

RED TALES

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

Changes In The FMLA Process – As of June 1, you will have to call Sedgewick CMS at 877-673-3582 to notify them you are using intermittent FMLA. You must notify the admin. office at 612-727-6078, as well. When you are going on military leave, you must notify Sedgewick and Cheri Lindgren at 612-726-4429. You must present Cheri with your orders 30 days prior to the expected leave date.

For new FMLA cases please see Cheri. She will make sure FMLA paperwork is generated by Sedgewick and that you are properly paid for your Medical Leave. If your FMLA is for yourself, please fill out a Sick Slip. If it is for a family member, fill out a PACE Slip.

If you have any questions or problems with this process, please see the Shop Committee immediately. Sedgewick is a vendor used by Delta to handle all matters related to FMLA.

Me Too Arbitration – The transcripts of the “Me Too” arbitration case have been completed several weeks early and returned to Northwest and the IAM. This should move the process forward ahead of schedule. They had been scheduled to be completed by July 3.

Picnic – In the past Northwest Airlines had always provided free airline travel passes and other donations to our IAM

Local 1833 Picnic. Unfortunately this was not the case this year. Guess we are not part of the Delta Family.

Employee Assistance Program – Delta has mailed new EAP information to NWA and Delta employees. The EAP help line number is 800-533-6939. As with the NWA Program, there are 3 free counseling sessions available with a professional for help with your problem.

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists – The CBTU Convention was held in Atlanta last week. IAM General Vice President, Robert Roach Jr. addressed the convention, explaining that the stakes are high for all working people in the U.S. in our union representation election. T shirts and buttons supporting our cause were handed out to all 1,400 participants. The convention went on record with a pledge to support us in every way possible. Vans filled with delegates helped hand out union literature to Delta workers at the ATL airport.

Union Meeting – Next regular day shift union meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11 at the Bloomington Eagles Club.

Human Rights Committee – ESE Bob Savina has been appointed to the Local 1833 Human Rights Committee. He is available on the PM shift, GOF Area.