

RED TALES

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Eye Exams Revisited – According to our contract, our insurance covers one eye exam per year for each family member covered (Article 27 of the Ramp and Stores Black Book Contract). Here are some tips for making sure you don't have trouble getting your eye exam paid for.

-Make sure your provider is in network. You can check this by going to myhealthcareview.com.

-Be sure to tell your health care provider you have PPO Option B and do not have Davis Care and that this is your annual eye exam.

-Give your provider your Delta employee #.

We are still trying to work out the glitches with Delta Human Resources. Please contact us if you are having problems.

Union Meeting – The late shift union meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 11:15PM. It is important that you attend so we can authorize funds for the June 19 Union Picnic. We will also have important updates on the union organizing drive.

Union Coalition – We continue to meet with other airport unions representing TSA workers, janitors, flight attendants, Host workers and Sky Chef workers.

Our aim is to offer each other support. For example, TSA workers are seeking to have their union, which is already functioning, recognized by the U.S. Government. We are supporting that effort. Sky Chef workers are facing a tough contract fight and need help.

These unions are helping us as well. Flight attendants are talking to Delta ticket agents and ramp workers in down line stations about the benefits of having a union and collecting cards for us. The janitors, Sky Chef workers and TSOs signed cards in support of the effort to have the National Mediation Board change the rules for representation elections.

We are making plans now to use our joint power to impact the Metropolitan Airport Commission. Currently the MSP airport is not always a union friendly environment. Unions in other cities have helped pass pro worker ordinances. LAX and SFO both have livable wage ordinances for airport workers.

Workers Memorial Day – April 28 is Workers Memorial Day. Please remember the 29 miners who were killed in West Virginia in a non-union mine. Remember the role our union plays in protecting safety. "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living." - Mother Jones, labor activist.