



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

**Friday, May 14, 2010**

### **Continental/Continental Micronesia Flight Attendant Update**

This morning a meeting was held with Continental management for the purpose of receiving a presentation of the reasons for and the anticipated synergies to be derived from the proposed merger. While informative, there still remains many questions for which there are no definitive answers at this time.

The Company committed to keeping us abreast of all relative developments and definitive information going forward.

As we receive additional information you will be advised. You can view updated merger information at the District 142 web site [www.go142.org](http://www.go142.org).

Contract negotiations will continue next week for the Continental agreement.

**Currently there are many rumors, emails, websites and social pages** purporting to have factual information on seniority integration, pensions and contract activities. There is only one entity that supports, protects and has the best interests of the Continental Flight Attendants in mind and that is the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (**IAM**).

The IAM will continue to provide members with facts and will not participate in the current speculation of this merger. Both Continental and United are still wholly owned and separate entities until a merger is approved by the Department of Transportation (**DOT**), and the Department of Justice (**DOJ**). Until then, the IAM, its' officers, attorneys, accountants and staff members are working very hard to make sure our members have the best contracts, pensions and seniority integrations allowed by law.

District Lodge 142 provides up-to-date merger information on its website, [www.go142.org](http://www.go142.org). Stay informed by visiting the website often and spread the word to your fellow crewmembers. This is an era of instant communication and quick responses, but the bottom line is that the information that you receive and then relay to others must be accurate and timely.

## **ExpressJet Flight Attendants:**

**ORD Base Transfers are now closed:** Please view Section 11. B., of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (**CBA**) regarding transfers and remember it is the flight attendant's responsibility to withdraw his/her transfer request if he/she decides not to transfer. Once awarded, the transfer must be accepted.

**Line Construction:** The Union encourages flight attendants to address their questions regarding lines and how they are built to the "Line Building Committee" at [xjfalinebuilders@hotmail.com](mailto:xjfalinebuilders@hotmail.com) and to review the **CBA**, Section 5. A., Line Construction.

**Restoration of February Lost Days Off:** The union is aware that the company is making progress towards restoring days off that were lost this past February, however your union representatives ask flight attendants who have not had those lost days off restored in April, as agreed to by the company, please contact your union representatives with the current status of your particular situation. Every month that your days off have not been restored are considered by the union to be an additional violation of the **CBA** and thus must be considered when arguing the grievance with the company. This information will assist your union representatives in pursuing any additional grievances.

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:

**Houston:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

**Guam:** Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

**Newark:** Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Cleveland:** Thursday, June 10, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive