



April 2004 WATSONIAN Newsletter

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Meeting

Open meeting

When: Tuesday – April 20, 2004, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Corporate Square, Building 8, Room 6B.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

WS PHA Tales Pages Needs to Grow:

Watsonians: The current PHA Tales page offers a measly 10 stories--an incredibly low number! Don't we all have dozens of gems to offer? And, THAT's precisely what we're hoping to hear. First, read through the stories at this URL:

<http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/PHATales.htm> to get a flavor for the theme.

Then, sit down and document your best tale and forward to Bill Boyd (Wboyd@cdc.gov; 4770 Buford Hwy, MS K-22, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717). The Communication Committee will review your offerings and make recommendations to the Watsonian Exec Committee about posting at PHA Tales.

Condolences

WATSONIAN MEMBER PASSES Death of a CDC employee sad news of the passing of our friend and dedicated colleague, Estaban Calderon.

After several weeks in a coma, **Esteban** has passed away. Esteban was an, immunization program manager and Public Health Advisor in Puerto Rico for many years. We've learned that no services are planned for Esteban Calderon but condolences can be sent .

I'm sure Esteban's wife, Pilar, would appreciate hearing from his friends and colleagues. Esteban's loss will be felt by all who knew him. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Lois Armstrong - wife of retired PHA, **Rod Armstrong** passed away surrounded by her family last month in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, NJ.. Rod and Lois had been married for 38 years. She is survived by her husband Rod, a son and daughter-in-law, Blake and Mary Armstrong of Yardville; a daughter, Laura Armstrong of Plainsboro; and two grandchildren, Luke and Emma Armstrong of Yardville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Armstrong's memory to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, 2575 Klockner Road, Hamilton Square, NJ 06690

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Louise Fawcett

I wanted my CDC family to know that my 50-year-old son, Richard Callaway, died at 12:30 a.m. Friday after having taken too many prescription drugs for a chronic back pain condition (25 years of pain) and severe depression.

I would appreciate your prayers for our family, especially Richard's spouse, Leslie, and 13-year-old daughter, Sarah. In lieu of flowers, the family is looking into the possibility of setting up a fund to help with Sarah's college (there was no insurance).

I love you all.
Louise

Get Well Wishes for:

Franklin Miller had a quintuple bypass heart surgery on March 1st at Piedmont Hospital; He is recovering well at home.

Have you heard?

From Dr. Gerberding:

As you know, **Dr. Harold Jaffe, M.D.**, has led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) since September 2001. Dr. Jaffe has informed me that he will retire from the federal government next month. I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Janet Collins** has agreed to serve as Acting Director for NCHSTP following Dr. Jaffe's retirement. To ensure a smooth transition for staff, partners, and the public we serve, Dr. Collins will begin working with Dr. Jaffe in April before he leaves CDC.

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I know you will join me in supporting Dr. Collins in this transitional role for NCHSTP and CDC.

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After a decade of distinguished contributions to CDC and the national effort to improve environmental health, **Dr. Richard Jackson**, Senior Advisor to the CDC Director, is returning to California as the newly appointed state public health officer for the California Department of Health Services. California's health department employs more than 5,000 in more than 60 offices around the state.

Since joining CDC in 1994, Dr. Jackson has addressed vigorously the full range of environmental health issues, including cancer, asthma, radiation effects, pesticide exposure, and toxicology, especially lead poisoning in children. He introduced numerous innovations and enhancements in environmental health that leave a lasting legacy for CDC and the nation.

Dr. Jackson led the production of the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals, an unprecedented effort to measure and report levels of 116 environmental chemicals in people's bodies.

Well before September 11, he expanded CDC's role in emergency response through the establishment of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile and the strengthening and focusing of NCEH's Emergency Operations Branch. In addition, he spearheaded CDC's preparedness and response work in the arena of radiation and chemical events.

Recognizing the increasing importance of genetic knowledge, tests, and services in public health practice, Dr. Jackson oversaw the development of the Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention into a cross-cutting CDC function, that now works to assure that knowledge of human genetics is translated into effective and ethical public health actions.

Dr. Jackson initiated CDC's involvement in the cross-cutting issue of the impact of the built environment on America's health. To help educate people about the role of the built

environment in health, he collaborated with other professionals to create an important new web site, Designing and Building Healthy Places, at <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces>.

Underscoring the importance of local delivery systems to health improvement, Dr. Jackson expanded NCEH's capacity to deliver service with state and local environmental public health agencies—those organizations at the “front lines” of disease prevention. Working with 29 external partner organizations and agencies, NCEH developed and implemented a national strategy to revitalize environmental public health services.

Dr. Jackson graduated from St. Peters College and completed a 2-year program at Rutgers Medical School, then transferred to the University of California at San Francisco, where he graduated and began his residency as a pediatrician. During his residency, he joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer.

Dr. Jackson obtained the Master of Public Health degree from the University of California at Berkeley and then became a public health medical officer with the California Department of Health. Dr. Jackson is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco and an adjunct professor in the department of environmental and occupational health at George Washington University and at Emory University.

Dr. Jackson's original ideas and innovation in thinking about health issues have advanced CDC's ability to serve the American public. I am delighted that CDC will have the good fortune of continuing to work with him in his new position in California as we seek to improve our service to individuals, families and the communities in which they live.

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From **William Gimson**, CDC Chief Operating Officer

Over the last year, CDC has undertaken several initiatives to improve business services under the leadership of the CDC Management Council. These include business services consolidation activities, benchmarking, and process reengineering.

I'm delighted to announce that **Ms. Sandra Manning** has agreed to accept the position of CDC Associate Director for Business Performance in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer effective March 22 to further these efforts in establishing key business performance measures, management reporting systems, and high performing business services.

Ms. Manning's varied expertise and experiences will be very valuable to this new responsibility. I appreciate Ms. Manning's willingness to step up to this important new position in the agency and her dedication over the last several years as the Director of CDC's Procurement and Grants Office.

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Effectively immediately, **Mr. William Nichols** will serve as the acting Director of the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO). Mr. Nichols has most recently served as the Associate Director for Management and Operations (ADMO) in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. Mr. Ted Pestorius has agreed to serve as the acting NCHSTP ADMO.

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In addition, **Mr. Edward Schultz**, currently serving as the Deputy Director, PGO has accepted the position of Senior Competitive Sourcing Manager of CDC's Competitive Sourcing Program in the Management Analysis and Services Office. Mr. Alan Kotch has agreed to serve as the acting Deputy Director, PGO and head of contracting activity.

I thank all of these key managers for taking on these new and important assignments and I ask everyone's support of them in their new roles.

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Effective immediately **Terry Bolden** is being detailed into my office as Acting Chief, Financial and Administrative Services Office. In addition to taking on all the managerial functions associated with managing FASO, Terry will also fulfill the functional role of Deputy ADMO for NCHSTP. Terry joined CDC in 1989 through DSTD, and has also worked in NCCDPHP. Since March 2002 he has served as the Deputy of the Prevention Informatics Office here in the OD. Please join me in welcoming Terry to his new position. Thank you. Ted Pestorius, Acting ADMO, NCHSTP  
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Do You Know?

