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“...the day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward, when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed...that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor for a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it.”

~ **Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, regarding Labor Day, 1898**

## THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

On September 5, 1882, some 10,000 workers gathered in New York City to participate in America's first Labor Day parade, inspiring additional union-generated celebrations throughout the country. Congress established Labor Day as a national holiday fourteen years later. Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

## FA FIRED FOR REVEALING SHE QUALIFIES FOR FOOD STAMPS

*“No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level - I mean the wages of decent living.” ~ President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

On August 25th, Compass Flight Attendant Kirsten Arianejad was terminated for publicly revealing she qualified for food stamps. Rather than address the real issue—poverty wages, Compass management seeks to silence the messenger. We need to let them know this will not work; you cannot silence the truth! Your NWA-AFA MEC wrote to Compass CEO Tim Campbell in support of our union sister Kirsten. Read the complete AFA Press Release and letter of support at [www.nwaafa.org](http://www.nwaafa.org).

At many carriers, hardworking flight attendants are forced to get by on food stamps, while CEOs make millions. Most of the public has no idea. This is our opportunity to get the message out and help one courageous flight attendant get her job back. On Tuesday, September

7th, Compass AFA will hold informational picketing and leafleting at the MSP airport. If you would like to show your support for Kirsten and speak out for a living wage for all flight attendants, contact the Compass MEC at [misp@afacompass.org](mailto:misp@afacompass.org) for more information.

## COMPUTER HELP DESK CONTACTS CHANGE

Locked out of Atlas or the DeltaNet? Having trouble with your LMS for CQ? Phone numbers to the PMNW computer help desk in MSP will be changed this week, effective September 1. The new contacts are (404) 714-4357 or toll free (888) 714-0529. Please be patient. It appears calls to the new help desk numbers are being rerouted overseas.

## FACEBOOK PRIVACY AND SECURITY TIPS

**ATTENTION FACEBOOK USERS:** Take a few minutes to check the privacy settings on your profile and related Facebook pages. Several times during the past year, Facebook has adjusted its internal and third party marketing features, revamped its privacy policies and changed default settings. A simple permission change from sharing with “Friends Only” to “Friends of Friends” (and especially “Everyone”) can electronically hand deliver your personal information to an exponentially larger—and not always friendly—audience. New features, such as the recently unveiled “geotagging” (adding geographical identification data to online messages or photos), may

cause less-than-private default settings to expose even more information, potentially placing you in harm's way.

Remember that posting travel and layover details can be an advertisement to criminals that you are out of town. Consider prying eyes when determining your privacy settings AND application settings. Use caution in posting casual remarks about your personal or professional life, in light of the expanded audience your sharing preferences might unintentionally include. Be particularly mindful of privacy settings when revealing off-the-job personal information, especially if you choose to voluntarily participate in company-sponsored Facebook pages. Facebook's own marketing and expansion strategies drive recommended suggestions that lean toward broader inclusion with less privacy, unless you establish your own customized settings.

## **SING OUT IN THE UNION SONG CONTEST BY LABOR DAY**

Write a song about what you like about your union and/or your Union Plus benefits for the Union Plus Union Song Contest and you could win \$2,000. Songs must be uploaded no later than Labor Day—Monday, September 6. See [www.unionsongcontest.org](http://www.unionsongcontest.org) for more details.

## **TELL CONGRESS: PASS THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION BILL (YES, AGAIN)**

Every three to five years the FAA is funded through legislation in the House and Senate. The current funding extension expires on September 30, 2010. AFA-CWA was successful in writing several Flight Attendant friendly provisions into this bill, but Congress must act now. Visit the NWA-AFA Government Affairs Committee page for information about how you can tell your U.S. Senator to support your career by passing the FAA Reauthorization Bill.

## **INTERNATIONAL HOTEL SECURITY**

Recent outbreaks of drug-related, political and other violence at or near international crew layover hotels in Rio de Janeiro, Bangkok, and Mumbai prompted additional inquiries to Delta's Security, Flight Safety, and Flight Operations departments. Given the volume of procedural changes in the past year, NWA-AFA seeks to clarify details

of the policies and best practices employed by Delta to ensure the highest level of personal safety for our members.

## **FUTUREfocus**

On August 27, 2010, AFA-CWA General Counsel Ed Gilmartin filed our showing of interest with the National Mediation Board. This means we provided signed authorization cards by PMDL Flight Attendants combined with the PMNW System Seniority List that exceeds the minimum threshold required to call for a representational election. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Delta to provide its list of eligible voters. Both of these events are the critical steps necessary for the NMB to call our election and establish election dates. The process is entirely out of our hands at this point, but we believe we can reasonably expect to hear more specifics in early September.

## **MEC MEETING AGENDA**

The next NWA-AFA MEC meeting will be held on September 21-22, 2010 in MSP

## **IN THE NEWS**

Check your eNews inbox for following industry news stories:

**Delta labor campaigns intensify**, The Sunday Enquirer (Cincinnati), August 29, 2010

**Airline workers want pay, benefits restored**, USAToday, August 25, 2010

**The Evolution of the Flight Attendant**, AOL Travel, August 23, 2010