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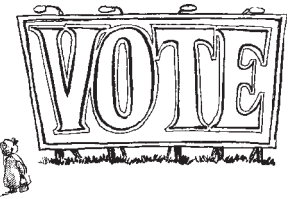
October, 2004

Why Should I Vote?

By Kency Alexander

Top Ten Ways Voting Directly Affects You:

1. **It's your money.** The county commissioners, governor, state treasurer, legislators, president and members of Congress you vote for will decide how much of our wealth to invest in public services and how to fairly share the tax burden.
2. **It's your children's education.** You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children and grandchildren will be for the future. Decisions by our legislators, governor, members of Congress and president also affect the public schools— and the quality and cost of higher education as well.
3. **It's your job.** Congress, the president, the governor and your legislators influence what job training is available, minimum wage, pay equity, fairness in hiring, health insurance through your employer, job and pension security, and workplace safety.
4. **It's your health care.** Action by the governor, legislature and Congress affects how accessible health insurance is to millions of Americans. Approximately 46 million Americans are still uninsured. These official's decisions on Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance laws determine your access to health care.
5. **They're your highways.** America's population and traffic are growing rapidly. Your county commissioners, legislators, governor and members of Congress decide what highways are needed, what alternatives to highways such as public transit to support, and how to pay the bill.
6. **It's your Social Security.** The president and your members of Congress decide how much payroll tax you pay, cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension, and what Medicare services you receive and share payment for.
7. **You breathe the air and drink the water.** Your county, state and national elected officials set pollution standards, enforcement strategies and budgets. They plan and zone where roads and industries will be built and how public lands will be used —decisions that can determine how safe your air and water are.
8. **It's your neighborhood.** Your elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.
9. **They're our children.** We do our best to keep them healthy, fed, safe, educated and cared for when we are at work or unable to provide. The officials you elect can help or hinder American families trying to do their job.
10. **It's your democracy.** Make it work. Just Vote!



From The President's Desk

October 4, 2004

Sherrell Brown and I just returned from the fall Goodyear Policy Committee interim meeting. These meetings are held twice a year so the union and company can come together and discuss any issues and try to resolve any conflicts that have arisen stemming from the Master Agreement. The Company also makes presentations and reports to the union on the state of the tire and rubber industry, as well as Goodyear. This time there were thirteen plants represented at the interim, since the closure of the Huntsville plant has run its course.

The interim is also an opportunity for all the locations covered by the Master to compare notes and talk over what's happening out there. Naturally, one of the most significant things to happen has been the Productivity Plan being implemented at every location. Everyone is struggling to put in place the elements of their own plan to save operating cost, which was done in place of wage reductions or greater benefit reductions than those in the Master Agreement. It hasn't been a pleasant experience anywhere. Most everyone is putting more areas of their plant on incentives, tightening down on

attendance, reducing their maintenance manning, lessening the number of job bids, doing more vacation shutdowns, implementing lead hands, combining job classifications and doing other things that, in some cases, they wouldn't have done a few short years ago.

It would have been much simpler to just take the pay cuts that a company in financial trouble had to get from the union in order to survive. Simpler, yes, but not the answer in the long run. That's because the plants, especially Tyler, have to become more efficient to survive in today's world.

I recently returned from Brazil where I spent time in the Sao Paulo and Americana Goodyear plants. They're focused on doing more with what they have in order to be competitive with other tire plants in other countries, including the United States. They, like us, are looking over their shoulders at China. They know that China is currently building some *three hundred* tire plants, aimed at taking over the tire industry worldwide. Both the Brazilian tire plants are already run

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ning without area managers, recording extraordinary safety and waste performance, generating and implementing cost saving ideas from employees on a weekly basis and doing other things that we're attempting to do, but haven't done yet. They are constantly improving their numbers, their efficiency and their safety performance. Even so, they know the threat from China and elsewhere is real. They aren't sitting still and we can't either.

