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#### ***MTMIC Board Seeks Director Candidates***

The nominating committee of the MTMIC Board is seeking qualified candidates to run for the office of Director on the Board of the Manufacturing Technology Mutual Insurance Company. Directors serve three year terms.

The Board meets on the morning of the third Thursday of each month to oversee, discuss and direct the operations of the MTMIC. The meetings are held in the offices of the TMTA at 28237 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

All of the current officers are owners or officers of policyholders in the MTMIC. There is a background check required by the state of Michigan for the successful candidates.

Please contact Gary Wood if you are interested in this opportunity at ([gary.wood@mtmic.com](mailto:gary.wood@mtmic.com) or 248-488-1172, ext 1316).

#### ***Annual Meeting on Schedule***

The Annual meeting of the MTMIC is being held on October 16, 2008 at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

Guests will be received starting at 11:30 a.m. and a lunch will be served at Noon. Please mark your calendars for the occasion. If you need further information please contact either Gary Wood ([gary.wood@mtmic.com](mailto:gary.wood@mtmic.com) or 248-488-1172, ext 1316) or Megan Brown, Director of Sales and Marketing ([megan.brown@mtmic.com](mailto:megan.brown@mtmic.com) or 248-488-1172, ext. 1006).

#### ***Business Mileage Allowance Changes July 1, 2008***

The Internal Revenue Service has announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

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The rate will increase to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008. This is an increase of eight (8) cents from the 50.5 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2008.

### ***Work Safe in the Sun***

#### **MANY POPULAR SUNSCREENS DON'T WORK!**

**(Contributed by Denise Williams, PhD., MS)**

The summer season is in full swing, and along with the hot weather comes the risk of sunburn and skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with about 1 million new cases diagnosed each year. At particular risk are men over the age of 50, and younger women. A major risk factor for skin cancer is repeated sun exposure, and even one sunburn in our lifetime can double our risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

A major weapon in the arsenal to fight skin cancer has been the application of sunscreen products that block damaging ultraviolet rays. However, a recent study found that sunscreens may not be what they seem to be. The Environmental Working Group conducted a comprehensive evaluation of over 1,000 sunscreens currently on the market. The group found that 80% of the products either contained substances that were hazardous to health, or were not able to adequately protect skin from the damaging rays of the sun.

Here is a synopsis of the top 10 products for sun protection. Notice that the most common sunscreens on the market are not on this list! Sunscreens are not required to show their effectiveness under the current level of FDA scrutiny, according to the group. For more details, visit the Environmental Working Group's website: <http://www.ewg.org/>

#### Top 10 Sunscreens

1. Keys Soap Solar Rx Therapeutic Sunblock SPF 30
2. Trukid Sunny Days Facestick Mineral Sunscreen UVA/UVB Broad Spectrum SPF 30+
3. California Baby Sunblock Stick No Fragrance, SPF 30+
4. Badger Sunscreen, SPF 30
5. Marie Veronique Skin Therapy Sun Serum
6. Lavera Sunscreen Neutral, SPF 40
7. Vanicream Sunscreen, SPF 35
8. UV Natural Sunscreen, SPF 30+
9. Sun Science Sport Formula, SPF 30
10. Soleo Organics Sunscreen all natural, SPF 30+

*~Safety is everyone's job~*

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