Roybal campus is always mentioned in CDC announcements... Do you know how it got its name?

The Edward R. Roybal campus is named after a former Congressman who began his public career in 1940 as a health educator for California. He is widely recognized as a national leader in securing adequate health care and housing for older persons. He was a major catalyst in the establishment of the House Select Committee on Aging and he is the founder of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. He has been a pioneer in the fields of civil rights, education, and health and human services. In recognition of Congressman Roybal's efforts in securing \$100 million in funding for CDC buildings and research during his career, in 1999 CDC named its headquarters campus after him.

[CDC Connects website]

The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) is the only national organization representing the deans, faculty and students of the accredited member schools of public health and other programs seeking accreditation as schools of public health.

www.asph.org is the American Schools of Public Health web site, there is a specific web page for distance learning programs for MPH and specialized certificates in epidemiology and public health leadership as complements for those PHAs already having a MPH and just wanting to upgrade their skills.

A lot of these programs require minimal time away from work and are well designed. check out their web site for national school members.

Have YOU Met?

The new CDC INTRANET website has begun a series called: CDC Connects

"It hopes to bridge the gap and connect you with people and programs agency-wide."

The Watsonian executive committee has chosen to bring the leadership profiles highlighted to you as many of you are unable to access the CDC INTRANET.. It is a personal glimpse of the CDC leadership- here are the first two.

12/03 CDC Leadership Profiles:

Meet **Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH**, Title: Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Responsibilities: Provide leadership to CDC and ATSDR operating divisions; advise Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson on emerging public health issues; set future direction and priorities for the nation's premier public health agency.

First job at CDC: Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCID (1998)

Path to public health: "My medical training and faculty positions at the University of California at San Francisco and at San Francisco General Hospital really made me appreciate the importance of an integrated public health and healthcare delivery system. I became passionate about prevention after seeing firsthand the consequences in my patients of a lack of preventive services and poor access to primary care. In addition, my research in infection control and the prevention of healthcare associated infections led me to accept a job as the Director of CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion in 1998."

What is the top priority you are working on? "I have three major priorities as Director of CDC: evolving and implementing the Future's Initiative; enhancing the public health impact of CDC's programs, policies, and preparedness efforts; and expanding CDC's health assessment, communication, and informatics capacities.

On a personal note: "I really enjoy hiking in the north Georgia mountains with my husband David, and I have a passion for gardening. We have a collection in our backyard of native plants that we have rescued from lands that are about to be developed."

12/03 CDC Leadership Profiles:

Meet **F.E. (Ed) Thompson, Jr., MD, MPH** Deputy Director for Public Health Service.

Responsibilities: Overseeing CDC's public health services, including programs that cut across centers, such as HIV, tobacco prevention and emergency preparedness, which has involved a strong interface with state and local public health partners

First job at CDC: Named to current position in October 2002 after serving 23 years in public health, most recently as State Health Officer for Mississippi

Path to public health: My first job in public health was as a county health officer for four counties in Mississippi. I saw family planning patients and treated STDs, and evaluated patients for primary care services. I originally planned to go into clinical medicine. As I was going through my clinical training, I began to see how much wider the impact could be as a practitioner of public health - how many more people's lives you could positively impact compared to being a single doctor taking care of patients one at a time. The impact of working in public health has been enormously satisfying.

Last book(s) read: Sick Puppy by Carl Hiaasen (currently reading Hiasson's Basket Case), Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond, A History of Knowledge by Charles Van Doren "I usually have four or five books going at once, at least one focused on boats or South Florida since sailing is my main vice."

What is the top priority you are working on? "CDC is the finest public health agency in the world but we depend on the other components of the American public health system - our state and local public health partners. One of my overriding priorities is to continually represent the perspective of state and local health departments within CDC's leadership. I come from a non-federal background and I think it's critically important that that perspective be brought into CDC. There is a phrase that I believe Tip O'Neil said,

'All politics is local.' Well, all public health is local. Our state and local partners are legitimate framers of public health policy and can help CDC set priorities and carry out its work and policies. We also have to help them in their priorities and work.

"We've got an incredible responsibility facing us: to adequately protect the country against threats from infectious diseases, including bioterrorism. Enormous resources are being made available to us, including more than \$1 billion provided to help with bioterrorism preparedness. We've got an opportunity to build up our overall public health preparedness infrastructure. Bioterrorism or not, there will be naturally occurring outbreaks of disease, and we need to realize the true dual-use potential of these preparations and dollars spent. That means involving state, local and federal partners in charting our course for the next few years."

AWARD Winners and Nominees

Goldberg Wins the Jack N. Spencer Award

At the 2004 National STD Conference in Philadelphia, John Douglas, MD, director of DSTDP, presented the 2004 Jack N. Spencer Award to **Marty Goldberg**, Program Manager of the Philadelphia STD Program. Marty's nomination cited his long career in STD prevention--35 years of continuous service to the DSTDP-- dedicated to improving the delivery and practice of STD prevention services in New York City, Chicago, Houston, and for the last 20 + years in Philadelphia. The nomination further noted: "A lot has happened in STD prevention and public health during Marty's years in this work. The foci of STD prevention has changed: a shift away from syphilis to other STDs like GC and CT, AIDS/HIV; in the 1980s, resistant GC; and growth of illicit drug use, etc. When a person is in one career for a long time, it is a challenge to shift with the changes. Marty exemplifies a person who has done just that. **This is the thrust of the Jack Spencer award: To learn about what is changing and why it is changing and then to create programmatic responses to those changes--what we often call 'science-based' programs--and to be willing to seek and implement innovative approaches to programs when status quo is not working.**"

A few of many examples of how Marty Goldberg has exemplified these critical public health practices for STD prevention:

Example 1:

During the late 1980s, when many people were starting to observe the connection between the syphilis epidemic with the increased use of crack/cocaine, Marty went the extra mile. He developed a system for capturing information regarding crack cocaine that was rigorous and standardized. This system he initiated and successfully implemented in Philadelphia, resulted in the first scientific findings in the country to identify crack/cocaine use as a major contributing factor to the syphilis epidemic. His success was documented in an MMWR.

Example 2:

We all know that information is critical to effective STD control and prevention. Marty recognized a problem in the information system in Philadelphia and did something about it. In late 1980s, Marty pioneered the creation of an innovative initiative to computerize the City of Philadelphia's STD Control Program activities. When he began these efforts, there were no computerized systems in

the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. What Marty began is the foundation of Philadelphia's Disease Control Management System, which today contains 300,000 patient records.

Example 3:

Improvements in Chlamydia screening efforts throughout the Philadelphia area have Marty's imprint. (Those attending the 2004 STD Conference heard about some of those efforts.) Most recently, [implementing a] screening program in the Philadelphia School district where almost 20,000 high school students were screened for CT and GC. Five percent were positive for GC, CT, or both, and 99% of those who tested positive were treated.

