

# RED TALES

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

**Polar Plunge** Time is running out, but you can still register to take the Polar Plunge. Call Pat Sullivan at 612-790-2221 for details. You can also come and cheer the Red Tail Flyers at Crystal Lake on Saturday, February 27 at 2PM. We will gather at the Apple Valley American Legion after the Plunge to thaw out.

**Solidarity Celebration** – The date is set. March 20 from 6PM to 1AM at the Ramada MOA. General Vice President of the IAM, Robert Roach Jr. will speak and answer questions from 5PM to 6PM at the Ramada.

We are also extending an invitation to all Delta baggage handlers, ticket agents, World Club employees, reservation agents, clerical employees, stores employees and simulator technicians system wide. Your families are welcome as well. There is no charge.

For those who wish to stay at the Ramada on the night of March 20, we have arranged a special room rate of \$69. You may call the Ramada at 800-328-1931 or 952-854-3411 to make reservations. Please give them the code – CGIAOM – for the special room rate.

**Union Meeting** – The dayshift union meeting of Local 1833 will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 4PM at the

Bloomington Eagles Club. Nominations for District 143 Officers (President, Secretary Treasurer, Trustee and General Chairs) will be taken. Contract negotiator nominations will be taken as well. Our Local will also vote at this meeting on which candidates to endorse for the Officer Election in June 2010.

**Agent In Charge** – We have had initial discussions with local management about the AIC position. We believe we will have a mutually agreeable solution to the problems posed by this position in the very near future.

**Union Coalition** – The ESSC Shop Committee, CSA Committee in MSP and Local President Ken Hooker have been meeting with other unions that represent workers at the airport. This includes flight attendants, TSAs, janitors, Host Marriot workers, Sky Chef workers and workers at American Airlines.

Our purpose in meeting is to find ways to support each other. Janitors and others signed hundreds of cards to support our effort to change NMB election rules. IAM members have been signing a petition to show support for janitors who face employer demands to do away with full time jobs and health benefits. We have told their employer we will support the union workers.