



**MARCH 2014**

## **POLAR VORTEX**

**THIS HAS BEEN A TUMULTUOUS WINTER FOR ALL OF YOU WHO LIVE NORTH OF FLORIDA OR CALIFORNIA. IT'S HARD FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN SHORTS ALL YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TUESDAYS. WE TAKE TUESDAYS OFF TO PRAY AND ALSO PUT ON SOCKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVENT SEEN THE SUN SINCE LAST YEAR. IT MUST BE TERRIBLE TO FREEZE YOUR FERNDOCK OFF EVERYDAY. I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT A FERNDOCK IS BUT IT'S A BETTER WORD THAN WHAT MOST OF YOU LIVING IN THE POLAR VORTEX ARE USING THESE DAYS.**

**IN TIMES LIKE THIS THAT YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE THOSE OF YOU AND THOSE WORKERS TODAY WHO WORKED THE RAMP. LOADING AIRPLANES IN SUB ZERO CONDITIONS IS SOMETHING THAT GOES UNNOTICED TO OFTEN BUT AS AIRLINE PEOPLE WE KNOW AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK THAT**

**YOU DID AND THOSE TODAY THAT CONTINUE TO KEEP THE AIRLINE RUNNING.**



## **HR CONNEX**

**WE HAVE HEARD OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE HAVING TROUBLE CONNECTING TO HR CONNEX OR AS THE BIBLE CALLS IT AIR CANADA'S HUMAN REMAINS.**

**IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION IN A GROUP FORMAT TO THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE IN MONTREAL HQ FOR A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. PLEASE DON'T TELL ME IF YOU HAVE THE PLAGUE, GOING THROUGH AN EXORCISM OR IF YOU READ YOUR OBITUARY YESTERDAY.**

JUST LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING A HARD TIME CONNECTING TO THE WEB SITE, YOUR NOT GETTING ANY REPLY'S TO YOUR REQUESTS, THE SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING, OR WHATEVER THE GENERIC SITUATION IS FOR YOU. MY E MAIL ADDRESS IS [KKMC0425@AOL.COM](mailto:KKMC0425@AOL.COM) MY NAME IS STILL THE SAME - KEVIN. THEY HAVEN'T TAKEN THAT AWAY FROM ME YET.

IF YOU FORGOT THE HR CONTACT INFORMATION THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 1 855 855 0785 AND THEIR E MAIL ADDRESS IS [HR.RH@AIRCANADA.CA](mailto:HR.RH@AIRCANADA.CA)

SIMPLY GO TO [WWW.ACAERONET.AIRCANADA.CA](http://WWW.ACAERONET.AIRCANADA.CA) AND SIGN IN AS USUAL. GOOD LUCK. HA HA.

## **AIR CANADA INSURANCE**

IF YOU MEET THE POST RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE BASIC PLAN.

**QUESTION** - WILL THIS FIGURE INCREASE OR IS IT A FIXED AMOUNT?

**ANSWER** - IT IS A FIXED AMOUNT.

**QUESTION** – HOW MUCH WILL MY ESTATE RECEIVE ON MY DEATH?

**ANSWER** – AFTER I TAKE MY 10% (I WISH) YOUR MAX AMOUNT IF YOU WERE NON MANAGEMENT WOULD BE \$16,000 USD. MANAGEMENT TOTALS ARE DETERMINED DIFFERENTLY BUT ANYBODY CAN FIND OUT HOW MUCH THEIR ESTATE WOULD RECEIVE BY CALLING HR CONNEX OR BY GOING ON-LINE AND USE THE HR CONNEX CHAT FEATURE. JUST A REMINDER THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT ON THIS COVERAGE AND AIR CANADA PAYS THE ENTIRE COST FOR YOUR COVERAGE.

