

RED TALES

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New York City Rally – More than 500 unionists and supporters from New York and across the country gathered in Times Square on August 19 to show support for workers at Delta Air Lines who are pushing toward a union representation election. The President of the New York Central Labor Council promised the support of all of his 1.4 million members. Dozens of Delta flight attendants were also in attendance. A representative of the International Transportation Workers Federation pledged the support of nearly 1 million transportation workers world wide.

IAM International President, Tom Buffenbarger, IAM Transportation Vice President, Robert Roach Jr. as well as other IAM leaders were there to speak and show support. They promised that no expense would be spared to win our election. Several dozen Local 1833 members were also present.

Pro Union – The following is a testimonial given to us by ESE and Trainer, Mark Ford.

The English clergyman and poet, John Donne wrote, “No man is an island, entire unto itself.” At each stage of life, a certain measure of accountability, monitoring and oversight is necessary for us to prosper. As children we were

accountable to our parents, teachers, etc. As we grew older, it was law enforcement, significant others and our employers. No individual or company, regardless of size, does well “entire unto itself”.

It goes without saying that Delta Air Lines monitors its employee’s behavior. Shouldn’t we monitor theirs? As employees we can not expect any one to stand up for us, except us. To that end, the IAM must be our voice. Without a union there will be no oversight, monitoring or accountability. Our fate will be in the hands of corporate America. Those who remain will find themselves on an “island”, and their voices will never be heard. The last part of John Donne’s quote reads, “Any man’s death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

Operation Donation – The Association of Flight Attendants, IAM and Salvation Army will be joining forces on October 22 through October 24 to gather coats, clothes, new toys and non perishable food items. Monetary donations are also accepted at Wings Financial. The collection point will in the Building C Parking Lot, 48 hours, round the clock. For more information or to volunteer call 612-790-2221.