In Tyler, we have to get our Break Even Plan finalized and we're working on that. First, we have to get our output, safety performance, waste and other cost numbers close to those recorded by Fayetteville, Gadsden and Lawton. Then we have to get them better than those plants. This week we received word that Union City has been tagged with another lay off and a ten percent reduction in ticket. Why Union City? Sure the market has slowed on big tires and that's a lot of what they build. But mostly it's because they are high cost when compared to the three plants I just listed. Why not us? We're just about tied with Union City as high cost, after all. In part, not us because of the language we have protecting our

ticket. But also because we are committed to driving our performance indicators where they need to go. We've shown progress in doing just that. That's why we are recalling more people instead of laying people off.

In August we almost made our ticket for the month and we showed Goodyear numbers that the Tyler critics didn't think we could get. That was huge for this plant. It gave everyone at Goodyear a brief glimpse of what we might be able to do consistently. Our conversion cost was well under \$80 and our Output Per Man Hour (OPAH) was close to \$90 for the first time. Though we fell off in September, the August numbers allowed those supporting Tyler the ammunition to use on our behalf.

We have a hard row to hoe. But so does everyone else. These are good jobs we're talking about. Jobs with benefits that are still better than those of most everyone else in manufacturing. That's true for our active employees and our retirees. But 2006 is just around the corner. China is just over the horizon.

We have to get our Productivity Plan items in place by July 2005. But more importantly, we have to come to work, even on weekends when scheduled. We have to come in the door with safety on our mind and not get hurt, even as we put forth the extra effort to be competitive and deal with different tire lines new to us. Tires that often involve heavier, more complex tires. We have to develop and become proficient at producing larger and different tires as the Company introduces new tire lines, which they will. We have to do it to survive and prosper, at a time when just surviving requires lots of change.

For the remainder of 2004 we have to **consistently and safely** produce more than **27,000 tires per day** while **controlling waste and lowering cost**. Those are the keys to Tyler surviving and prospering. Beginning in 2005 we have an opportunity to move to 28,000 tires per day. We may well have an opportunity to move beyond that, even as the market stays flat. Goodyear will invest in the low cost, high performing plants. It has to do that to survive and prosper. Under Jon Rich it will. These are times of change. While it's true that times of change are times of great danger, they are also times of great opportunity.

I've said before that we still control our destiny. In 2003 we came close to losing that control. Huntsville is the latest in a long line of American tire plants that did lose control of its destiny. There isn't a reason in the world we can't be competitive with Fayetteville, Gadsden or Lawton. There isn't a reason we can't surpass them, if we are willing to reach out and get there.

I want to thank everyone who has worked to make Tyler competitive. It hasn't been easy or pleasant to get where we are. We still have a ways to go. I have no doubt we control our destiny. I know keeping these jobs here is what we should do and what our retirees and families need us to do.

A MESSAGE FROM LOCAL 746L



A Strong Voice for Working Families

Max Sandlin is on our side.

Max Sandlin is running for re-election to U.S. Congress. Rep. Sandlin was elected in 1996 and currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee. Sandlin has fought hard to strengthen Social Security and Medicare and to improve public education.

Supports protecting overtime pay.

Voted to block the Bush administration's new overtime provisions, which could take the right to overtime pay away from millions of workers. (H.R. 2649, S.C. 199, 1/28/04, Economic Policy Institute)

Opposed Bush's prescription drug bill that benefits HMOs.

Voted against Bush's Medicare prescription drug benefit because it encourages employers to drop active coverage and doesn't allow the federal government to negotiate lower drug prices, enabling drug companies to reap even larger profits. (H.R. 1, R.C. 112, 6/26/03)

Opposes offshore corporate tax havens.

Voted for banning military contracts to companies that use the Bermuda loophole to create offshore tax havens; voted for legislation to deny federal homeland security contracts to companies that establish offshore tax havens. (H.R. 485, S.C. 111, 7/18/03, H.R. 5005, R.C. 364, 7/24/03)

Vote Nov. 2

**YOU HOLD
THE POWER**



How you vote is a personal decision, but after researching the records, Local 746L believes Max Sandlin is the strongest candidate on working family issues. For more information, contact Local 746L at 903-595-3469.

