

# RED TALES

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**Safety** – A Delta safety memo dated February 23, 2010 identifies 5 key safety behaviors. They are making sure the safety zone is clear during aircraft movement, using personal protective equipment, using equipment safely, safe operation of jet bridges and proper conduct by wing walkers. It also notes that these “behaviors are never to be compromised, regardless of operational needs, staff shortages etc.” Further, the memo states, “When a safety behavior is observed not to have been followed...stop the operation – regardless of operational impact. Correct behavior immediately.” We absolutely agree.

**Summer Schedule** – According to information gleaned from MSP Town Hall Meetings there will be around 200 mainline flights per day in MSP. We will have approximately 40 Compass flights per day. Regional Elite Airline Services (formerly Mesaba) will handle an additional 240 to 250 flights per day. This brings Delta’s summer schedule to around 480 to 500 flights per day.

**Last Call For The 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 and PMDL ramp, stores, clerical, ticket

agents, reservation agents, World and Sky Club reps and Sim Techs invited.

**Solidarity Works** – Negotiations between Twin Cities Janitors and their employers began with demands for abolition of all full time jobs, wage cuts and destruction of insurance benefits. But that’s not how they ended up. On March 1 after a marathon 26 hour bargaining session, an agreement was reached with the owners of Marsden and ABM Janitorial Services.

The contract settlement included wage increases, creation of more guaranteed full time positions, job security when building owners choose to switch cleaning companies, improved medical insurance in every category from prescriptions to deductibles and the use of environmentally safe cleaning products to protect the health of janitors and the environment.

The janitors of SEIU Local 26 thanked members of IAM Local 1833 for their support in a letter. “Hundreds of IAM members signed petitions in support of our fight for a decent contract. These were delivered to ABM management during our negotiation sessions by Local 1833 members and leaders...We look forward to the day when we can return the favor. We know one thing for sure. Solidarity works.”