CONGRATULATIONS Marty!

NOMINATED For an AWARD

The 31st Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 12:00 noon at the Georgia International Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, Georgia. Atlanta Federal employees will be honored. Specifically, nominees from Atlanta Federal agencies in 18 categories will be recognized for their achievements and service to the public over the past year. **This year CDC has 7 individual nominees and 2 group nominations for the Federal Employee of the year as follows:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>CIO</u>
Julia P. Chlarson	Outstanding Professional	OD
Charles E. Daniels	Outstanding Supervisor	OD
Stephen C. Milby	Outstanding Scientific Award	OD
Freida R. Quarles	Outstanding Administrative Support	OD
Marc Bulterys, MD, PhD, MPH	Outstanding Scientific Award	NCHSTP
David A. Bray	Outstanding Customer Service	NCID
Mary E. Chamberland, MD, MPH	Outstanding Manager	NCID

Afghanistan Maternal and Perinatal Health Team (NCCDPHP)

Outstanding Team Award

Brian J. McCarthy	Stephen E. Schindler
Kitty MacFarlane	Denise F. Giles
Mary M. Dott	Douglas A. "Skip" Cook
Howard G. (Tim) Miner	Robbie Prepas

This nomination is for recognition of the outstanding efforts of the CDC team working to significantly advance the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Secretary's initiative to assist the people of Afghanistan in the area of maternal and child health; and for providing exceptional service to the mothers of Rabia Balkhi Women's Hospital (RBH) in Kabul, Afghanistan. The combined contribution of this dedicated team comprised of physicians, nurses, nurse-midwives, managers, and other public health professionals has resulted in a reduced risk to mothers of maternal and neonatal deaths and injury at the maternity ward of RBH and an improvement in the knowledge, skill level, and quality of care of the local health care providers.

Most team members have received Certificates of Appreciation: “In recognition of your exemplary contribution to the improvement of health services and operations at Rabia Balkhi Hospital, and your exceptional support and coordination with the Civil Military Coordination Center and the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force. Your commitment to excellence has laid the foundation for a better way of life for the people of Afghanistan.” This award was presented to team members by the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force – Afghanistan.

Field Staff Planning Workgroup (NCHSTP)
Outstanding Team Award

Subroto Banerji- DTBE
Betsy Carter- DTBE
Edith Dean- NCHSTP/OD
Nancy Fasano- NIP
Melanie Lagarde- NIP field staff
Maureen O'Rourke- DTBE Field Staff
Steve Shapiro- DSTD
Angela Sorrells- NIP Field Staff
Rita Varga- DTBE
Kim Zimmerman- NCHSTP/OD

Audriene Bishop-Cline- NCHSTP/OD
Eleanor Cawthorne- DSTD
Audrey Durr- DSTD
Cindy Getty- DHAP
Ronald R. Lake- CDC/OD
Kim Seechuk- DSTD
Arlene Shaw- DSTD Field Staff
Christopher Stallard- CDC/OD
Leisha Ware- DSTD Field Staff

The FSPWG was nominated by CDC for an Outstanding Team Award in the 2004 Atlanta Federal Executive Board, Employee of the Year Awards. This is a consortium of all federal agencies in Atlanta. The FSPWG is a cross-center workgroup including members from NCHSTP, NIP and AHRC (Formerly HRMO) and their primary purpose is to ensure that our field PHAs are able to access appropriate, CDC-sponsored career developmental training.

The Field Staff Planning Work Group (FSPWG) designs field staff training courses and resolves communication/access issues for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) and the National Immunization Program's (NIP) field staff. A cross-center workgroup, it has members from HRMO, NIP, and NCHSTP. The workgroup communicates regularly and hosts a conference call and meeting monthly.

In collaboration with HRMO and input of approximately 350 field staff, the FSPWG was able to negotiate for 10 separate HRMO sponsored training classes (for 25-30 field staff per course) to be delivered nationwide. The specific classes were requested by the field staff and determined by the FSPWG.

The FSPWG ensures that all of the field staff for NCHSTP and NIP maintains access to the CDC intranet. The FSPWG provides a forum to address issues related to the field and utilizes appropriate divisional communication models to ensure that accurate minutes/information is disseminated to the field staff, thus, minimizing the “out-of-loop” perception.

The FSPWG's outstanding progress can be attributed to the diversity of its membership and use of a collaborative process. The exemplary level of work produced has a direct impact on multiple levels of the organization and exemplifies the concepts of teamwork, collaboration and inclusion.

This workgroup has led efforts to improve the performance of Public Health Advisors in nationwide field assignments in a variety of areas, such as:

- Development of training courses to address the unique needs of field PHAs and current occupational competencies
- Development of traveling technology clinics to trouble shoot issues of connectivity that emerge in field locations
- Development of an internet based competency assessment tool that can be used by field PHAs and management to identify areas of need in training and professional development
- Construction of a comprehensive intranet site designed to address the specific needs and issues of field PHAs
- Strategizing with field staff on ways to improve and support PHAs in field assignments.

Congratulations on your nominations and we look forward to listing you as winners after the May ceremony- GOOD LUCK!

Member Announcements

Wedding Bells:

I've recently married and changed my name. Email addresses stay the same. Please update your contact lists. Thanks! **Cyndi Rilling**, AKA **Cyndi Shaffer** (EPHRB) Her name has changed.

New transfers/promotions/temporary assignments:

Robert Cicatello (Chronic, DRH, Women's Health Fertility Branch), on a 1-year detail to the Office of the Director, CDC, is the co-lead for the Contracts Work Stream of the Procurement and Grants Business Improvement Task Force.

Bruce Heath has accepted a position as the program manager for the STD Program in San Juan, Puerto Rico effective May 30, 2004.

Effective March 7, 2004, **Robin Forbes** began as the Director, Extramural Resources Team, Office of Program Management and Operations at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The duties include formulation and analysis of public health goals, objectives and operating policies in NCIPC. Provides guidance and assistance to senior management on the interpretation of regulations as it relates to implementation of public health programs in the Center. Represents the Center on all public health extramural matters. Assures that all extramural research activities are peer reviewed by developing policies and procedures. Assists scientists and program officials on the implementation of external reviews.

Shirley Havlak (wife of **Russ Havlak**) is retiring from Southern Company Services, the data management arm of Southern Company. Congratulations, Shirley!

From: **Poppe, Paul** - Congratulations to **Kate O'Toole**

It is with mixed emotions that I ask you to join me in congratulating **Ms. Kate O'Toole** on her selection as vice-president for Z-Tech in their new Atlanta based office. Z-Tech is a Baltimore based firm which provides personal and other contractual services to CDC and other government agencies. While this decision was extremely difficult, Kate has accepted the offer because of the opportunities and new challenges that come with it. Her last day at CDC will be March 19, 2004.