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Retirees Corner

By Tennie Hulsey and Carol Swanson

The retirees meeting for September was held at the John Nash Activity Center on Monday, September 13, 2004. The most important part of the business meeting was the election of officers for a four-year term. The following were elected by the members:

President—**Eugene Hulsey**
Vice President—**Burnis Manoy**
Secretary/Treasurer—**Linda Bateman**
Trustees—**Larry Van Deman, Shelley King, Freddie Young** and **Juanita Cayard** (alternate)

Drawing was held for a member to receive half of the money collected at the beginning of the meeting from sell of tickets. Roy Stanley won \$ 46.50 .

Carol Swanson presented her comedy act to the members and included Tennie Hulsey, Lockie Van Deman, LaJoy Bailey, and Tommie Francis in her skit.

The next general meeting will be held November 8, Monday, at the Springcreek BBQ Restuarant on S. Broadway at 6:00 pm

During the November meeting plans will be announced regarding the location of the December meeting.

BESURE TO GO VOTE IN THE ELECTION NOVEMBER 2TH.

Ladies Auxiliary met October 5 at the home of Jack and Carol Swanson.

There will be no November meeting for the ladies auxiliary. The ladies auxiliary voted in the September meeting to furnish the "family room" at Hospice HomePlace with meals for the family of patients. LaJoy Bailey, Carol Swanson, Eugene Hulsey, and Jack Swanson delivered these items to Hospice HomePlace in September.

All ladies are encouraged to attend the auxiliary monthly meetings. If you have any questions regarding the meetings contact Tommie Francis, Auxiliary President at 903-593-4982.

Dr. Bob Glaze For State Representative

PITTSBURG—Dr. Bob Glaze (D-Gilmer), addressed a crowd of more than 40 Camp County Democrats Tuesday night at the Camp County League Of Democrats September meeting at the Pilgrim Bank Community Room in Pittsburg.

In an address devoted to education, the economy and healthcare, Dr. Glaze, a State Representative for 12 years, noted that East Texans are "frustrated and upset," over the way things have been going in Austin and that little has been done to help House District 5.

"We are looking at an East Texas area that is close to depression," Glaze said. "This past year, more couples in the district filed for bankruptcy than divorce and 50 percent of all children born were born on Medicaid. That says something serious about the economy of our District," Glaze said.

Glaze noted that East Texans need and deserve a better quality of live achieved through quality education, a strong economy and affordable healthcare.

In addressing education, Glaze called for an across-the-board teacher pay raise. "Teachers who are teaching today are doing so because they are devoted to their profession and their students, not because they are paid as they should be," he said. "In the Legislature this next year, I'll be working to make sure we increase teacher pay and return to teachers the money I helped secure for them a couple of sessions ago for insurance that the Republican majority took away from them," he said.

Glaze observed that education is key to helping his district prosper in another area: the economy.

"Education is the foundation of a strong local economy," he said. "If we have a well-educated workforce then companies with better paying jobs and better benefits will come to East Texas and put more money in the economy that will help improve our quality of life," Glaze noted.

"Right now, Texas ranks eleventh among world economies in terms of strength and wealth. Yet, here in East Texas, our residents are 30 percent under the state average per-capita income. We can do better," Glaze said.

Addressing healthcare Glaze, former Chairman of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, decried the action the Legislature took in 2003 to deprive more than 147,000 Texas children of healthcare through cuts in CHIPs.

"Here we are, in a state where 25 percent of the population has no health insurance whatsoever, and this worthy program is slashed," said Glaze, who co-authored the legislation that created the Children's Health Insurance Program in Texas. "There was no reason for the Legislature to cut that program. Nobody felt a sting from the money the state was spending on that program," Glaze said, noting that CHIPs was funded with funds from the state's tobacco settlement matched three-to-one with federal dollars and not through tax dollars. "This program isn't welfare, either. It's low-cost insurance for working Texas parents who can't afford private healthcare," he concluded.

