

RED TALES

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Operation Donation – The First Annual Operation Donation, sponsored by IAM Local 1833, Association of Flight Attendants, American Red Cross and Salvation Army, can only be described as a huge success. In 2 days, 48 hours, around the clock, we collected a semi truck full of clothing, toys and non perishable food. This included 543 winter coats. The Red Cross collected 68 pints of blood. Over \$1,500 in cash was donated. It took over 200 volunteers to pull it off.

First conceived of by ESE Pat Sullivan as a way our unions could give back to the community, the idea was quickly embraced by our union Local and the leadership of the AFA, in particular, Katie Martin. The IAM and AFA have collaborated from start to finish to make this happen.

We want to give special thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their contributions: Ramada Inn MOA, Fat Lorenzos Restaurant, Cub Food, Wings FCU, Appert's Food Service, Union Office Solutions, National Group Protection, Geyers Signal and a special thanks to Pat Sullivan's wife – Laura.

What Now? – Many of us became aware on Friday, October 30 that the IAM had withdrawn the Delta Fleet Service Single Carrier Application. This means that the representation

election for baggage handlers will not be moving forward at this time.

We would like to refer you to the IAM District 143 website at iam143.org, where you can access a detailed Q&A, a news release from the IAM Transportation Department and a letter from IAM General Vice President, Robert Roach Jr. concerning this issue.

Our Local will also be holding special informational meetings with IAM District 143 President, Steve Gordon next week to get input from members and answer questions. We will give you dates for these meetings as soon as they are set. Please brace yourself for an intense propaganda barrage from Richard Anderson and Delta Air Lines.

Rule Change – According to the October 30 edition of the Wall Street Journal, “The federal agency [National Mediation Board] planned Thursday to send a proposed rule change to the Federal Register backing the AFL-CIO's request...” The requested rule change would count only those votes cast in a union representation election, instead of counting those who abstain from voting as votes against the union. The NMB's support of the change is good news for those who support democracy and who support workers' rights to unionize.