

Local Goodfellows, Grace Centers, JDRF Benefit from Local 160 Support

by Jim Stickford

The UAW Local 160, GM Joint Activities Committee on Dec. 10 donated \$1,250 raised over the summer to local charities as part of the group's Christmas charity efforts.

Bill Duncan, a systems engineer for Chevy Performance at the Tech Center, and a member of the Joint Activities Committee, said the money came from the UAW Local 160/Tech Center Employee Car Show that was held last August.

"People who entered cars in the show were asked to donate \$1," Duncan said. "It was a sort of voluntary entry fee. And we also held a raffle in which a toy pedal car resembling a classic Chevy provided by CARS Inc. was given away. That money went to the donations as well."

Duncan said the Warren Goodfellows got the largest donation — \$750.

"They do such good work and they're running out of food at their food bank," Duncan said. "Grace Centers for Hope at Pontiac and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation both get \$250."

Mike Oginsky, a GM retiree whose local was 160, said he is especially pleased to see that Grace was getting money from



At UAW Local 160 Bill Duncan presents Cynthia Dejeu of Grace Centers for Hope a check.

the local's fundraising efforts.

"The work they do is so vital," Oginsky said. "I've known people with substance abuse problems and I'm a minister myself and I am currently working with someone who is trying to overcome a cocaine addiction. They (Grace) do great work and don't accept any money from the government.

Every little bit helps."

Cynthia Dejeu, special events coordinator for Grace Centers, said they have three different rehabilitation programs. One lasts 30 days, one is for a year and the third is a two-year aftercare program.

"We teach the skills that help

people once they get sober," Dejeu said.

All the charities chosen by the committee are worthy, Duncan said. He and the rest of the committee members were just glad they could help them help others.

Federal-Mogul Hires New Chief Financial Officer

Federal-Mogul has appointed Rajesh Shah as senior vice president and chief financial officer effective immediately, said company spokesman Jim Burke. He will report directly to both Rainier Jueckstock and Kevin Freeland, co-chief executive officers of Federal-Mogul.

"Rajesh has extensive finance experience in the automotive industry and a strong track record in driving corporate performance," said Jueckstock. "Kevin and I look forward to Rajesh's contributions toward Federal-Mogul's future success."

Shah previously worked at X-Rite, an industrial technology business, as executive vice president and CFO, Burke said. At X-Rite, he was responsible for all of the company's financial functions including accounting; financial planning and analysis; tax; treasury; compliance; and investor relations. Before that, he held various executive-level positions in finance at several auto companies, including Cadence Innovation, LLC; Remy International, Inc.; Varity Corporation; and Kelsey Hayes Group.

Shah, 62, is a chartered accountant in India and Canada. His bachelor's degree from Bombay University, Bombay and a master's degree from Bowling Green University.

EPA — Gas Mileage Better Than Ever

(AP) — New cars and trucks sold in the U.S. last year got an average of 23.6 miles per gallon (10 liters per 100 kilometers) in combined city and highway driving, a record that came mainly through improvements to engines and transmissions, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Chrysler-Fiat, which relies more on trucks and larger cars for its sales, had the worst mileage at 20.1 mpg (11.7 liters per 100 kilometers), followed by Daimler, maker of Mercedes-Benz luxury vehicles, at 21.1. General Motors, which also sells a lot of trucks and SUVs, was third from the bottom at 21.7 mpg, according to the report.

The EPA is estimating that the average mileage of 2013 cars will rise another 0.4 mpg to 24 mpg (9.8 liters per 100 kilometers). Final figures for 2013 won't be

available until next year.

Last year was the first year that automakers fell under more stringent government fuel economy regulations that require them to sell cars and trucks that get a combined 54.5 miles per gallon (4.3 liters per 100 kms) by 2025. Carbon dioxide emissions also are at a record low, 376 grams per mile.

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