

# RED TALES

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**Wages Plunge** – According to USA Today, wages for workers in the private sector have fallen 1.4% this year through September. If the trend holds it will be the biggest annual decline in wages since 1991. Weekly wages have tumbled largely because employees are working fewer hours – an average of 30 per week – than at any time since the government began tracking the data in 1964. Hourly wages are stagnant or declining too.

**OPERATION DONATION** – Please remember that Operation Donation begins Thursday, October 22 at 12 Noon. Bring gently used and new winter coats and clothes, new toys and non perishable food to the Building C Parking Lot. We will be there for 48 hours around the clock. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the C Parking Lot on October 22 from Noon to 5PM and October 23 from 10AM to 3PM. Walk up blood donation will be accepted.

**Please remember to slow down on these days because of extra traffic and activity.**

**No Overtime** – Despite being short staffed on the ramp, the Company has not been calling in overtime to correct the problem. Delta has made a business decision to cut costs by cutting staffing. Please do not sacrifice your body to

make up for the lack of staffing. Follow all safety procedures. Protect yourself and your coworkers.

**Pro Labor Attorneys** – Baptiste and Wilder is a pro labor law firm that represents many rail and airline unions. Go to [bapwild.com/blog](http://bapwild.com/blog) for an excellent commentary on the request by the AFL-CIO for a change in the election rules for workers covered by the Railway Labor Act. This blog also has informed and insightful commentary on a number of other issues pertinent to airline workers.

**Union Meeting** – The next regular night shift union meeting will be held on October 29 at 11:15PM. The meeting will be held at the Bloomington Eagles Club.

**IAM Pension Fund** – IAM Pension Representatives will be available on October 21 from 10AM to 6PM in the G Transfer Break Room. On October 22 they will be in the Ramp Level Agent Break Room (by Gate F4) from 10AM to 6PM.

**Vacation Bidding** – Vacation bidding will take place from November 30 to December 4. You must also fill out a DAT Usage Form by October 30 to show how many DATs you want for 2010.

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