


APFA Vice President Candidate Information

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NAME: Forrest A Blake

BASE: STL

PREVIOUSLY BASED: DCA

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 15 YEARS

SLATE INFORMATION: N/A

CAMPAIGN EMAIL: fblakestl@gmail.com

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My first role serving with APFA as a Professional Flight Attendant was during the 2000/2001 contract negotiations, attending various informational picketing and get out the vote campaigning events. It was also during this time that I became a WINGS Foundation volunteer and for 15 years now, I have been devoted to the selfless service of "Flight Attendants Helping Flight Attendants", holding various local and national elected positions with this well established non-profit flight attendant charity.

I was encouraged by Nena Martin to join the base Operational Council for APFA STL after transferring to the base in 2004. Only after attending various APFA training courses including EAP, Dispute Resolution, Contract/Scheduling and Critical Incident Stress Debrief did I gain the knowledge and confidence to serve in an elected role. I worked closely with the respective base representatives in the preceding years, attending additional training, assisting as base "info rep" and most recently serving as the STL CIRT (Critical Incident Response Team) Representative.

I was honored to serve as Vice Chair with Matt Foust from 2013 to 2015 as STL Base Representatives. It was during these challenging years that American Airlines Flight Attendants experienced bankruptcy, concessions, the culmination of the merger of American Airlines with USAirways and the subsequent flight attendant contract negotiations with the New American resulting in the arbitrator imposed JCBA. It was a most stressful, fast paced, and at times controversial environment within which to serve but Matt and I remained committed to representing the APFA Membership as the respective voice of APFA STL flight attendants, by maintaining a focus on serving "For The Greater Good".

I once again desire to assist STL President Matt Foust in representing my STL based Flight Attendant colleagues, by now offering my "Willingness to Serve" as a Candidate for Vice President of STL. I maintain a focus on serving to secure the best interests of all STL Flight Attendants represented by the APFA.

In Unity and Respect,
Forrest A Blake
AA STL

NAME: Carol Harvey

BASE: STL

PREVIOUSLY BASED: LAX, STL, DFW, SLT

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 30 YEARS

SLATE INFORMATION: N/A

CAMPAIGN EMAIL: allaboutthebase.stl@gmail.com

LABOR RELATIONS BACKGROUND:

My tenure in the airline industry has given me a unique perspective on the best and the worst labor management issues a union can endure. After a long and bitter strike at TWA, the flight attendant workforce was hopelessly divided. The union had the unenviable task of reuniting the workforce that had to be reunited if the union was to survive. What I learned from that experience gives me the tools and the motivation to start to heal the divisions that exist at APFA. Many people have noticed it uncommon bond that exists among the former TWA members and it is my goal to unite the entire APFA workforce as we combine with our US Airways members. It can and must be done.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT CREDENTIALS:

- International and Domestic
- S80,737,757,767,777-200,777-300,A319/21 series

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Associate Degree Science and Nursing with High Honors
- Job Related Nursing Certifications and Continuing Education requirements with emphasis on Pulmonary, chronic and acute medical conditions, IV therapies, Geriatrics and Wound Care

PREVIOUS BUSINESS / JOB EXPERIENCE:

- HOSPITALITY
 - Front Desk 1983
 - Hotel Front Desk Supervisor LAS 1984-1986
- TWA Flight Attendant 1986-2003
 - FSM/PURSER 1990-2003
- Licensed Practical Nurse 2004-2005
- RN (Registered Nurse) 2005-present
 - St. Luke's Hospital 2004-2013
 - Nursing Quality Council 2009-2011
- AA Flight Attendant 2011-present

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

This election is a welcome opportunity for me to serve our STL base. It is also a chance to actively support the change and restructuring we all demand from APFA.

This will be the first union position I've held. I would not consider stepping forward unless I knew I had something to offer that will serve our base well. I understand the demands of union work, have vetted them with my supportive family, and know that I can do the job.

Although the position would be new, I'm a quick study. I have always maintained an active interest in our contracts and interpretation. I attend base meetings including round table meetings with base management. I was very much against the LBFO, I voted against our current imposed contract, and I picketed on behalf of our base in DFW for the successful resignation of Laura Glading. In a nutshell, I participate.

Rest assured that I have a vested interest in 'what' we work, and 'how' we work. At 52 years of age, I have no plans to leave AA anytime soon. I've been based in STL for over two years. It was my former base for 16 years with TWA. Our base is unique and certainly complex in terms of flying. I will fight hard for every person in our base.

If elected, I will bring a fresh perspective and new energy to work on behalf of the STL base. Nothing is more important to me than the integrity of our job as flight attendant professionals. It would be an honor to serve you and I respectfully ask for your vote.

REFERENCES

Sheila McCann	STL	Barbara Beiter	STL
Connie Ham	STL	Cathi Statler	STL
Chip Hohmann	STL	Maureen Short	STL
Julie McKrell	STL	Peggy Carson	STL
Carol Samuelson	STL	Sheri Sanders Klutho	STL