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Happy Valentine’s Day, Flight Attendant Family! Share the love and fly safe.

Harvard Flight Attendant Health Study at O'Hare This Weekend

The Harvard Flight Attendant Health Study is in the midst of its third wave of participant recruitment for the study. The researchers are able to reach many Flight Attendants who previously participated via email, but they are also looking to recruit participants at airports throughout the country. This also allows Flight
Attendants to meet the researchers face to face and ask questions in person. If you are not yet familiar with their work or this ongoing study that AFA has encouraged since they started in 2007 go to: fahealth.org.

Remember too that this research group recently provided breakthrough findings about the toxic uniforms at Alaska. This helps us define this issue as an occupational health hazard and bolsters our work to ensure airlines use safe procurement for Flight Attendant uniforms.

The researchers will be in the Chicago O’Hare Airport this weekend - February 17-19th in Terminal 1, behind security. We will update members with the exact location once we know it. Look for updates on afacwa.org and AFA’s Facebook Page, facebook.com/afacwa.

AFA Alaska Reaches Merger Tentative Agreement with Alaska Airlines

The leaders of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA), representing Alaska Airlines and former Virgin America Airlines, reached an agreement with Alaska Airlines on a joint collective bargaining agreement (JCBA) covering over 5,400 Flight Attendants.

“We worked hard to achieve improvements for the Alaska Airlines Flight
Attendants while simultaneously balancing the need to quickly address the disparity for the former Virgin America Flight Attendants working under their current pay and work rules. The JCBA accomplishes those goals and provides for a smooth path to combine the two Flight Attendant groups,” said Jeffrey Peterson, AFA president at Alaska Airlines.

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46th Annual Board of Directors Meeting

The 46th Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held April 9th thru April 11th, 2018, in Atlantic City, NJ (Spirit Airlines Hub).

All Local Councils must have a Local Council meeting prior to the Board of Directors. Please be on the lookout for local newsletters about when those meetings will occur. This is your opportunity to weigh in on Advance Agenda Items and provide other feedback to your Local Council President who will represent your council at the meeting. This year is also an election year for International Officers. We encourage you to attend these meetings and provide your feedback on the items to be discussed at the Board of Directors.

More information about the 2018 Board of Directors meeting will be posted on our website in the coming week.