I am personally grateful to Kate for her contributions to CDC and to DTBE during the past 14 years. I am very sad to see her go and yet, I am also very happy for her and the opportunities ahead.

Kate (nee Hedstrom) began her PHA career with the STD Program in 1989 in Plantation, Florida. She served also with the STD Program in Lauderhill, FL and Long Beach, CA where she rose to the front line supervisory position before reassignment to the TB Program in New York City and at headquarters in Atlanta.

Have you got a score card? Pay close attention to keep up....

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Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.

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Ted Pectorius, who has been Bill's Deputy for the past 18 months, will serve as Acting ADMO, NCHSTP.

But Then-its another switch....

Mr. Ted Pectorius has accepted a position in the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases. In Ted's absence, **Mr. Michael Melneck** has kindly agreed to serve as Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, NCHSTP. Michael is currently serving as the Acting Director of DASTLR. He will assume his new duties on April 26, 2004.

Before joining CDC in 1990, Michael worked for Emory University, where he helped develop the International Public Health Program in what later became the Rollins School of Public Health. At CDC, he held several positions in NCID, including Acting Assistant Director for Management, Division of HIV/AIDS; Assistant Director for Operations, International Activity, Division of HIV/AIDS; and ADMO, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases. He then completed a 2-year development assignment at the CDC Foundation, where he served as Program Officer. He joined DASTLR in July 2002 as Deputy Director.

I would like to thank Michael for assuming this responsibility during a period of transition. I would also like to thank **Dr. Dale Hu**, who has agreed to serve as Acting Director of DASTLR following Michael's departure.
Harold Jaffe

ITSO is pleased to announce that **David Foster** has been appointed the Acting Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for NCHSTP, effective April 5, 2004. Mr. Foster originally came to CDC to start a national graphics center and provide desktop computer support for the Office of HIV/AIDS. As the new NCHSTP Center formed, he assumed the role for managing the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention's desktop and local area network (LAN) support needs, and played a key role in the formation of the Information Systems Services (ISS) office, consolidating LAN, application, helpdesk, graphics, and Web support for all of DHAP. During his tenure at DHAP/ISS, Mr. Foster's team assumed responsibility for technical support to the Global AIDS Program (GAP) domestic and international staff, which involved creating the IT infrastructure for 26 international GAP sites and brought the total number of staff members supported within DHAP and GAP to

almost 900. In his most recent role as the Helpdesk Services Team Lead for the new ITSO organization, Mr. Foster has been leading the effort to consolidate helpdesk services for nearly 1800 staff members from all the divisions of NCHSTP.

Judith (Judy) N. Kenny, MPA, MS, Acting Director
Information Technology Services Office (ITSO), CDC

The Information Technology Services Office (ITSO) is pleased to announce that **Jaspal Sagoo** has been designated as the Chief Technology Officer for CDC & ATSDR effective April 5, 2004. Since early 2000, Mr. Sagoo has served as the Chief Technology Officer for the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, and as the co-chair of the CDC Chief Technology Officer Committee. Prior to this, he was the IRM Coordinator for NCHSTP for five years, having worked in key roles as a Senior Network Engineer since 1989. During his tenure at NCHSTP, Mr. Sagoo managed their IT infrastructure, the Corporate Square local area network, remote access capabilities, international and domestic infrastructure field staff, information security, and the dissemination and implementation of CDC and HHS regulatory IT policies. He was instrumental in enabling the establishment of the first distance-based Graduate Certificate Program in Public Health for Public Health Advisors (PHA) in collaboration with Emory University, John Hopkins, Tulane University, and the University of Washington. To better equip NCHSTP staff in remote locations across the U.S., Mr. Sagoo managed the distribution of new laptops to nearly three hundred NCHSTP field staff. He also led the effort to promote the use of secure remote access connectivity for PHAs assigned to state and local health offices. In the last few years, Mr. Sagoo recognized the need for internally-broadcasted video services for CDC, and was a key player in introducing IP-TV to the desktop for All Hands meetings and other types of scheduled and on-demand programming.

Prior to his time at CDC, Mr. Sagoo spent time in technical management positions with computer vendors in the private sector, and was a telecommunications officer for British Telecommunications, specializing in central office switching and satellite based communications. Mr. Sagoo has a B.S. in Telecommunications from Uxbridge Technical College in London, England.

Questions concerning this announcement, may be referred to Vicki Johnson at (404) 639-7804.

RETIREMENTS

After 40 years of distinguished service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), **Mr. Joseph R. Carter**, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC/ATSDR, has announced that he will retire on April 30, 2004.

All CDC/ATSDR personnel are invited to a retirement celebration/farewell reception in honor of Mr. Carter on Friday, April 30, 2004, 1-3 p.m., in Auditorium B of the Roybal Campus. There will be a brief program in tribute to Mr. Carter's 40 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to public health.

Mr. Carter has had an extraordinarily successful career. In August 1964, he started his federal service as a CDC communicable disease representative in Detroit, Michigan. In 1966, Mr. Carter transferred to Newark, New Jersey where he spent three years as a clinic manager and trainer. Then in 1969, he was sent to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he served as CDC's Senior City Representative for the Tuberculosis, Sexually

Transmitted Disease Control, and Immunization Programs. The next CDC assignment carried him from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was recognized as a Senior Executive in the federal government and where he spent the next ten years. From 1982-1984, Mr. Carter was assigned to the Office of Assistant Commissioner for Disease Control and Epidemiology, New Jersey Department of Health. Mr. Carter later worked in the Division of Preventative Health Services, New York, New York, from 1984-1994 before serving in the Atlanta headquarters, Office of the CDC Director.

Mr. Carter's federal service encompasses all areas of public health, including those outside of the CDC entity. For example, his contributions to the enhancement of public health were reflected through his participation in Puerto Rico's Gynecomastia Study connected with the Haitian Detainee Program, his managing the Cuban-Refugee Immigration Hearings at the Atlanta Federal Prison, and the vital role he played in the New Jersey hazardous Waste Task Force. Mr. Carter was a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Public Health Service Regional Response Team. He also served on CDC's National HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee and assisted in the preparation of AIDS program guidelines.

Mr. Carter graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, where he attained his Bachelor of Science degree. He later attended Oklahoma University in Norman, Ohio, where he received his Master of Public Administration degree.

After retirement, Mr. Carter will spend quality time with his family, especially with his father in Ohio. Mr. Carter enjoys gardening and will probably frequent his local Home Depot store more than usual. An avid fisherman, he plans to spend more time catching a few fish as he once did on the piers of Atlantic City, New Jersey. In addition, he intends to travel abroad. However, Mr. Carter's favorite hobby will surely prevail as he intends to putter leisurely on numerous cool, plush, emerald green golf courses.

Mr. Carter's commitment to public health, personal integrity, and loyalty to CDC and ATSDR is a model for all of us. I will personally miss working with him and benefiting from his wisdom and experience. His legacy of selfless contributions will continue to enhance CDC's and ATSDR's mission long after he retires.

