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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, September 18, 2009

**Continental Negotiation Preparation Continues** – The Union negotiating committee



has been formed. The committee is: Brent Thompson General Chairperson EWR, Brian Wozniak General Chairperson IAH, Ernie Dominguez General Chairperson EWR and Randy Hatfield General Chairperson CLE/EWR; Marcus Valentino CLE Base Chair, Nick Ruiz IAH Base Chair and Sheila Hammond IAH Flight Attendant will serve on the negotiating committee. Once Local Lodge 2339N elections occur this December a member from 2339N will be added to complete the committee. This

week the committee spent time at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center preparing strategies, reviewing data and assessing screened contract proposals for the upcoming negotiations. In the near future the first of several membership surveys will be available for additional membership input through the District 142 web site. We strongly urge your participation in these surveys when available as yet another method for you to express your preferences, opinions and desires on important contractual issues. A date for the commencement of negotiations will be set within the next several weeks. You will be advised as future developments occur.

**Continental Flight Attendants using the Terminal “E” By-Pass door** should be aware of the security requirements for the use of this airport entrance. **Only on-duty Flight Crew members are allowed to use** the Terminal “E” By-Pass door at Bush Intercontinental Airport. Make sure that you answer all security questions honestly and correctly. Flight Crew members are not allowed to use this By-Pass door if; *you are commuting to or from work and/or you are traveling non-revenue for business or personal travel.* Continental Airlines Inflight management has recently terminated Flight Attendants for failure to comply with these directives. In addition crew members are subject to personal fines up to \$10,000.00 for violations. While the Union will continue to challenge the recent firing of our members, your Union representatives ask that members use their best judgment when using this By-Pass door at Terminal “E”.

**Do not risk losing your job!**

**World Health Organization recommended steps you should take to protect yourself from catching influenza A(H1N1)?** The main route of transmission of the new influenza A(H1N1) virus seems to be similar to seasonal influenza, via droplets that are expelled by speaking, sneezing or coughing. You can prevent getting infected by avoiding close contact with people who show influenza-like symptoms (trying to maintain a distance of about 1 meter if possible) and taking the following measures:

- avoid touching your mouth and nose;
- clean hands thoroughly with soap and water, or cleanse them with an alcohol-based hand rub on a regular basis (especially if touching the mouth and nose, or surfaces that are potentially contaminated);
- avoid close contact with people who might be ill;
- reduce the time spent in crowded settings if possible;
- improve airflow in your living space by opening windows;
- practice good health habits including adequate sleep, eating nutritious food, and keeping physically active.

**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, October 8, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Newark:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Houston:** Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

**Guam:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room