Glaze also took a number of questions from the audience concerning matters ranging from the state lottery to transportation.

Glaze has been a guiding force and steady influence in state affairs for more than a decade. Prior to being elected to the Texas House in 1990, he served on the Texas Board of Health Legislative Committee and on the Gilmer ISD Board of Trustees. He was twice named "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Public Health Association.

THE KELLY SPRINGFIELD TYLER - USWA LOCAL 746L



CHILI COOKOFF & TURKEY SHOOT

BENEFITTING THE KELLY/TYLER-LOCAL 746L SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Saturday, October 30th, 7AM until 4PM
at the Union Hall and Grounds.**

Tickets are available from any Tire Assembly or Cure/Final Finish/Shipping Area Steering Committee Member.

JUST \$10.00 EACH

Prizes to be drawn for include a 27 inch color TV, a complete computer system, a pair of matching electric scooters and a **GRAND PRIZE** of a Caribbean Cruise aboard the Carnival Cruise Line.

Buy American Booth at the East Texas State Fair

The East Texas State Fair was in town the last week of September. As usual the USWA Local 746L had a booth set up in Harvey Hall to encourage people to buy American products whenever possible. This years chairperson was Charles Anderson. There were drawings for two sets of tires and five 120 quart Igloo coolers. About 1000 persons per day signed for the drawing. The winners of the coolers were: Shane Pyle, Charlett Authur, Cody Mayfield, Toma's Rodriquez and Sandy McGaughey. The tire winners were: Kelly Chambers and Joanne Mosley.



Top Left: S.O.A.R. President Eugene Hulsey, wife Tennie and Dino Robertson and wife, Kay work the Buy American Booth at the East Texas State Fair. Some of the Kelly/Tyler people coming by were: Top Right: Sherman Jones. 2nd Row Left, Jerry Green. 2nd Row Right, Larry Pitts. 3rd Row Left, Ronald and Jackie Palmer. 3rd Row Right, Sandy and Pam Wyatt talk with Sumner Leach as he works the Buy American Booth. Bottom Row Left, Ronnie Pyron and Right Kevin Roycroft.

Also working the booth throughout the week were: Donnell and Sandra Hardin, Danny Hampton, Elroy Hinton, Veronica Duran, Joe Morgan, Charles Anderson, Ken Alexander, Joe Wyatt, Billy Johnson, Larry and Lockie VanDeman, John Nash, Arline and Shelley King, Paul and Sue Chambless, Bud Allred, Burnis and Doris Manoy, George and Tommie Record, Chad Owens, Freddie and Helen Young, Jim Clark, Jack and Carol Swanson, Bobby Mobley, Tommie Francis, LaJoy Bailey, Sandy Whiteside, Sally Johnson, Jerry Crews and wife, and Henry Smith.

Lowerys Honored at the East Texas State Fair



On senior citizens day at the East Texas Fair, former Kelly/Tyler Plant Manager Henry Lowery, 89, was named as King of the East Texas State Fair in the afternoon session. Florida Graham, 102, was named Queen.

Also in the afternoon session, Mr. Lowery and wife, Jo, were crowned Couple Married the Longest. Mr. Lowery produced a carefully preserved marriage license from his pocket bearing the date Oct. 30 1936 to prove it.

Mrs. Lowery said the secret to staying together for more than 67 years is love. "When you love someone, you stay together forever," she said, holding her husband's hand. "We were in love then, and we're still in love now."

New Look For The Stretch

Hopefully by now you've noticed that The Stretch has a new look. In an effort to be more timely, The Stretch is now being printed "in house." After an extensive amount of research, we discovered that the copier that we were using could be replaced with one that had the capacity to print directly from the computer, for less money and better quality. This eliminates the need to wait on the print shop to print, then send it out to be folded and finally back to us to be addressed, sorted and mailed. All of this usually took from two to three weeks, not good for a monthly publication.