Employees who wish to contribute toward a retirement gift for Mr. Carter may send donations to Ms. Monique Blanton at Mailstop E-83. I hope that all of you can join us for this very special event in celebration of Mr. Carter's accomplishments and in wishing him all the best in his new endeavors.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.

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**Tony D. Perez**, Director, Division of Global Migration & Quarantine (DGMQ) will retire on Monday, May 3, 2004, after 30 years at CDC and 33 years in Federal service.

As a member of the Marine Corps, Tony learned quickly what was important and what was not. His leadership in public health has been characterized by his ability to effectively prioritize the competing challenges that face the programs where he worked and then make the wisest choices possible.

Tony's public health career began in the STD program as a "co-op" in 1975 in Washington, DC. From there he moved to the Chicago STD program, becoming a

Supervisory Public Health Advisor; on to the Puerto Rico STD Program as the Senior Public Health Advisor; and then as the Officer-in-Charge of the Los Angeles Quarantine Station. In 1986, he came to headquarters in the Division of Quarantine, serving first in the capacity of Assistant Branch Chief of the Field Operations Branch, then Branch Chief, Deputy Director, and since 1998 as Director of the Division. Tony has directed the Division in numerous emergency response efforts that made headlines; however, his strength is his ability to see the whole picture and chart a path to a solution that provides the best public health science to the population being targeted. He has been a peacemaker and a gentle voice of calm and moderation, balancing the needs and interests of various target populations, foreign ministries, federal agencies, transportation industry, NGO, and state and local health departments with a multi-disciplinary workforce often in the midst of large emergency operations of public health importance.

Tony's involvement with immigration emergencies dates from his time in the STD program – playing a key role in the Mariel Boat Lift. Later, as part of the Division of Quarantine, Tony led similar CDC public health emergency interventions, including the Kurdish refugees fleeing Iraq in 1996, the Burmese refugees in Guam, and Kosovar refugees at Fort Dix, New Jersey. These emergencies continue to the present, with concerns about rash illness in Liberian refugees encamped in Côte d'Ivoire. Tony has managed crises ranging from displaced human populations in immediate need of vaccines to potential transmitters of human infections, such as monkeys, mosquitoes, prairie dogs, cats (SARS-civet cats) to rats (plague-1994) on international or domestic conveyances.

Tony's strength of management is in the respect he gives every population he is serving, as well as every employee and colleague he works with. He is never patronizing or condescending. He is a superb diplomat, but when he has to make a hard decision about an employee, his Marine training serves him well and he makes the choices that are necessary for the program. He has commandeered a very diverse, ship with nuances of extreme complexity during a turbulent time in our nation's history and it has been a job well done. His skill-set will be valued in any new arena he undertakes. Tony's personal charm, wit and intelligence to focus on the fundamental question will be greatly missed.

Tony leaves DGMQ at an important juncture since SARS and Avian influenza have brought the Division full circle. It is now at the threshold of expansion to better serve and protect the traveling public and to respond to new public health threats, be they naturally occurring or intentional.

Tony will provide his retirement locating information through a future Watsonian newsletter, though he will not likely be retiring from public health in earnest, as he loves the challenges this career has provided him. The Division will **take a coffee break around 11 am on Monday, May 3, 2004**, to congratulate him on his years in federal service. It is informal, no fanfare, as that is his preferred style. Anyone is welcome to drop by his office that day at Executive Park, Building 57, 5<sup>th</sup> floor to wish him well. .  
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After 30 years of distinguished service to CDC, **Dean D. Mason** has retired from his position as Chief of the Program Support Branch in the Immunization Services Division of the National Immunization Program effective April 3, 2004. Although Mr. Mason will

be leaving CDC, the world of immunization will still benefit from his experience and expertise in his new position as President and Chief Executive Director of the Sabin Vaccine Institute.

After field assignments as a Public Health Advisor in Florida, Missouri, Texas, and South Carolina, Dean came to CDC headquarters in Atlanta in 1985 where he worked to establish a public health immunization infrastructure to protect children, adolescents, and adults from vaccine preventable diseases. A resurgence of measles between 1989 and 1991 demonstrated the need for state and urban area immunization programs to orient their programs toward vaccinating toddlers. Mr. Mason led the Department of Health and Human Services' "Six Cities Initiative" project that demonstrated the feasibility of reaching underserved children in urban areas.

The success of the Six Cities Initiative led to significant enhancements in the capacity of public health to reach vulnerable children. Building on that success, all states and territories and several urban areas developed Immunization Action Plans that provided blueprints for reaching underserved children in their jurisdiction. Mr. Mason has been of great support both to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC), providing frequent formal presentations on vaccine supply and programmatic subjects.

In 1993, Congress created the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and Dean Mason served in a primary leadership role, helping to establish many of VFC's important features. In its subsequent 11 years, VFC has become a critically important cornerstone of the nation's immunization system, allowing many vulnerable children to be entitled to vaccines as recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Working closely with PGO and the Office of General Counsel, Mr. Mason led the effort for a "DTaP Vaccine Pilot Contract" that in 1999 resulted in a new method for vaccine contracting. The old procurement system that awarded vaccine contracts only to the lowest bidders was replaced by consolidated contracts that provided multiple awards, generating a market share for all manufacturers and competitive pricing for the benefit of the immunization projects. This contracting strategy remains in place today.

Mr. Mason graduated from Texas A&M –Commerce in 1971 where he attained a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Mason will not be retired for long. On April 7, 2004 he will begin work with the Sabin Vaccine Institute where he will advocate for vaccines and vaccination programs, both domestically and worldwide.

Dean Mason's contributions helped the nation achieve the lowest levels of vaccine preventable diseases ever recorded through the achievement of the highest levels of vaccination coverage ever measured. His service at CDC will continue to benefit children, adolescents, and adults for years to come through programs he was instrumental in developing.

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**Mike Skaggs** retired February 27, 2004. Mike began his CDC career in the summer of 1968 in Houston, TX as a co-op with the VD Program. He reassigned to St. Louis in 1971 and was promoted to a first line supervisory post. He laterally relocated to Detroit in 1974. In January, 1976 he was promoted and served as a

District Coordinator in New York City where he supervised several front-line supervisors in several jurisdictions of the city.

In October, 1977, Mike was selected as the senior rep in the Mississippi STD program where he remained until May, 1981. He then resigned, but after a few years realized that 'once it gets in your blood you can't get it out' and was reinstated in 1988 and assigned to Tallahassee, FL and served in high level posts there with the STD program until reassigning to Atlanta in June, 1991 where he has served in several roles with the HIV/AIDS program. Congratulations on a wonderful career, Mike.

The following communication re Mike is from **Debra Hayes-Hughes**.

"Dear Colleagues, This correspondence is to inform you of the recent retirement of Mike Skaggs, PHA. Mike retired on February 27, 2004 after 33 years of federal service. In accordance with Mike's wishes to leave quietly without any fanfare, we were unable to inform you of his retirement ahead of time. Mike stated he did not like good-bye's. Mike shared with me that his retirement plans are to travel and enjoy time with his wife who also recently retired in January, 2004. We will certainly miss his program expertise and friendship.

