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Thinking of Retiring?

Please contact Local 514's Retirement Counselor Mark Loeber for details. Contact details are listed below:

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Bankruptcy Information

Information about the bankruptcy comes almost everyday for hearings etc. The informer only goes out weekly. The Informer is not the best way to keep up with daily information for the membership. We highly recommend that you go to the computer at home or at work and go to www.twu514.org and see daily up to the minute updates. This is the fastest and most reliable way to be informed. You can also sign up for updates at www.twu.org (the international website).

AMR Bankruptcy Updates for April 10, 2012

American Airlines

The TWU's legal team is preparing for trial in New York. AMR "fast tracked" the bankruptcy process with their 1113(c) filing to abrogate our labor contracts. AMR's motion included dumping over 6,500 documents and exhibits with the court filing. The documents spell out AMR's alleged reason for seeking abrogation of all of our CBAs. TWU's professional team of economic analysts, attorneys and International Representatives are in New York reviewing company documents and preparing for our presentation before the bankruptcy judge.

In preparing for trial, the company filed multiple witness declarations with the court. The TWU and other unions are in the process of preparing the union witness declarations. The trial will begin April 23 before Judge Lane. At that point the parties can cross examine the witnesses.

The TWU will challenge AA's case and seek to keep the court from rejecting and abrogating our contracts. AA will argue that it cannot successfully reorganize the airline without getting the \$390 million in concessions from TWU and therefore needs to cancel our collective bargaining agreements. Unless we vote for a consensual agreement, the judge will decide whether or not to reject our CBAs.

Tool Box Drawing for Hershel Stanley

The family of Hershel Stanley is raffling off his tool box. Due to his illness, Mr. Stanley will no longer be able to use his box and his family could use the money. On Monday, April 9, 2012 Local 514 gave Shop Stewards tickets to sell to the membership to help raise money for Hershel Stanley's family. Please seek out your local Shop Steward and help a fellow union member and his family and buy a few tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the June 25th membership meeting. Thanks for your support.

Should I Go to the Emergencey Room?

Many times the emergency room (ER) is the right choice. But did you know your doctor can treat many of the same problems you might go to the ER for -- and seeing your doctor can save you time and money. If your doctor is unavailable, there are other lower-cost alternatives to the ER. Here's how they stack up. When you or a loved one is hurt, you want the best care. Your doctor knows you and your health history and has access to your medical records. If it's not urgent, consider other health care alternatives. Convenient care centers are designed to provide you with fast, appointment-free health care for minor illness and injuries. Convenient care centers can help you with: fever, sore throat (strep testing available), minor injuries (abrasions/scrapes), vomiting, rashes, bug bites, minor cuts that may need stitches, earaches, coughs/congestion, and sinus infection.

Urgent care centers are equipped to handle the same ailments that convenient care centers can handle and more. Urgent care centers can help you with: sprains, strains, minor broken bones (e.g., finger), minor infections, small cuts that may need stitches, minor burns, and xrays.

Emergency rooms are designed for people with serious health events. Go to the emergency room for: heavy bleeding, large open wounds, sudden change in vision, chest pain, sudden weakness or trouble talking, major burns, spinal injuries, difficulty breathing, and major broken bones.

Be a better health care consumer. The cost of medical care can very widely. Your costs depends on where and how you receive care. If it's an emergency always call 911 immediately.

* This is a sample list and is not intended to be an all inclusive list.

United Health-Care Lawsuit

This is what we know. We know that checks have been coming to members at an average amount of \$160 dollars. We also know that there was only \$350,000 to be given to all claimants.

What we do not know is how many people will receive any money from the lawsuit. The Transport Workers Union did not file this lawsuit nor are they in anyway connected to the lawsuit other than providing information to those who maybe involved. We have provided the lawyers names and address for those of you who may want to contact them with questions.

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This Notice is a summary and does not describe all details of the Settlement. Complete copies of the Settlement Agreement, the Amendment to Settlement Agreement, the complaints filed in the Action, the Preliminary Approval Order, and certain other Court orders in this case, except for those filed under seal, may be examined and copied during regular office hours, and subject to customary copying fees, at the Clerk of the Court's Office, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York, NY. Certain of these documents — including the Settlement Agreement and Amendment to the Settlement Agreement — may also be obtained on the website www.unitedUCRsettlement.com.

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TWU Local 514 Jackets

Black TWU, Local 514 jackets are on sale at the Union Hall Office for \$35 each, cash or check. Sizes available are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL.



Brown TWU, Local 514 jackets are also on sale for \$45 each, cash or check. Sizes available are M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL.



Blue denim TWU, Local 514 jackets are on sale for \$25 each, cash or check. Sizes available: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL

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