



The Association of Professional Flight Attendants
1004 West Eules Boulevard
Eules, TX 76040
Tel. 817.540.0108 Fax. 817.540.2077

APFA NEWS RELEASE

April 17, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Lori Bassani
817-540-0108, Ext. 8107

American Flight Attendants Turn Out in Droves to Protest Executive Bonuses

Thousands of Passengers Sign 'Get Well' Cards in Support of Attendants

Eules, TX (April 17, 2007) – Nearly 4,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants showed up today at 18 airports across the nation to voice their displeasure and disappointment at the airline's top 874 'elite' executives who still intend to reap the benefits from the labor of American's employees.

"It took 80,000 American employees to save our company from bankruptcy in 2003, not just the 874 who will be taking huge bonuses this week. I hope management is watching and taking note that the flight attendants will not go quietly when injustice of this magnitude is done to loyal and hard working employees," said APFA President Tommie L. Hutto-Blake.

Flight attendants carried signs that read 'Not Sharing is Un-American' and 'Enough is Enough.' They also asked for their customers' support by getting signatures on 'Get Well Cards' with a message to CEO Arpey that although they are pleased with AA's healthy financial recovery, AA should keep its promise to share the gains. The card also stated that flight attendants love their jobs and are worried about the future health of labor relations at American.

"Reports we are receiving from all of our cities is that customers have signed thousands of these cards and some of them even joined the picket lines with our members," said APFA Secretary Greg Hildreth, and he continued, "We will make sure these cards see their way to Arpey's door."

APFA Vice President Brett Durkin joined the protest picketing at DFW airport, headquarters of American Airlines, where attendants marched and chanted slogans like 'Hey Hey, Toot Toot, Get up Off of That Loot,' and 'It's Beginning to Look a lot like Eastern.' Durkin said, "I haven't seen this much participation by our members since the strike of 1993. It's not just the bonuses, but the fact that we were asked to sacrifice so much, and they are taking the rewards. It's not just unfair, but inhumane."

"We got a great response from Chicago flight attendants and even had Southwest flight attendants join us. In fact, we had way more people who wanted to make their voices heard than we had room for," said APFA Treasurer Cathy Lukensmeyer who joined the event at Chicago's O'Hare airport.

Miami and Dallas had the largest turn-out of picketers with Los Angeles a close contender. Reports at last count were close to 4,000 members who joined picket lines in one of the cities. Many stopped by on their way to or from trips or on days off. American flight attendants are represented by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA.)

###