We are planning a retirement card shower to send to Mike at the end of April. If you would like to participate, please send your cards or well wishes to my address listed below. Tonya Ross, PHA has been temporarily assigned Mike's program consultant project areas. Tonya can be reached at 404-639-5191 or via email at [TRoss@cdc.gov](mailto:TRoss@cdc.gov). If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 404-639-4493 or via email at [dsh1@cdc.gov](mailto:dsh1@cdc.gov).

Thanks, Debra Hayes-Hughes, MS, MPH Deputy Branch Chief NCHSTP/DHAP-SE/HICSB"

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Dr. Sue Binder is retiring from CDC/ATSDR and the US PHS Commissioned Corps after 20 years of service. Please join us in honoring Dr. Binder in a reception being held on May 14, from 3:00–5:00 p.m., in the first floor conference room (Room 1 A and B) of the ATSDR building, 1825 Century Blvd. in the Century Center complex. Her colleagues are compiling a memory book for her as a gift. Please send any cards, notes, pictures, or stories about Sue that you can provide for inclusion in this book by April 23, 2004 to: Cindy Whitt; 770-488-1565; MS K-63. If you wish to contribute toward a gift for Dr. Binder, please send your contribution by April 23, 2004 to Louise Galaska or Brenda Strong, both at MS-K-02. Also, please circulate this announcement to others who might want to attend the reception or share memories.

A commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Binder first joined CDC in 1984 as an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service-the disease detectives. During her nearly two decades in the Service, Dr. Binder applied her medical and public health training to help prevent lead poisoning; to reduce exposure to toxic waste; to mitigate public health consequences of industrial and natural disasters; and to reduce deaths and illnesses from parasitic diseases. As chief of CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Dr. Binder developed CDC's national childhood lead poisoning prevention program that resulted in millions of children being screened. Before being appointed to head the Injury Center, she was associate director for medical science in the Division of Parasitic Disease, National Center for Infectious Diseases. In this capacity, Dr. Binder spearheaded development of CDC's strategic approach to countering emerging infectious diseases. Her work laid the foundation for a \$30 million budget increase for this public health program.

Dr. Binder was appointed director of CDC's Injury Center in December 2000. At the Injury Center, Dr. Binder has overseen the expansion of state programs for injury prevention; the development of surveillance for circumstances surrounding violent deaths; and new research in such areas as child maltreatment. Under her direction, the Injury Center has taken a leadership role in CDC's preparedness for mass trauma events and the psychosocial consequences of terrorism. A proponent of the public health approach, Dr. Binder has established research and state public health programs as cornerstones of CDC's injury work.

Dr. Binder has received many professional honors, including the Arthur S. Flemming Award for excellence in management and awards from the U.S. Public Health Service. During the course of her career she has also earned the respect and affection of many colleagues both inside CDC/ATSDR and in the wider community beyond. We hope that you will join us in honoring her career and accomplishments in person on May 14 and through sharing memories and best wishes for this exciting new phase of her life.

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**Edith Hambie** will retire in April 2004, after four decades of providing indispensable leadership, mentoring, and role modeling to coworkers, fellows, and students at CDC, forever changing the face and the character of the Agency. In her forty-one years at CDC, Edith has helped to shape the professional direction of hundreds of students and coworkers with her generous counsel, advice, and encouragement. Her tireless guidance and support has made a distinct and indelible contribution to the public health workforce in general, and to CDC in particular. Edith's own story provides a shining role model. She received her undergraduate degree from Georgia State University in 1974, and her Master's degree in Biology in 1979 from Atlanta University. She began her career at CDC in 1964 as a laboratory aide, working her way up over the years, to become a Research Microbiologist at the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). In 1994 she was named the Human Resources Diversity Coordinator for NCID, a post she has held since that time. Since 1995 she has held the positions of Health Scientist, Diversity Coordinator and director of the James A. Ferguson Fellowship Program in the Office of Minority and Women's Health, NCID. In addition to working as Diversity Coordinator, Edith has been an active member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Board, the CDC Mentoring Group, the Diversity in Action Framework Group, and the CDC-ATSDR Minority Initiatives Coordinating Committee (CAMICC). Edith has always seen the link between work and community, between education and professional development. Her lifelong efforts at CDC and in the community are two sides of the same bright coin. This is clear in her decades-long involvement in community efforts to improve education in Decatur. Her service as president of the Georgia School Board Association is just one of many outstanding roles and contributions.

Edith is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious William C. Watson Jr. Medal of Excellence, CDC's highest public health honor. She was honored in 2003 when she was named the first-ever recipient of CDC's Minority Health Mentor Medal of Excellence. Among her other honors are the Employee Humanitarian Service Award, Atlanta Federal Executive Board Federal Employee of the Year Award, Public Health Service Superior Award, National School Boards Association Award for Distinguished Service, and the Georgia School Boards Association Award of Excellence. She is an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Society, the American Society for Microbiology, Sigma XI, Scientific Research Society of North America, the American

Association for the Advancement of Science, Beta Kappa Chi, Scientific Honor Society, CDC Mentoring Steering Committee, Atlanta University Center Biology Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi, Scientific Honor Society, and is an Honorary Life Member of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

After retirement, Edith will enjoy her free time while remaining involved in the community and the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church. She will continue her fight for better conditions of work, health, and education for people in this country

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After 36 years of service, **Peggy Taylor** of the Information Resources Management Office, will be retiring on September 3, 2004. In looking forward to this event, we would like to collect a "Book of Memories" from all of her friends and colleagues at CDC, both past and present. She has reached out and "touched" a lot of lives thru her work in the OPS/IRMO Support Helpdesk. We would like to give everyone at CDC the opportunity to send in memos, cards and/or photos (especially pictures) that will be bound together in a collection of CDC memories and given to Peggy on her special day.

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**Ms. Ramona Walters** retired from the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch after 26 years of federal service. Her retirement will be effective at close of business on April 2, 2004.

Ramona's federal career began in 1978 working as a secretary at the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Laboratory Statistics, in New York City in the Regional Commissioner's Office. She also worked in the same capacity for the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training until October, 1988 when she moved to Atlanta. In March of 1989, Ramona joined the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Laboratory Section (formerly the Enteric Diseases Laboratory Section and then the Diarrheal Diseases Laboratory Section) where she has worked as a program operations assistant until the present.

During her career with the FDDDB Section, Ramona has handled nearly impossible demands with creativity, meticulous organization and, above all infinite amount of patience. She handles her communication with people outside the Branch with a great deal of tact and diplomacy. Ramona's organizational skills, dedication, and commitment to exceptional administrative support were recognized when she was awarded the CDC/ATSDR Honor Award in 2003 for the Individual category of Administrative Services, GS-8 or below.

