

RED TALES

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(612-726-2230) Newsletter of the MSP ESSC Shop Committee (612-201-0383)

Sim Techs – We have received many questions about the recent Sim Tech union representation election and wanted to clarify several points. First, the Sim Techs lost their election. Of 91 eligible voters, 43 voted for a union. 46 votes were needed for the Sim Techs to win representation. Second, the IAM has filed carrier interference charges against Delta with the National Mediation Board. The IAM is requesting a new election. The NMB will rule on this request. If they find there was carrier interference, they will schedule a new election. We don't yet know what the time frame will be for resolution.

Union Authorization Cards – Pre merger Northwest IAM members received 2 union authorization cards in the mail in recent days. If you are PMNW, you do not have to sign these cards. When you come in contact with PMDL employees you should ask them to sign an authorization card. All of us should consider ourselves organizers for the union cause. We need these cards signed to ensure we have an election for all groups. Delta has been hiring across the system to push the numbers of non union employees up. In addition, as they have done in all other representation elections, Delta will attempt to add ineligible employees to the voting list. The more cards we have

signed, the more secure our right to have a vote will be.

Solidarity Celebration – Saturday, March 20 from 5PM to 1AM at the Ramada MOA. Special Room Rate of \$69 per night. Call 800-328-1931 for reservations. Rate code CGIAOM. All PMNW, PMDL ramp, stores, clerical, ticket agent, reservation agent, World and Sky club reps and Sim Techs invited.

Polar Plunge – On February 27 thirty five members of IAM Local 1833 and the AFA, along with friends and family, jumped into the frigid waters of Crystal Lake to benefit the Special Olympics. Our team was the top fundraiser for the South Metro event, coming in at over \$9,000. Goal for next year – 50 participants and \$15,000. Thank you to all those who donated money or jumped. For pictures go to localiam1833.org.

Spring Bid – According to MSP Director Bill White, the Spring Ramp Bid will likely start around the first week of May. A seniority list will go up next week.

Union Meeting – Thursday, March 11 at 4PM. Regular Day Shift at the Bloomington Eagles Club. First reading of proposed bylaw changes will take place at this meeting.