With the new printer and folding equipment, we can print and mail the same day. Folding to a smaller size and printing barcodes on the address side, cuts postage in half. Printing The Stretch ourselves is another savings.

Our goal is to have The Stretch in your hands at the first of every month. As you probably have noticed that we didn't make it this month. The reason for this is because we didn't get the printer until the middle of this month. However you should be receiving the November Stretch at the first of November, only two weeks or so after you receive this one.

If you have any suggestions or comments, e-mail me at joewyatt@cox-internet.com or send me a letter at the union hall. The address is on the back of The Stretch.

Larry Smith Back in the Plant for a Short Time

Larry Smith is back in the plant working his regular maintenance job for a short time. A lot of people have asked him where he has been and what he has been doing.

Larry is a union organizer and has been working for the international union. From February 2003 until August of 2004 he was on a campaign in California at Allied Machine. They make parts for bombs. A union was voted in there.

From March until November of 2003, he has been working as a field representative in Dallas for the North Texas Association for Public Employees. Larry is the USWA representative for city employees in grievances against the city of Dallas. He also performs the other duties of a field representative. He worked to organize the Dallas County Adult Probation Officers and represented them before their directors.

In November he went to Lawton, Oklahoma and ran a 90 day campaign at the Goodyear plant using the neutrality agreement negotiated at last contract. He was unsuccessful in bring it to an election.

Some of the other campaigns that he has been working on are: Millennium Rail Car in Scottsville, they won there. Target Distribution Center in Tyler, was never brought to an election. Michelin Tire in Ardmore, Oklahoma, lost the election. Aramark Laundry in Tyler, was never brought to an election. And Tyler Steel, election was lost.

He will be leaving again in October to work with the Smith County employees.

ONLY THE BEST CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children, and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests

Goodyear Ranks Highest in J.D. Power Study of Original Equipment Tires for Pickups and Vans

Goodyear's original equipment tires for pickups and fullsize vans have received the highest customer satisfaction ranking among buyers in the United States, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2004 Original Equipment Tire Satisfaction Study, released today.

"Goodyear has a tradition of excellent tire performance, and this year we are delighted to earn the highest ranking in the prestigious J.D. Power and Associates study," said Larry Mason, president of consumer tires, North American Tire. "Goodyear is committed to providing products that meet the needs of customers, and it is a confirmation of the hard work by many Goodyear associates and the vehicle manufacturers whom we supply with product."

Goodyear tires are original equipment on many SUVs and light trucks from Acura, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Honda, Infiniti, Isuzu, Jeep, Land Rover, Lexus, Mazda, Mercury, Nissan and Toyota. Traditionally, more new vehicles in North America are equipped with Goodyear tires than any other brand.

"This is further verification that Goodyear is following through on its plan to lead the tire industry in technology and innovation. We have spoken of product leadership and quality as among the core strategies guiding Goodyear's business turnaround, and this achievement is reflective of that focus," said Mason.

Headquartered in Westlake Village, Calif., J.D. Power and Associates is a global marketing information services firm operating in key business sectors including market research, forecasting, consulting, training and customer satisfaction. The firm's quality and satisfaction measurements are based on responses from millions of consumers annually. More information can be found at www.jdpa.com.

tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The Lutheran men's group will meet at 6 P.M.. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

“Check 21”

Consumers will be more likely to bounce checks and may find themselves paying higher fees under a new federal law that allows banks to process all checks electronically, consumer groups warned today. Consumer Union and the Consumer Federation of America are urging banks across the country to adopt a set of policies that will make the new “Check 21” law more consumer-friendly when it goes into effect on October 28.

“Consumers should get ready for an October surprise from their banks when this new check processing law is implemented,” said Gail Hillebrand, senior attorney with Consumers Union’s West Coast Office. “Banks will save billions under Check 21, but consumers stand to lose out unless banks adopt new policies to protect them.”