YOU MAY DESIGNATE ANYONE AS YOUR BENEFICIARY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY YOUR BENEFIT WILL BE PAID TO YOUR ESTATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSURANCE LAWS FOR THE AREA IN WHICH YOU RESIDE. IF YOU DESIGNATE YOUR ESTATE AS YOUR BENEFICIARY IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU MAKE A WILL TO ENSURE A PROMPT SETTLEMENT.

## *My Living Will*

*Last night, my kids and I were sitting  
in the living room and I said to them,*

*'I never want to live in a  
vegetative state, dependent on some  
machine and fluids from a bottle.  
If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'*

*They got up, unplugged the  
computer and threw out my wine!!*

**QUESTION** – WHEN A RETIREE TURNS 70 DOES THE ACCIDENTAL LIFE INSURANCE END?

**ANSWER** – NO

**QUESTION** – HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT IS DETERMINED TO BE AN ACCIDENT IN CASE OF A DEATH?

**ANSWER** – THEY (THE INSURANCE COMPANY) MAKE THE DETERMINATION WHEN IT HAPPENS AFTER A INVESTIGATION.

**QUESTION** – DOES THE SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICY END AT 70?

**ANSWER** – YES.

**QUESTION** – DOES A GAY COUPLE HAVE THE SAME BENEFITS?

**ANSWER** – AT THIS TIME NO.

**QUESTION** – IS SUICIDE CONSIDERED A ACCIDENT?

**ANSWER** – NO. BUT ALL CASES ARE REVIEWED.

**QUESTION**– DO WE HAVE MARIJUANA COVERAGE?

**ANSWER** – I VOTE YES.



## **BUSIEST CANADIAN AIRPORT**

- 1 – TORONTO – 36 MILLION PASSENGERS
- 2 – VANCOUVER – 18 MILLION PASSENGERS
- 3 – CALGARY – 14.5 MILLION PASSENGER
- 4 – MONTREAL – 14.1 MILLION PASSENGERS
- 5 – EDMONTON – 7 MILLION PASSENGERS



**IT'S INTERESTING THAT CALGARY HAS PASSED MONTREAL IN PASSENGERS FOR THE FIRST TIME. MORE INTERESTING IS MONTREAL'S POPULATION IS 3.7 MILLION PEOPLE AND CALGARY HAS ONLY 1.1 MILLION. WESTERN CANADA IS ALIVE AND WELL.**

## **AIR CANADA'S FIRST 787**



**THE FIRST TWO 787'S WILL BE DELIVERED SHORTLY. THE FIRST ROUTES WILL BE TORONTO TO LONDON AND TORONTO TO TEL AVIV.**

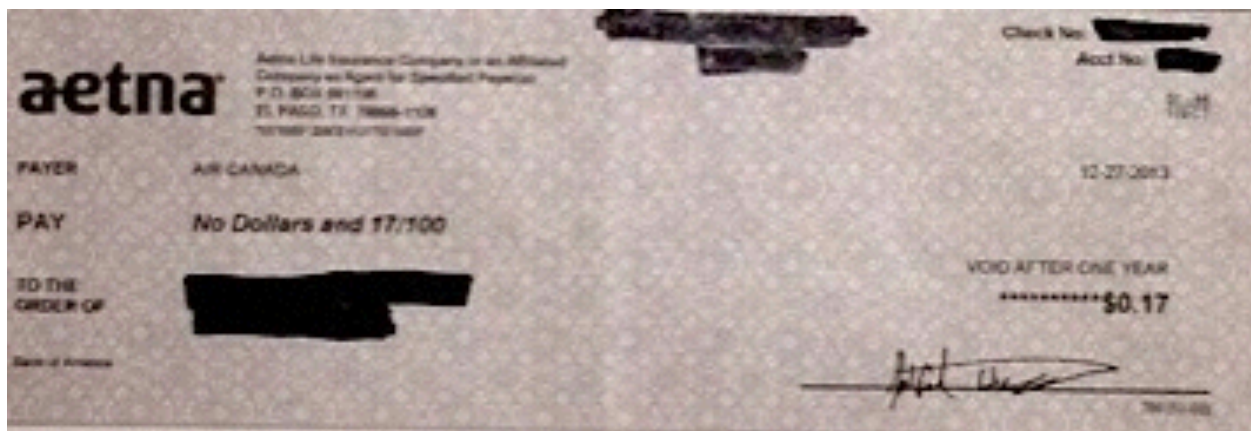
# AETNA

PLEASE CHECK THE AETNA WEB SITE AT [WWW.AETNA.COM](http://WWW.AETNA.COM) FOR MONTHLY UPDATES AND BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTS FOR ALL RETIREES.

