

**PLEASE NOTE:** This “printer copy” of our weekly eNews contains excerpts from the full email and online version, which include much more detail and links to related stories, videos and additional information. See [nwaafa.org](http://nwaafa.org) for complete stories, to sign-up to receive eNews and more.

“Employees were given a choice of a bomb pop, chocolate éclair bar, ice cream sandwich, strawberry shortcake bar, bunny track cone, vanilla brownie cone, or a turtle sundae bar. The summer boost event is one of several celebrations that will begin systemwide this fall.” August 6, 2010 DeltaNet,

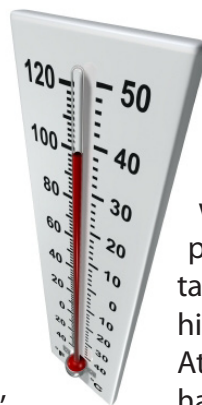
~“DTW Employees Cool Off With Ice Cream Treats”

### CABIN FEVER: **PAGING CAPTAIN KOOL**

Delta offers employees ice cream treats to cool their jets (see August 6 DNN story), allows ACS (gate) staff to chill with T-shirt and jeans weekends, and tosses weekday work ties as a warm summer “thank you.” Meanwhile, stuck in layers, still sticky and stewing, Flight Attendants are melting in sweltering cabins as quickly as Captain Kool’s consolation.

Today, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA released a News Alert as part of a greater awareness campaign, alerting members, management and concerned travelers to the health hazards of dangerously overheated aircraft cabins. Watch for additional coverage via new venues shortly, barring immediate management policy changes to enable expeditious and consistent aircraft cooling.

If our ongoing pressure toggles the A/C switch in your favor, you can bet they won’t credit your union. Perhaps they think frozen treats will buy their blind eye more time? As before, if you have exhausted all other options, you may call the OCC directly to request emergency assistance in securing cooler air for your flight at (800) 233-4638. **And remember, if you don’t report it, it didn’t happen.**



### FLIGHT ATTENDANT EQUAL RIGHTS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY—25 Years Since Mary Pat Laffey’s Landmark Win

This year marks the 25th anniversary of winning the Mary Pat Laffey v. Northwest Airlines lawsuit, a landmark case that forever changed how women are perceived in the workplace. Mary Pat Laffey Inman, and all who were part of this suit, braved corporate and social prejudice to pursue hard-won rights sometimes taken for granted just one generation later. The historic case forged the way for female Flight Attendants to work past the age of 32, marry, have children, wear eye glasses, stop fearing mandatory weight check, become Pursers—and at the same rate of pay as their male counterparts, and enjoy single occupancy rooms on layovers. None of it came easy. It took 15 years to win the suit, which included two trips to the Supreme Court. Check out [www.nwaafa.org](http://www.nwaafa.org) for an inspiring commemorative YouTube video.

### VIEW FROM THE JUMPSEAT: “Just the Facts, Ma’am”

Joanne Smith recently invited Flight Attendants to “Get the Facts” in an email sent to everyone last week: “Amid all the rumors and speculation, it’s often hard to separate fact from fiction—much less make an educated, informed decision when you vote in the upcoming union election.” We couldn’t

agree more. On the heels of Delta's famous "Give it a Rip—Don't Click Don't Dial" campaign where Flight Attendants were discouraged from voting in a representation election, the new message that facts come only from "Decision 2010" blogs carries dubious credibility. Check [www.nwaafa.org](http://www.nwaafa.org) to read responses to Joanne's virtual sign-up sheet for the "facts" by two members frustrated with Delta's heavy-handed "Vote No" campaign and its drain on our company resources and time.

## THE SCOOP

**What's the scoop?** Is it true managers are dressing up in uniform and engaging members in casual conversation about the union in our lounges, computer rooms and other work areas?

**Here's the Deal.** *Whether cruising the ramp in ice cream trucks or mingling under cover in uniform, management is mixing it up socially these days. In street clothes or uniform, days on or off, occasional managers and passionate "No Way" activists are reportedly chatting their way into casual lounge discussions throughout the system. That's okay. You know your stuff. And if you don't, you know where to find the answers. We can enjoy a Captain Kool bunny track cone, but when served with the slant, we don't bite. And if management drops more than a bomb pop your way, Interference Reports can be found online.*

## AFA ENLISTS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Last year's Open Enrollment process for 2010 and other ongoing benefit concerns continue to negatively impact fellow members and retirees. AFA representatives have worked tirelessly to remedy these situations. After months of insufficient response from management, however, we have taken the additional proactive measure of filing a report with the U.S. Department of Labor, which can be viewed in full online.

## INITIAL PURSER TRAINING CLASSES

Delta recently announced they will be conducting an Initial Purser Training class for 100 new Pursers

(50 from PMNW and 50 from PMDL). The five-day training class will be conducted in Atlanta from October 11-15, 2010. If you are a PMNW Flight Attendant based in DTW, HNL, MEM, MSP, NYC or SEA and are interested in becoming a Purser, please review the qualifications on the portal and apply by Monday, August 16 at 9:00 AM Eastern Time. Further contractual information regarding Pursers can be found in Section 9 of the Agreement.

## MEC LOD COMMITTEE UPDATE

Language of Destination patterns can be identified by their pattern class codes in Crew Access (DE, PH, JP, KR, etc.). These patterns retain their LOD status up to and including the SLAP run on the day preceding the operation of the pattern. If no LOD Flight Attendant picks up the pattern during SLAP, the trip returns to Open Time under a new pattern number available to non-LOD FAs during the same SLAP run. In order to pick up the new pattern, you must enter a generic request, since the new pattern number will not be posted for specific entry. For example, pattern 120 is a 3 day trip for a German LOD to FRA. The syntax LFRA can be entered as a generic for this trip, in case pattern 120 is not first picked up by a LOD FA. The MEC LOD Committee requests that you immediately report any deviation from LOD pattern processing to your Local Executive Council. Read more LOD news, including information about the addition of Spanish and Portuguese to the LOD program on the LOD Committee Page at [www.nwaafa.org](http://www.nwaafa.org).

**Be sure to check out your eNews online or in your email inbox for more, including the following "In the News" stories:**

**Another Group Urges USDA to Investigate American Airlines Puppy Deaths,**

Dallas Morning News, August 6, 2010

**Seven Puppies Die After American Airlines Flight During Broiling Heat Wave,** ABC News,

Aug. 4, 2010