Ramona is looking forward to becoming more involved in church activities, spending time traveling with her husband, visiting friends and relatives, and spoiling her grandchildren with attention. She leaves behind many friends and colleagues who will remember her hard-working attitude, cheerful disposition, and unflinching commitment to her work and CDC.

Please join us in congratulating Ramona on her retirement and wishing success for her future endeavors. A luncheon will be held in Ramona's honor on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at Petite Auberge Restaurant (2935 N. Druid Hills Rd, in the Toco Hills Plaza).

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Ms. Jo Ann Fortner retired from the National Immunization Program (NIP), Immunization Services Division, Program Support Branch (PSB), after 19 years of Federal government service. Her retirement was effective at close of business on March 31, 2004.

Jo Ann's Federal career began in March 1985, in accounting with the Financial Management Office. In 1986, she moved to the Procurement and Grants Office as a Grants Assistant. In 1988, she accepted a position with ATSDR, first as a Secretary and then as an Administrative Assistant.

She came to PSB in what is now known as the NIP in 1993. Since that time she has functioned in a critically important position as a Vaccine Control Assistant. She is best known both to field and headquarters personnel as the employee who processes vaccine orders, provides information on the status of orders and financial balances, and as the best person to talk with if there is a question or a problem concerning a vaccine order.

Jo Ann's knowledge and efficiency in providing assistance during periods of national crisis such as disease outbreaks and national vaccine shortages is widely recognized. She has received numerous accolades for her work performance including recognition as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Employee of the Month" for July 1999.

Jo Ann leaves behind many friends and colleagues who will remember her contributions to public health. Please join us in congratulating Jo Ann on a job well done and in wishing her much success in her future endeavors. Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to Dean Mason at (404) 639-8222.

SHARE OFFERS:

Discounted Six Flags, Renaissance Festival, and Stone Mountain Park tickets are available at the SHARE stores located on the Clifton and Chamblee campuses. Store hours are 9:30 - 2:30 pm.

Six Flags Daily Pass	\$24.50
White Water Daily Pass	\$22.00
Season Pass Six Flags	\$49.50
Meal Deal Six Flags/White Water	\$9.00

Six Flags Over Georgia

Six Flags Over Georgia announces Six Flags Over Georgia introduces **five new family rides including its 10th coaster.**

Six Flags Over Georgia will thrill families when it debuts five new rides that parents and kids can enjoy together. This summer, the park will unveil its tenth roller coaster, **Wile E. Coyote Canyon Blaster** based on the *Warner Bros. Looney Tunes* character, *Wile E. Coyote*.

Specifically designed for families with kids over 36 inches, this 900 foot-long steel coaster is mild enough to deliver big thrills for the little ones and still entertain mom and dad. Other new rides include...

- **Up, Up & Away** with twelve, balloon-shaped gondolas twirling through gently through the sky

- **Rockin' Tug** which simulates the motions of a boat on the open ocean
- **Gotham City Crime Wave**, a high-flying swing ride that spins riders in a wave-like motion 30 feet above pedestrians below
- **Shake Rattle & Roll**, a unique indoor ride experience boasting a 50's theme that thrills with sight, sound, and motion including pink Cadillacs, poodle skirts, and music from this classic era

Prepare to ride the ultimate storm!

Six Flags White Water confirms that a **Tornado** will touch down in Atlanta this summer in the form of an enormous new thrill ride. Tornado will resemble a giant, 60-foot tall household funnel turned on its side. Daring riders start on a platform 75 feet in the air and speed down a 132-foot long tunnel before being thrown into the giant open-ended funnel. However, guests do not have to brave this storm alone: Tornado provides specially designed, 4-person cloverleaf-shaped tubes for families or groups of friends to ride together. When riders arrive at the vortex of the Tornado, they are sent through a drenching waterfall and through the eye of the storm into a cool catch pool below.

<http://www.sixflags.com/>

So come out and enjoy all the thrills, chills, fun & excitement of Six Flags over Georgia!

The Georgia Renaissance Festival

Renaissance Festival starts April 17 and runs thru June 6, Saturdays and Sundays, including Memorial Day, 10:30 am till 6 pm.

The Georgia Renaissance Festival, the largest themed festival in the Southeast is returning for a 19th year of merriment! Bored with the 21st Century? Travel back in time and experience our daylong adventure of fun!

Before you know it you'll be caught up in the merriment of the renaissance! Thrill to the jousting knights and let your spirits soar at the magnificent Birds of Prey Show! Feast like a king on a massive roasted turkey leg and shop like a Queen in our sprawling artist market. Kids of all ages will love the excitement of the rides in our medieval amusement park. Jugglers, magicians, strolling minstrels and action packed swordplay await you at the Georgia Renaissance Festival!

Adult tickets are \$13.50... Child..\$5.50

<http://www.garenfest.com>

Stone Mountain Park

The golf, the tennis, the crossroads, the barn, the plantations, the riverboat, the railroad, the skylift, the waterslides, and the LASER show, are many of the great attractions here!

Stone Mountain Park tickets

Adults - \$17.50 Children - \$14.50

<http://www.stonemountainpark.org/>

*Children 2 and under free to most all events in Atlanta.

Mariachi Cobre -- Latin Music Fiesta \$20

with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, May 23, 2004 @ 3:30 PM

Since 1982, Mariachi Cobre has been entertaining families at the Mexico Pavilion at EPCOT Center. Now these internationally acclaimed Mariachi's will entertain you and your family with stirring rhythms and harmonies featuring new and old favorites. The Mariachi's are sure to bring everyone to their feet with the traditional folk tune *Jarabe tapatio* [the "Mexican Hat Dance"] as well as many other Mexican favorites! Join us for an afternoon of music straight from South of the Border!

Mariachi at its best by the exuberant, soul-lifting musicians and vocalists of Mariachi Cobre. Cobre has collaborated with international stars such as Linda Ronstadt, Carlos Santana, Celia Cruz, and recently recorded and toured with the Boston Pops. Don't miss a joyous experience !

SHARE is pleased to make available to our members the opportunity to see another special concert. We are able to offer these Main Orchestra Seats at Symphony Hall in the Woodruff Arts Building, for this show at a discount price of **\$ 20**. 15% off the regular price, plus no ticketmaster charges. These tickets will go very fast, and there is a limited number of tickets available to the show. Reservations must be sent via email to Tony McDonald, this includes number of tickets, and mailstop. Then send payment to Tony at Mailstop **E85**. Tickets will be distributed about a week or so prior to the show as usual, so tickets are not lost. We are making these reservations early to guarantee our great seating in the lower level orchestra, as this show will sell out very quickly to the public.

New Works by the Atlanta Ballet

Center for the Arts at Georgia Tech

Saturday, May8, 2004 8pm \$37 tickets

Bachslide

Choreographed by Alan Hine, Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

Costumes by Christine Joly, Lighting Design by Robert Hand, Jr.

