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## **Thinking of Retiring?**

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

Mark Loeber TWU, Local 514 Retirement Counselor 9175 S. Yale Ave. Suite 200 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137 918-491-0079

### **Bankruptcy Information**

Information about the bankruptcy comes almost everyday for hearings etc. The informer only goes out weekly. For the most current information, 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 TWU** website).

## **USAir Merger**

Because of press coverage of AA/US Airways merger talks, the ATD received numerous phone calls and e mails asking why the TWU does not have a Memorandum of Understanding with AA on seniority integration as the APA and APFA apparently do. However, unlike the flight attendants, the TWU represents 5 title groups (and several other groups beyond the traditional titles), including two in mechanic and related, and not all of these groups are utilized at the bases and line stations. In addition, there are complex bidding rules even within the same work titles. Although we are having discussion with AA about possible integration issues at this time, we cannot negotiate productively until we know who the successor airline in the merger will be, as well as its business and operational plans. Integration of work groups from different carriers is a highly sensitive and complex matter and we have no intention of making agreements covering such issues without full information.

# **Union Counselor Training**

United Way Basic and Advance Union Counselor Training Course for 2013 .

These classes begin on February 12 and will continue for the next six Tuesday evenings. Each class will be two and a half hours in duration beginning at 6:00 PM and concluding by 8:30 PM in the Bailey Room at the Tulsa Area United Way. A graduation banquet will be held following the final session on March 26th. Attendance in at least 5 to 6 classes is required for graduation.

Topics covered will be:

Elderly Care
Workers Compensation
Family and Children's Services
Hospice Care
Credit Counseling

Drug Abuse
Unemployment Insurance
Red Cross Services
other topics

The course is open to anyone interested in learning more about the services in our area. Registration is required and can be done at the Transport Workers Union hall on Pine.

Please contact Tom Albaugh, Vice President United Way Labor Relations, at 918-295-6668 for any details.

## **Health Matters**

### Commit to Wellness in 2013 with a Free Quest Healthmatters Screening!

Are you ready to commit to good health this year? Healthmatters Quest screenings are an excellent opportunity to check up on your health and accomplish your Healthmatters goals to earn up to \$250 in 2013! The Tulsa Base will host the first Healthmatters Quest screening of the year on January 23 in the Blood Bank Room in the CAM Building. Screenings will be offered from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. You will receive \$75 towards your Healthmatters rewards for taking the Quest screening. If you meet at least 4 out of 5 results for healthy LDL, HDL, Total Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, and HGA1C levels, you will receive an additional \$75 in Healthmatters rewards. The screenings are free and confidential, and no preregistration is required. Attend a Healthmatters Quest screening and start earning your Healthmatters rewards for 2013! If you have any questions, please contact Tulsa Base Wellness CHAMP Lela French at lela.french@aa.com or (918) 292-2464. (Lela French, Manager Employee Assistance Program, Tulsa Base)

## **Shop Steward Elections**

#### Steward elections have been postponed.

The Election committee requested that shop steward elections be postponed for 45 to 60 days because of the large movement of shops and members. It just does not make sense to hold elections for many of the areas at this time because the elected steward could be placed in a different area or shops merged which would make the elections a moot point. The elections are expected to begin no later than March 10<sup>th</sup> at which time we should have a much better picture of what the shops are going to be and who will be in the shops.

# **Dig for Dogs**

#### Digs for Dogs Program needs your help!!

The Digs for Dogs project idea was started by Tulsa City Counselor David Patrick. This project allows old trash cans to be converted into dog houses for people that need them for their pets. Pet owners are wanting doghouses faster than are being made. They are needing volunteers and a couple of trucks to help clean the plastic containers and transport back to the animal shelter. Volunteers please come to Dawson Park, 2035 N. Kingston Pl. Tulsa from 9:00am to 11:00am Saturday January 12. Please call Adam Johnson at 918-408-9254.

## **Shop Steward Meeting**

**January 14, 2013** 

7:15am

11:45am

3:45pm

You have a voice, let it be heard!

# American Red Cross blood drive is coming in Jan. and Feb.

APU 1/30/13 Composite Shop 2/5/13 Wheel and Brake 2/6/13 M&E Cam 2/14/13-2/22/13

See postings for details and times.

Website: <a href="http://twu514.org">http://facebook.com/twu514</a> Twitter: <a href="http://twitter.com/twulocal514">http://facebook.com/twu514</a> Twitter: <a href="http://twitter.com/twulocal514">http://twitter.com/twulocal514</a>