SOME EXAMPLES ARE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS, GYM MEMBERSHIPS, FREE REGISTERED NURSES TO ANSWER YOUR NEEDS 24/7, WATER PIC DISCOUNTS AND MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MOST RETIREES ARE PROBABLY NOT AWARE ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER PLEASE CALL US AND WE WILL HELP YOU.

ONE OF OUR MEMBERS RECENTLY RECEIVED A CHECK FROM AETNA FOR 0.17 CENTS.

SEE THE PICTURE BELOW. GOD ONLY KNOWS WHY A COMPANY WOULD SEND A CHECK TO ANYBODY FOR THIS AMOUNT. ANYBODY HAVE A CLUE?





## **AERONET**

**THIS CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED WITH YOUR AIR CANADA ID LOGIN (AC0 AND YOUR EMPLOYEE NUMBER) AND A PASSWORD THAT IS UNIQUE TO EACH RETIREE. YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS INFORMATION. IF YOUR HAVING ANY PROBLEMS SIGNING IN TO THE PORTAL (ARONET) PLEASE NOTE THE TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR THE USA IS 1-866-274-5444.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014**

**THE 2014 AGM IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD THIS YEAR IN CALGARY. THE DATES ARE APRIL 26 - 28. WE ENCOURAGE ANYBODY STILL ALIVE TO TRY AND ATTEND THIS MEETING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION (WE STILL BELIEVE IN MIRACLES) REGARDING THE AGM CHECK IT OUT ON THE PIONAIRS WEB SITE OR CONTACT ANY OF YOUR DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**IF WE HAD THE AGM IN THE FUTURE WOULD ANYBODY IN CALIFORNIA OR FLORIDA HELP US PUT IT TOGETHER. WE WOULD NEED VOLUNTEERS.**

## PIONAIRS WEB-SITE

PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE USING THE WEB-SITE. SINCE IT IS REQUIRED TO SIGN IN TO VIEW THE SITE THE NUMBER OF HITS ON THIS SITE IS LESS THAN WHAT THE YANKEES ARE GETTING THESE DAYS. DID WE MAKE A MISTAKE IN MAKING YOU SIGN IN OR WHAT. LET US KNOW.

## AND THE OSCAR GOES TO

THIS SUNDAY IS THE OSCARS. THE SHORT CLIP BELOW (JUST CLICK ON THE PICTURE) IS THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR BEST PICTURE OF THE YEAR. IT'S POSSIBLE (I SWEAR I'M NOT DRINKING AS I WRITE THIS) THE BEST ACTOR AWARD MIGHT ALSO GO ALONG WITH THE BEST PICTURE.



**I'M RETIRED AND I'M HAPPY. LEAVE ME ALONE.**

**HOPE THE COLD ARTIC VORTEX IS BEHIND US AND THAT EVERYBODY HAS A EARLY SPRING. IF NOT DREAM ABOUT THE PRICES IN 1959 FOR A WEEK IN MIAMI. UNFORTUNATELY TODAY YOU CANNOT BUY A COFFEE AND A BAGEL FOR LESS THAN \$20.00**



**TALK TO YOU NEXT MONTH.**

**KEVIN**

**MAC FRANCIS - TREASURE**

**LYNN GOSNEY - SECRETARY**

**DALE GOSNEY - ASST. DIRECTOR**

**KEVIN CAREY - DIRECTOR**