

2012.01.10 - Update

Looking forward... 2012 will be a year of change for all of us. Change can be scary. Moving towards the unknown can be intimidating. The company has laid out in front of us all of the possibilities which consist of being kept, spun off, growth, sold or even the "possibility of any sort of future at all". Definitely not the positive message we wanted to hear. Add to all of this our current contract negotiations and the future can appear to be very unsettling.

We must not let this distract us from doing our job. Safety must always be our number one concern. We have no greater job responsibility than being active and vigilant in keeping our flights safe. Flight Attendants are a non-deferrable safety item. So please always keep safety foremost in your day to day operations.

Our next membership meeting will be Friday, January 27 at 1400 at the Wingate Cincinnati Airport, 605 Viox Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018 Exit 184 off I-75/71. Our February meeting will be Monday, February 20 at 1800 also at the Wingate Cincinnati Airport, our guest speaker in February will be Rick Dubinsky, IBT International Representative and Lead Negotiator for our negotiations.

For our commuters, once again we remind you to keep your seat requests and recommend that you never cancel your seat request reservation prior to the departure of the flight. Please remember that the company has the right and ability to check any and all information in your travelnet account.

Leave of Absences for all leave types - After calling scheduling, you must call 859.980.7647 and leave a message with the LOA team notifying them that the LPA code is on your line and you would like to have it changed to the appropriate Leave code. This is a voice mail line only. Please don't hang up. Be sure to speak clearly and succinctly leaving all your information necessary so your notification can be processed. We understand this is an annoying procedure. We are currently addressing issues concerning this process with the company. Please have patience while we do so. Progress takes time.

As always your negotiating committee is working very hard on your behalf. During the December negotiations much progress was made. IBT International Representative and our Lead Negotiator Rick Dubinsky is very pleased with the current path we are on and feels we have made positive progress for the group. Please continue to send your suggestions and ideas to facontract@teamsterslocal513.org, they are reviewed on a monthly basis. Currently this is the only resource we have to get your ideas to the committee. Please use it. Your ideas and suggestions have been extremely helpful thus far. We always look forward to hearing from you. Our next negotiating session will be January 17 – 20. Please see the negotiations link on our website for information.

We are sorry to say that our committee member appointments have been delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience. We are working diligently to interview and find the best applicants for the committees.

Concerning the removal of charges from the Local 513 website, after all charges were posted and the Joint Council was made aware of the posting of the charges, we were given a smack on the hand. We have been told that any charges filed are a private matter and should not be posted publicly. However if anyone would like to review the charges they may request a copy from the person or people who brought forth the charges. As most of you know this is a learning experience. We seek guidance from our Teamster mentors and attorney.