
Reserve Committee: This month on Reserve 10/2009

Monthly Message from the Chairman:

On this official inaugural edition, I would like to welcome all of our inflight members to our monthly newsletter. We encourage you to visit our homepage at IAM2339h.org. We, your committee, are here to assist and listen to you, as well as answer your questions about life on reserve, or any other questions you may have regarding our local lodge. Look for us working alongside of you on your flights, airport alert, or in the airport. Our pledge and our driving force is to keep you informed, and work hard for you. We encourage you to send us your questions, comments, issues or concerns to reservelife@hotmail.com. On behalf of the members of our Reserve Committee, Fly safe! and we look forward to serving you.

*Marvin Molina
Chairman
Reserve Committee*

“Introducing Your Committee”

The Reserve Committee is composed of 6 flight attendants, from all different types of backgrounds, here is a little bit about who they are.....

Marvin Molina: Has been a flight attendant for 5 years. Two years as a F/A for Frontier Airlines, and 3

years as a F/A for Continental. As a F/A for Frontier he was a strong supporter in trying to organize the flight attendants under a union. He came to Continental in 2006 and is HOS based. His educational background is in Direction of TV, Film and Theatre with a minor in Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Christine Diaz: Has been with Continental for 11 years, and has been with Inflight for 9 years. She is IAH based. Christine is also active in other committees on our local union, including Chairperson of the Legislative Committee, and serving on the Executive Board as well as being Vice President of our L2339H Lodge.

Rene Trujillo: Has been a flight attendant since February of 2001. He is currently IAH based and has also been based in EWR. His area of interest is contract and reserve contract issues.

Marilyn Ruth Burke: Is a 10 year flight attendant based in IAH. She has two master degrees and has been a teacher, school counselor, property manager, florist, waitress and a real estate broker in her previous professions. She also enjoys skiing and is savvy on trip trading.

Jesse Lindenborn: Has been with Continental for 4 years, he started in cargo sales in September of 2005, and joined Inflight in March of 2006. Jesse graduated from the University of

Houston with a BBA in Finance and a minor in European Business. He also worked for a year as a project manager, developing new software for monitoring medical licenses for board actions and federal penalties.

Roy Harper: Has been with Inflight for 2 years, and is IAH based. His knowledge of computers including Windows, Excel, Power Point and Word is Extensive.

“Trip Trade Corner”

Did you know: If all reserves would put phone numbers in, 80% of trades could be done during the mutual window. Flight attendants need days off and so do you. It only takes a few minutes. Trading is hard enough on reserve without us working against each other.

Also, if you are job sharing or have a half month leave while on reserve, in order for flight attendants to trade with you, someone has to call trip trade exceptions and have them release your days. That could be the reason no one has been trading with you. If you have questions, please email us back and we will post the most asked questions in coming newsletters.

“I may have many faults but being wrong ain't one of them”-Jimmy Hoffa

By: Rene Trujillo

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“CONTRACT 2010-The Next Generation”

We are approaching the initial amendable date for our current contract. That means the Union (on OUR behalf) will be stepping up to the bargaining table to rework our current contracts. This should be a reminder for ALL of us that the contract we get is the contract that we WORK for. It is up to each one of us to make our requests known to the union. That means communicating with your elected union representatives and attending the meetings. Let them know what you expect, both in the scope of the contract and what is expected from them and the negotiating team. This contract is going to be very important to the Continental Inflight group as we go forward. You can help shape the contract that we carry forward into a contract that we can point to with pride in our industry.

By: Roy Harper

“On Airport Alert”

Crew scheduling can only extend airport alert to six hours IF there are no reserves available at home in your **geographic** domicile that are good for a multiple day trip. According to Chapter 5, section I,

paragraph 8; if there is even one reserve at home good for a multiple day trip in IAH, HTA, or HOS, regardless of ISM status and regardless of base, no one can be extended to 6 hour airport alert. If you happen to be extended to 6 hours, please immediately pull up reserve availability in all 3 bases to see if there are any reserves sitting at home good for a multiple day trip. If there is even one, please don't hesitate to call scheduling back and challenge them on this section of our contract; and if necessary, follow up with a union representative.

By: Jesse Lindenborn

“Movin’ on Up (like George and Weezy)”

Flight attendants that are close to getting a move-up line may want to join Face Book.. It is a GREAT way to communicate with one another as to who just built their line and informs you how close you are and when you are next on the list. Ron Nolan, Supv. Crew Scheduling, wants Flight attendants to call scheduling IF (and only if) you are 100% certain you are next on the list. Otherwise, do not call - it slows down the process.

Be aware of your social network postings, however. A flight attendant got disciplined because s/he was on Facebook while on duty on the airplane and his/her supervisor noted the time the message was sent... So, be careful, be wise, and refrain from doing it while on

duty...To join the Face Book move-up line chain, look for Marilyn Ruth Burke, FA/IAH on face book and/or look for her email address, mrbUnlimited@yahoo.com.

By: Marilyn Burke

Important things to Remember!!

- *When Dealing with Scheduling always note the time, date, and with whom you spoke! If not clear ask them to repeat. This is essential in the event of a grievance!*
- *ALWAYS take a grievance representative when dealing with Management, This is your RIGHT!*
- *Spread the Word!!*
Reservelife@hotmail.com is where to contact us, please include your name, base, email address and phone number with your questions, comments, problems or ideas...Let all Reserves know that they are being represented by a Committee!

THE MONTHLY UNION MEETING

November 2009

November 17, 2009

Will be held at:

The Marriott IAH Hotel.

General Chairperson Election

Dec 15, 2009 @ the

Weatherford Building (more info to follow on Next Months Newsletter!!)

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