



International Flight Attendant Day

CUPE is celebrating International Flight Attendant Day **Friday, May 31, 2018**. We are inviting flight attendants around the globe to look back at how far the profession has come.

It's astonishing to recall that, in 1938, to become a "stewardess" on Trans-Canada Airlines, you had to be a nurse, aged 21 to 25, female, single, no taller than 5'5", under 125 pounds, and in good health, with a personable manner and good vision. Click [here](#) to see a copy of our 1967 Collective Agreement.

Since that era of restrictive hiring requirements, we've seen sweeping changes. Men were eventually given the opportunity to join our ranks. We've gained the right to maternity benefits, parental benefits, health and dental benefits, and the implementation of health and safety legislation and workers compensation.

As a union, CUPE continues to fight to ensure that our members are treated fairly and with dignity and respect. The commitment, dedication, and unmatched experience and wisdom of all flight attendants must be appreciated and valued.

Flight attendants still have a lot of work to do. Our ever-changing world has created new challenges that include longer flights, disruptive passengers, negative health effects, and evolving security risks – to name just a few. We also face continued pressure from employers to work harder, with fewer resources.

But with dedication and fortitude, we will continue to work to make the lives of flight attendants better and safer.

CUPE is Canada's flight attendant union, representing over 15,000 flight attendants at 10 airlines including Air Canada, Rouge, West Jet, Swoop and we continue to grow!!

Please join us outside the YYZ communications centre on Friday May 31, 2019 for giveaways and information on your Union and EAP and well wishes for the amazing job you do every day, ensuring passengers across Canada and the world arrive at their destinations safely. We will also have a photographer to take pictures, which may be used for the new Component website!

Special thanks to the 7/11 on the ground floor of T1, who be offering free coffee to all FA's who identify themselves with a RAIC, and Starbucks / HMS who will also be providing 500



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gift cards for a free coffee. Davids Tea will be onsite to provide refreshments and free teas as well.

The Toronto Airport Workers Council will also be joining in with an information picket at the Viscount Parking lot train station, advocating for improved pay for flight attendants. Click [here](#) for a copy of the postcards they will be distributing.

Please note that the CUPE office on level 2 may be closed intermittently through the day as we will be downstairs. You may leave a message at (905) 676-4293 or email office@local4092.ca.

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