The groups have launched an on-line petition to put pressure on the banks to adopt a set of consumer safeguards for the new law. Consumers can sign the on-line petition in support of the reforms at: http://cu.convio.net/check_21

Starting in late October, consumers will discover that their bank account statements will come with fewer — or perhaps none — of their canceled paper checks, even if they want them. Consumers will enjoy less “float,” meaning that the checks they write will clear faster. Under the new law, checks could clear in hours instead of days. But banks won’t be under any obligation to speed up the processing of checks that consumers deposit into their accounts. That could mean more bounced checks and more overdraft fees paid by consumers. One industry source estimates that, by mid-2005, consumers could be bouncing almost 7 million more checks and paying an additional \$170 million in fees each month.

Check 21 gives consumers a new right to get speedy credit when the bank double debits a check or pays the wrong amount. But consumers are only entitled to this new right if they request and receive a new special copy of the check called a substitute check.

The aim of the new law is to let banks use electronic-check processing efficiencies to cut up to an estimated \$2 billion a year from the cost of moving, clearing, and returning paper checks. Unfortunately, the law does not require banks to pass any of those savings on to their customers and banks may charge new fees for substitute checks.

In letters sent to the nation’s top banks, Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America urged them to adopt a set of policies that would make Check 21 more consumer-friendly, including:

- Don’t use Check 21 to bounce more checks. Give consumers the benefit of faster check clearing by crediting consumer accounts when the check clears, even if the law allows you to wait longer for deposited checks. And help consumers get used to this new law by suspending bounced check fees during the first two months of implementation.

- Promise to return funds to a consumer’s checking account within ten business days when something goes wrong with a check no matter how the check was processed and no matter what kind of copy of the check the consumer receives.

- Don’t charge a fee for substitute checks, the special kind of copy that replaces an original cancelled check.

- Offer an account that returns substitute checks every month for no more than the price the bank has been charging for an account that returns original checks.

“Banks shouldn’t use this new law as an excuse to bounce more checks, charge more fees, or provide customers with unequal protection depending on how their checks have been processed,” said Jean Ann Fox, director of consumer protection for Consumer Federation of America. “We urge banks to adopt these reforms to make Check 21 less disruptive and onerous for consumers.”

The letter sent by Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America to large banks can be found at: http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/core_financial_services/001317.html

A fact sheet on the new law is available at: <http://www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm>

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Goodyear Student Scholarship Seeks Applicants

Goodyear U.S. associates sons and daughters who are in the 11th grade and want to apply for the 2005 Goodyear National Merit Scholarship must take a test in October in preparation for the scholarship process. To register for the tests held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 16, students need to talk with their school counselors about the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Scholarship winners for 2005 will be chosen from a group of candidates who qualify as Merit Program Semifinalists on the basis of their 2004 PSAT/NMSQT scores and who then advance to the Finalist Level by meeting several academic and other requirements set by the scholarship corporation.

The scholarship stipend available annually for up to four years of college undergraduate study or until baccalaureate degree requirements are completed, whichever occurs first.

Semifinalists will be notified through their schools in September 2005. Then an application that includes, biographical and academic information must be sent to the scholarship corporation.

Winners will be chosen on a competitive basis and without regard to family financial circumstances. They will be notified in March of 2006.

Goodyear has offered this scholarship since 1965.

October Obituaries



Henry Joe Cope



Don Pilgrim



Jimmie C. Williams

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHILE ALONE

By F. Daniel Rochman MD

If everyone who reads this tells it to 10 people, you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order.

Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously every 2 seconds. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest, and a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm.

In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

From Health Cares,

Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240s newsletter

We are looking for stories or announcements that would be of interest to "The Stretch" readers. If you have an item that you would like to see printed in "The Stretch", please send it to the editor, joewyatt@cox-internet.com or mail it to:

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