of unions and women in shaping this nation's future." Founded in 1922, the Woman's National Democratic Club was the first meeting place for Democratic women in Washington, D.C. The club's twice-weekly events have endured for nine decades and provide a lively forum for discussion with speakers such as Hillary Rodham Clinton, E. L. Doctorow, Madeleine Albright, Jim Lehrer, Vernon Jordan, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Loretta and Linda Sanchez and other prominent national and local figures.



**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, July 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Newark:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Guam:** Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

**Houston:** Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel