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Membership Meeting

Monday, Jan. 30

7:15am

11:45am

3:45 pm

You have a voice; let it be heard.

Tulsa 66ers v

**Fort Wayne** 

Fri, Jan 27

and

Sat, Jan 28

7:00 pm

Tulsa Convention Center FREE vouchers are available at the Union Hall. Limit 10 per person.

> Tulsa Oilers vs Laredo

Jan 29, 2012, 4:05 pm

**BOK Center** 

FREE vouchers are available at the Union Hall. Limit 10 per person.

# **Support American Jobs**

Brother and Sisters,

Over the last few weeks, several committees have been activated to assist in the national publicity campaign to raise awareness in the membership and communities regarding American Airlines bankruptcy. A large part of the campaign involves informing our members, families, and communities about what American Airlines bankruptcy means to workers and our communities that will be affected. The TWU International, Committees and the attorneys feel that this will be instrumental going forward in gaining momentum for our cause. We need you to do your part and actively speak to everyone you deal with in your daily life!

There is one of two ways to show your support. One way is to read and sign the pledge of support card. The other is to sign the pledge on the website: <u>www.ISupportAmericanJobs.com</u>. There is a quick link for this at the top right hand side of the <u>twu514.org</u> website as well. If you sign the pledge card there is no need to sign the website pledge. The pledge card will be transferred onto the website by the staff. Any "hard copy" card can be returned to a shop steward, the grievance office, or the Union Hall.

Please do all you can and spread the word throughout your community!

In Solidarity,

TWU Communications Committee

## **Bankruptcy Update**

American Airlines has asked the TWU International to convene the AA TWU Negotiating Committees in Dallas next Wednesday, February 1, 2012. We are in the process of obtaining additional details regarding this request. The Negotiating Committee is scheduling a conference call for Thursday, January 26, 2012 and they anticipate having additional information which will be released as soon as possible.

### **Rumor Control**

Rumors from the floor about February layoffs in Tulsa are not true. The company has not notified the TWU of any layoffs since the announcement of the bankruptcy filing. However there has been a reduction in force ongoing in the system that might expose some Tulsa Fleet Service Workers. This may have been the source of incorrect layoff rumors.

### **Union Counseler Training**

The Basic and Advance Union Counselor Training Course for 2012 will begin on February 14, 2012 and will continue for the next six Tuesday evenings. Each class will be two and half hours in duration beginning at 6:00 PM and concluding by 8:30PM. A graduation banquet will be held following the final session on March 27th. Attendance in at least 5 of the 6 classes is required for graduation.

Topics covered will be: Elderly Care, Workers Compensation, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Credit Counseling, Red Cross Services, Family and Children Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Other timely topics. The course is open to all Local 514 members interested in learning more about the many services in our area. Please register at the Union Hall on Pine or call 918-295-6668 and speak to Tom Albaugh. Thank you for your advance notice of participation.

#### **Thriving Marriage Retreats**

The first Thriving Marriage retreats the weekend of February 11-12 serving two different groups: couples raising a child with autism, and OKDHS child support case workers and their spouses. These FREE, two-day, one night, all-expense-paid retreats will be held at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK.

The retreats offer couples time away together, valuable relationship skills, and the opportunity to meet other couples with similar experience. During the retreat, couples will participate in relationship-focused workshop that teaches skills for improving communication, keeping the spark alive, and renewing marital commitment. Saturday evening offers a date night with a delicious dinner for two and ends with a few steps around the memories. Sunday, offers a day full of resources and practical information for the specific groups.

Children do not attend, but funding is available to help with childcare. Please note that couples who have attended a retreat within the last two years will be placed on a waiting list.

Thriving Marriages is still working to confirm dates for the rest of the retreats. Other groups served will include grandparents raising grandchildren, foster parents, step-families, National Guard members and their spouses, financially vulnerable couples, and couples who have experienced incarceration.

For Information about and to register for the Thriving Marriages Retreats visit www.yourthrivingmarriage.com or Call: 877-435-8033



#### 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 5X.



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

Please bring the correct change or a check