

# RED TALES

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**AFA and IAM** – At the Minnesota State Fair the IAM and AFA (flight attendants union) have booths that are adjacent. Volunteers from each union have gotten a chance to talk and get to know each other. When fairgoers stop by to chat and sign cards to Congress asking for a real jobs program, they often end up in a three way discussion. One group of unionists reinforces the other. This mutual support will be key to each union's efforts to win their respective union representation election.

Both unions are also promoting Operation Donation on October 22-24, a joint project of the AFA, IAM and Salvation Army to collect non perishable food, gently used clothes and new toys.

The Red Cross has now joined this effort by sponsoring a blood drive. The Red Cross Blood Bank will be open from Noon to 5PM on October 22 and 10AM to 3PM on the 23rd. To sign up, go to [givebloodgivelife.org](http://givebloodgivelife.org). Go to the right column and hit Donate Blood. Type in the zip code-55450. Find the date, event and time. Then sign up. The collections and Blood Bank will be held in the Bldg. C parking lot. To volunteer to help this effort, please call 612-790-2221.

**Stock Clerks and Supply Attendants** – Representatives from these groups

recently began a weekly conference call to build support in that class and craft and assure victory in a representation election. Workers from a number of cities shared ideas on how to focus literature and solidify support.

**Union Officer Elections** – You can make nominations for the following positions at the Day Shift Union Meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 4PM:

All 8 Local 1833 Executive Board positions, a three year Ramp and Stores (ESSC) Shop Committee position, AM and PM Chief Steward positions for Ramp (Bldg. D) and Bldg. C (Stores).

**Ford Harrison** – This is the law firm founded by Delta Vice President, Michael Campbell. To get an idea of where Mike is coming from, go to their website at [fordharrison.com](http://fordharrison.com). You can see why they oppose the Employee Free Choice Act. The Act might;

- 1-make it harder to subcontract work
- 2-lead to significant pay raises
- 3-allow OT after 8 hours instead of 40
- 4-lead to use of seniority for layoffs, promotions, transfers and recalls
- 5-lead to more workers having defined benefit pension plans (like the IAM Plan)

Significantly, these are all things the IAM has in the NWA/IAM contracts.