Caught

Choreographed by David Parsons, Music by Robert Fripp

Costumes courtesy Atlanta Ballet, Lighting Design by Howell Binkley

Four Last Songs

Choreographed by Ben Stevenson, Music by Richard Strauss

Lighting Design by Tony Tucci Scenic and Costume Design by Matthew C. Jacobs

Untitled (World Premiere)

Choreographed by John McFall, Music by Maurice Ravel

Costume Design by Christine Joly, Lighting Design by David J. Tatu

SHARE is pleased to make available to our members the opportunity to see this special performance. We are able to offer these great seats at the very nice Georgia Tech Ferst Center for this show at a discount price of **\$ 37** , 15% discount off regular price, plus no ticketmaster charges. These tickets will go very fast, and there is a **very** limited number of tickets available to the show. Reservations must be sent via email to Tony McDonald, this includes number of tickets, and mailstop. Then send payment to Tony at Mailstop **E85**. Tickets will be distributed about a week prior to the show as usual, so tickets are not lost.

Atlanta Opera Presents **MADAME BUTTERFLY**
Sunday, May 23, 2004 3pm
At The Atlanta Civic Center **\$56** By Giacomo Puccini
Directed by Henry Akina, Conducted by William Fred Scott

A young Japanese woman marries and American naval officer in a ceremony she takes to heart, but he does not. Puccini's passionate and ravishing music leads us to hope that all might turn out well for this fragile Butterfly. The heart wrenching story of Cio-Cio-San returns to The Atlanta Opera in an exquisitely beautiful and critically acclaimed production.

Theatre of Stars Summer of 2004
Fox Theatre Atlanta, Georgia
Rodgers & Hammerstein's "THE KING & I

Thursday, June 24, 8pm \$48

East meets West in the timeless love story between a powerful and stubborn king and a determined governess. Based on the real life adventures of the English widow Anna Leonowens, and the best-selling novel, *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon, *The King and I* is a fascinating tale about a clash of customs. Over time the governess earns the admiration of the royal family, and wins the respect of the king himself. Despite their differences, Anna and The King of Siam fall in love.

Sandy Duncan, star of stage, film and television, headlines this sumptuous new production featuring such memorable songs as "Hello, Young Lovers," "I Whistle A Happy Tune," "Shall We Dance?" and "Getting To Know You.

Lerner & Loewe's CAMELOT

Thursday, July 29, 8pm \$48

Internationally acclaimed actor, singer and entertainer Robert Goulet will star as King Arthur in this all-new lavish production of the Tony Award winning musical, *CAMELOT*.

In a land far away there once was a magical kingdom known as Camelot. It was a shining place where chivalry, honor, pageantry, beauty, and romance thrived, if all too briefly.

Lerner and Loewe's celebrated re-telling of the Arthurian legend features a magnificent score including "If Ever I Should Leave You," "What Do Simple Folk Do?" and the beautiful title song, "Camelot."

There are a limited number of tickets available to this very special shows, and seating assignments are done on a first payment received basis. Tickets are **\$48** for orchestra seating, which is the best seats in the house, plus no ticket processing charges. Reservations must be sent via email to Tony McDonald. This includes number of tickets, mailstop, and membership number. Payments must be sent via interoffice mail to **Tony at M/S E85**. But remember to hurry because these will go fast. Tickets will be distributed about a week or so prior to the show as usual. We are making these reservations early to guarantee our great orchestra seating prior to going on sale to the public.

This will surely be a great evenings of entertainment to remember!

Just more great events planned for you by SHARE!

SHARE, INC. Announces the 2004 CDC/ATSDR Spring/Summer Weekly Golf League

WHERE: Fort McPherson US Army Golf Course. CDC/ATSDR employees will enter the Army base by presenting their government IDs. The guard post will also have a list of golf league participants to allow access to the base. Fort McPherson is located on the southwest side of Atlanta, just off Langford Parkway inside the Perimeter. Langford Parkway runs east and west between I-75/85 and I-285.

WHEN: Every Wednesday afternoon. The league will run April 28, - August 25. Tee times begin at 4:00PM; each player will play 9 holes.

WHO: The league is open to all male and female full-time employees and contractors of CDC/ATSDR and their immediate family members. The league will be limited to 30 individuals; all skill levels welcomed. Early sign-ups are encouraged to assure a place.

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FORMAT: Individual play. Handicaps will be established and factored into scores. The goal of the league is to have fun.

COST: A one-time league fee is \$25.00. Weekly greens and cart fee is \$16.00 per week (\$9.00 for greens fees, \$7.00 for cart).

AWARDS: Prizes will be awarded to individuals at a season-ending dinner party.

SIGN-UP/QUESTIONS: If you would like to sign up, please contact Mick Ballesteros.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: The deadline for signing up for the league is **MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2004**. The \$25.00 league fee needs to be received by the deadline to secure your place. Please make checks payable to "SHARE-CDC GOLF LEAGUE". and mail to MICK BALLESTEROS (MS K-63).

Atlanta Silverback Soccer
VS
The Puerto Rico Islanders
Dekalb Memorial Stadium Saturday, June 19, 6pm

Welcome to another season with our local Men's Pro Soccer team the **Atlanta Silverbacks**, out of the United Soccer A League. Since the Atlanta Beat's league has suspended operations, this will be on the only pro soccer in town this year. SHARE is happy to be able to offer a discounted price for one of their events. Tickets for this event are **\$10**, that's 33% off the regular ticket price plus no ticketmaster charges. Please email your reservations to Tony McDonald, with your count and mailstop. Then send payment to him at mailstop **E85**.

CHASTAIN PARK Special offers!

Looking for a fun night out at for you and your friends or coworkers? Here are the shows we are offering...

*Friday, July 23, Liza Minelli \$53 15% discount

Wednesday, July 28, Peter, Paul & Mary \$44 15% discount

Friday, July 30, Carole King *\$53 *15% discount

Saturday, August 7, Reba McEntire \$70 no ticketmaster charges

Friday, August 27, Al Jarreau \$44 15% discount

Saturday, August 28, Clint Black \$44 15% discount

We hope you will consider joining us for these shows. All shows are rain or shine, but you are allowed to bring in drinks, food, and umbrellas. Chastain is a beautiful setting for concerts, and we hope you come out and join us at Atlanta's Favorite Concert Experience! Just some more great entertainment opportunities provided to our members from SHARE....

Please send your reservations via email to Tony McDonald. Seating assignments are made in the order of payments received, and are distributed about 2 weeks prior to the first show. You must be a member of SHARE to receive this discount and no ticketmaster charges deal. Email Tony to get your spot, with your count, membership number, and mailstop. If not a member of SHARE, you can join by adding \$4 to your order. Our seats will be in the left, right, and/or center terraces. The venue only holds approximately 7,000. All seats are good and these will be reserved prior to going on sale to the public. Only people that buy series packages will have priority over us, and the earlier you get your reservations and payments submitted, the better seating you will receive. As always try to choose variety of music to accommodate different listening pleasures. As we cant do all the shows, but like to do some different things every season.

*Sorry, but we do not offer tickets and discounts to all shows, just those announced.