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"Keeping Our Membership Informed"

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President's Report By: Larry Jackson

PARTICIPATION

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the rollout of the SAP and Guide Closure Agreement. We truly hope that all your questions were answered as you make decisions on your future.

UAW MEMBERS DECEASE

Recently, UAW Local 1977 lost two of our members, Danny Crawford, and Joy Malone. UAW Local 1977 extends our deepest sympathy to the families. May God provide you with the strength you need to endure.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at the Union Hall, 170 Meadowlark Drive, Monroe, Louisiana, the Executive Board will hold the regular scheduled meeting.

UAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, February 17, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p.m., UAW Local 1977 will hold the regular scheduled Membership meeting at the Union Hall, 170 Meadowlark Drive, Monroe, Louisiana. Please make plans to attend.

UAW RETIRED WORKERS MEET

Wednesday, February 21, 2007, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Retired Workers of UAW Local 1977 will hold their regular schedule monthly meeting at the Union Hall.

Shop Chairman Report By: Henry Davison

RATIFICATION RESULTS

REPRESENTATION

73% at Monroe and 97% at Anderson ratified the Plant Closing Agreement. Each employee is eligible for one of the seven (7) options in the Attrition Package. You must make your decision by March 22, 2007. Failure to select any of the options will cause you to stay on Sub plus Benefits until March 20, 2009.

As of March 31, 2007, Union Officials will be reduced to three (3) and May 31, 2007, reduced to two (2). There will be two representatives until March 20, 2007. In the future, the two (2) Representatives will be located at the Union Hall.

BONUS PAYMENT

In the Plant Closing Agreement, all employees will receive the \$1,000 Bonus and all employees will receive the Performance Bonus in April. (Performance Bonus dollar value based on amount of weeks worked).

PACKAGES

Anyone who has not received their Attrition Package must see a member of Labor Relations, (Ada Blakes or Deris Beck). You must sign-off that you've received your package. You must also return your package to Labor Relation. You will be given a copy of the selection you made.

SOUTHERN ORGANIZER - SPECIAL EDITION

Prepared by: T. A. Murphy, Retiree Editor

PAYROLL INFORMATION

BY: Cheryl Hensley

AUTOMATIC DEPOSIT ERROR

Last week there was a problem with the automatic deposit file. Checks should have been posted by Friday. This should not be a recurring problem. If there are any updates concerning this issue, I will let you know as I receive them.

With Deepest Sympathy

UAW Local 1977 express heartfelt sympathy to our members who have lost love ones. May God give you strength and courage to endure during this time of bereavement.

NIKKI THOMAS - Grand-father
MINNIE DRAY (Retiree) - Husband



NEWS WORTHY

It is our intent to keep "The Southern Organizer" alive and well. If you have "News Worthy" articles, (births, deaths, announcements, graduations), Please send to:
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knowing your
risk

blood cholesterol guidelines

Risk Level	Total Cholesterol	HDL	LDL	Triglycerides
High	240 and higher	Below 40	Above 160	200 and higher
Borderline High	200-239		130-159	150 to 199
Low (optimal)	Below 200	60 and higher	Below 100	Below 150

what are your chances?

Taking a risk assessment quiz is a good start toward understanding heart health.

Check all the boxes in this risk assessment quiz that apply to you. If you check any of these boxes, see your doctor for a complete risk assessment.

- Age and sex.** I am a woman over 50 years of age.
- Family history.** My father or brother had a heart attack before age 55. OR my mother or sister had one before age 65, OR my mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent had a stroke.
- Heart disease medical history.** I have coronary heart disease, atrial fibrillation or other heart condition(s), OR I've had a heart attack.
- Stroke medical history.** I've been told that I have carotid artery disease, OR I've had a stroke or TIA (transient ischemic attack), OR I have a disease of the leg arteries, a high red blood cell count or sickle cell anemia.
- Blood pressure.** My blood pressure is 140/90 mm Hg or higher (high blood pressure), OR a healthcare professional has said my blood pressure is high, OR my blood pressure is 120/80-139/89 mm Hg (prehypertension), OR I don't know what my blood pressure is.
- Tobacco smoke.** I smoke, OR I live or work with people who smoke tobacco regularly.

- Total cholesterol.** My total cholesterol is 200 mg/dL or higher, OR I don't know my level.
- HDL cholesterol.** My HDL ("good") cholesterol is less than 40 mg/dL, OR I don't know my HDL cholesterol level.
- Physical activity.** I get less than a total of 30 minutes of physical activity on most days.
- Overweight.** I am 20 pounds or more overweight for my height and build.
- Diabetes.** I have diabetes (a fasting blood sugar reading of 126 mg/dL or higher), OR I need medicine to control my blood sugar, OR I have been told I have an impaired ability to control my blood sugar (a fasting blood sugar reading greater than 100 mg/dL).

You can reduce your risk of heart disease by first becoming aware of your personal risk factors. Some of them you can change, some you cannot. But knowledge gives you the power to alter your lifestyle to put yourself on the path to better heart health.