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KUDOS TO LEGISLATORS

To: Rep. Taylor Townsend, Rep. Wayne Waddell, Rep. Roy Burrell, Senator Lydia Jackson, Rep. James Morris, Rep. Billy Montgomery, Rep. Mike Powell, Rep. Jane Smith, Rep. Joe Salter, Rep. Robert Adley, Rep. Sherri Smith-Cheek, Senator Max Malone, Rep. Beverly Bruce, Rep. Ernest Baylor, Jr., Rep. Hollis Downs, Rep. Jean Doerge

From: Phillip Rozeman, MD

cc: Mayor Cedric Glover, Mayor Lo Walker, Dick Bremer, Lisa Johnson, Vernon Chance

I enjoyed the event sponsored by the cities of Shreveport and Bossier, Chambers of Commerce and others honoring you at Independence Stadium. Just a personal note to add to the public gratitude expressed at the event.

When I first became involved in civic affairs, I can remember the constant criticism of our northwest Louisiana legislative delegation as ineffective because of lack of collaboration with each other. I don't hear that criticism much now and now hear praise in the area of working together toward the goal of improving northwest Louisiana.

I know the major thrust of the event was to honor you for bringing state resources to northwest Louisiana. However, in my mind, each one of you also worked for the common good of our whole state. This is equally important to your entire constituency – the people of our area as well as the rest of Louisiana.

Thanks for everything you do as public servants.

Sincerely,

Phillip Rozeman



Dr. Rozeman practices Cardiology, Internal Medicine, and Interventional Cardiology in Minden and Shreveport, Louisiana

ELECTIONS 2007

Don't forget to

VOTE!

Last day to register to vote for the October election is Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

Early Voting (in person) October 6—13, 2007, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Primary Election – Saturday, October 20, 2007, 6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote for the November election is Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

Early Voting (in person) November 3—10, 2007, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

General Election – Saturday, November 17, 2007, 6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Please visit the Legislative 2007 Election Home page, <http://legis.state.la.us/election2007/home.htm>, for access to volumes of pertinent information on this fall's elections.

Louisiana Association for the Blind

Rep. Burrell is presented with a token of appreciation from the Louisiana Association for the Blind. The caption reads, "Presented to Representative Roy Burrell with appreciation, Louisiana Association for the Blind, 2007." Shelly Taylor, Senior Vice President of the LAB came on behalf of President/CEO James A. Bowen, Jr. Mr. Bowen expressed his sentiments in a letter to Rep. Burrell: "Thank you for your assistance in helping to secure the addition of \$500,000 to HB 182 for Blind Services designated for Louisiana Association for the Blind's (LAB) Low Vision Rehabilitation Center in Shreveport. This critical funding will ensure service to the blind population of north Louisiana to the fullest extent possible. We understand that you receive many requests in your legislative district and we sin-

cerely appreciate your interest and efforts in furthering this important project.

In the five parishes around Shreveport and Bossier City, there are approximately 18,500 people that are blind or visually impaired. Statistics from Census 2000 and Lighthouse International indicate there are an estimated 13,500 people in Caddo and Bossier Parishes who have severe vision loss. It is estimated that 22 percent of the total population of people living in Louisiana age 40 and older have some form of eye disease. Without the services provided by the LAB Low Vision Center, many severely visually impaired people would become homebound and isolated. Because of your support, they now have

the opportunity to continue living independently and enjoying their normal activities.

Thank you again for your interest in assisting the blind population in north Louisiana. We invite you to attend one of our monthly board meetings and visit the new Center as your schedule permits."



News for Constituents

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Dirksen Center -- Robert H. Michel Special Project Grants

Application Deadline: The center accepts proposals at any time. A committee meets monthly to review proposals and make awards.

Description: The center serves two primary audiences: scholars who conduct research about Congress, and teachers who teach social studies, history, political science, and other subjects that relate to Congress. Michel Special Project Grants are intended to support work

that advances the public's understanding of the federal legislature through research and teaching.

Who May Apply: Teachers who teach social studies, history, political science, and other subjects that relate to Congress

Funding Amount: Although funding for the Special Project Grants is variable, the center expects to award a total of approximately \$35,000 per year, with individual grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

For more information, go to:

http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_specialprojects.htm

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) -- Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants

Application Deadlines: January 31 and October 31

Description: The purpose of the Conference Grant program is to disseminate knowledge about practices within

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the mental-health services and substance-abuse prevention and treatment fields, and to integrate that knowledge into real-world practice as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Who May Apply: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including state, local, or tribal governments; public or private universities and colleges; professional associations; voluntary organizations; self-help groups; consumer and provider services-oriented constituency groups; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations. Individuals are not eligible to receive grant support for a conference. The statutory authority for this program precludes grants to for-profit organizations.

Funding Amount: The maximum grant award is \$50,000. Each of SAMHSA's three centers expects to make approximately \$75,000 per year available for FY 2006 and beyond, for a total of \$225,000 per year. Each center expects to make two to three awards per year, for a total of six to nine awards per year. Actual awards will depend on the availability of funds. All awards will be for a maximum project period of 12 months.

For more information, go to:
http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2006/RFA/PA_06_001_Conference.aspx

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Allstate Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation has no deadlines for submission. Proposals may be submitted throughout the calendar year.

Description: The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding:

Safe and vital communities

Tolerance, inclusion, and diversity

Economic empowerment

Who May Apply: The foundation makes grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundation.html>

ANIMAL WELFARE

DJ&T Foundation

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The foundation's goal is to fund low-cost spay/neuter clinics and voucher programs as a way to help relieve animal overpopulation.

Who May Apply: Only nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designations qualify.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.djtfoundation.org>

AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program

Helping Women 40+ Discover New Lives and New Futures

The AARP Foundation has established the Women's Scholarship Program to help women 40+ overcome financial and employment barriers by allowing them to participate in education and training opportunities they could not otherwise afford.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must:

Be a female age 40 or over (as of October 31, 2007)

Be able to demonstrate financial need

Submit a proposal for enrollment in an accredited post-secondary school or training program within 6 months of the scholarship award date

Priority Applicants

Priority will be given to applicants in the following categories:

Individuals returning to the workforce after an extended absence

Individuals who are underemployed (in a job with limited pay, limited growth opportunities and limited benefits)



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Grandmothers or other female relatives raising another family member's child/children (with the ability to demonstrate significant financial responsibility for those child/children)

Deadline

The online application will be available beginning August 31, 2007. Complete applications must be submitted no later than October 31, 2007. 2008 scholarship recipients will be notified in January 2008. Scholarship funds will be made available shortly thereafter.

How to Apply

The program application may only be submitted online beginning August 31.. Choose "Apply for a new scholarship". Follow the onscreen instructions to apply for an AIN (applicant identification number). Remember to write down the applicant identification number. When prompted, use AFWSP as the access key.

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:

AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program c/o Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc.

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