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NEW Members and re-up members

WELCOME-to our new member
Maureen O'Rourke DTBE, Full

COMMITTEE NEWS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Executive Committee Meeting

Open meeting

When: Tuesday – **August 17, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

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

NEWS:

With the retirement of Joe Carter-, we have a **New Watsonian Exemplar**

David Raines is the Watsonian's new exemplar. The Exemplar position is appointed by the Watsonian Society President. The qualifications for this position include:

- 1) the most senior Public Health Advisor, based on years of service;
- 2) currently employed by CDC or ATSDR headquarters or supported by a CDC field position,
- 3) has served at least two years in a field assignment. The Exemplar ensures that the history and condition of the Public Health Advisor series are communicated to the Executive Committee and to the membership. The Exemplar also serves as a member of the Executive Committee.

David graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1964 with a degree in Journalism and later that year began to use his Journalism degree, writing up 9.54s as a D.I.S. (editor's note: the position descriptor, "D.I.S." did not exist in 1964) in Sumter, SC. We're sure his case descriptions were models for his successors in Sumter! He later became a first line supervisor in central and coastal regions of South Carolina and finally, the Assistant Program Director of the STD program in South Carolina.

In 1974, he transferred to New Orleans as the City Rep, working in Delgado Clinic (well known by many PHAs!). He also served as a preceptor for Tulane MPH students.

In 1976, he took a TDY in Bangladesh working on one of CDC's greatest accomplishments – the eradication of smallpox. This was a collaborative effort between CDC and WHO. Not many of us can say that we participated in the eradication of a major disease! And certainly, not many of us (even those of us over 50), can say that we have actually seen patients with smallpox.

After returning from Bangladesh, David spent time in Wyoming and Los Angeles. In 1980, he became the Assistant Program Director for the Florida STD program. In 1985, he moved to Kentucky to serve as the Manager of their STD program. He still holds this position.

PHAs are known for their ability to step in and get the job done. Our new Exemplar is no exception! He participated on a team to conduct clinic and service quality assessments at major STD clinics throughout the country. He also participated as a member of the teams sent by CDC to assist with anthrax containment in New York and New Jersey. His most recent detail was to New York with SARS surveillance.

David Raines is the sort of PHA that is truly an Exemplar for the Society. He's had an incredible career and is still going strong! The Watsonian Society is proud to name David Raines as Exemplar.

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### **Vote Results on Watsonian Society Amendments**

In July, the Executive Committee asked the membership to vote on four amendments to the Watsonian Society Bylaws. We received 263 votes of which 211 (number of paid members = 538) were eligible; this represents 40% of the paid membership. The membership overwhelmingly approved the amendments.

- 1. Proposed language for amending the bylaws** **Approved by 97%**  
This amendment will be included under "Article Eight: Amendments"  
"For the vote to be valid, at least 33% of the membership needs to vote."
- 2. Proposed language for the selection of honorary PHAs** **Approved by 93%**  
This will be included under Section Three, Honorary Public Health Advisor Election Process. As before, 1/3 of the membership must cast a vote for the voting to be valid. *The amendment:*  
"To be selected, a candidate must receive a "Yes" or "No" vote from greater than 50% of those voting and at least 85% of the votes must be "Yes."
- 3. Proposed language for dissolution of the organization.** **Approved by 96%**  
This amendment will be included under a new Chapter Six, "Dissolution."  
"In the event that the Watsonian Society is dissolved, any assets owned will be donated to a non-profit organization(s) as determined by the Executive Committee."
- 4. Proposed language for dissolution of chapters.** **Approved by 95%**  
The by-laws also address chapters. The following language will be added to Article Four – Dissolution of Chapter:



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EVENTS COMMITTEE

HOLD THE DATE!

What: **The Annual Watsonian Banquet**
When: Thursday, October 7, 2004
Time: Social Hour, 6-7 p.m.; Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
Where: To be announced
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ed Thompson, CDC
Details to follow

We need volunteers to help with graphics and ticket sales. We would like to have sellers at all the various CDC campuses. If you'd like to be involved with the Watsonian Society but don't want a permanent, year round commitment, this is your opportunity. Please let either Karen Willis (klw5) or Cathy Stout (cas3) know if you'd like to help.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

Death of CDC Retiree Robert (Bob) Evans

We are deeply saddened to report the death of **Robert Nelson Evans** on Saturday, July 10, 2004, after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Bob graduated from North Carolina A&T College in Greensboro and earned a Masters Degree in Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore.

In the early 1960s Bob began his long professional career in public health with the Venereal Diseases Division of the Centers for Disease Control in New York. In 1968 he was assigned to CDC's Smallpox Eradication Program in Nigeria, returning to CDC Atlanta in 1972. In the mid 1970's he was assigned to the Office of International Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

Bob was on loan to the World Health Organization; first in WHO's Smallpox Eradication Program in India (1976) and later at their Geneva headquarters (1978-1981). He returned to the Office of International Health, Washington in 1981. In 1983 he was assigned to the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization and spent six years in the Caribbean Region. In 1989 Bob returned to CDC's Atlanta headquarters where he was assigned to the Division of Reproductive Health and later the International Health Program Office. He retired from CDC in 1993.

Bob will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his mother, Vivian C. Evans, companion, Pamela Jude, and brothers John Evans and James Evans. A memorial service was held on July 24 July 2004 in Marietta. Contributions in his memory may be made to: Bank on a Cure, International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood, California 91607, Tel: 1 800 452 2873.

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Luann Rhodes worked as an epidemiologist in the Behavioral Surveillance Branch of DACH/NCCDPHP from 1998-2003. She then worked with CDC's Asthma program until

she lost her battle with lung cancer on July 8, 2004. A memorial service was held August 1, 2004.

A group remembrance is being planned to honor Ms. Rhodes. Those of you who knew Luann and wish to contribute to a group remembrance may contact Julie Bolen for details.

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**Stuart Mc Mullen's** father, Dr. Robert J. McMullen, Jr. died July 15<sup>th</sup> at Sharon Towers. Dr. McMullen was born January 16, 1924 in Hangchow, China, the son of missionary parents. He spent his early years in China, returning to this country in 1940 when war with Japan seemed imminent. He graduated from the McCallie School in Chattanooga and attended Davidson College for two years before being inducted into the Army Air Corp. He served two years as a pilot in the European Theater. After the war, he completed his college education at Centre College in Kentucky, then enrolled at Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, graduating in 1950. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in that year and served churches in Slab Fork, West Virginia, Springfield, Virginia, Atlanta, Georgia and completed his active ministry at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, retiring in 1986. He served on many committees of the Presbytery and Synod, including the General Council. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Centre College in 1964. After his retirement he continued part time work teaching classes, counseling, writing and preaching until he could no longer do so because of failing health. He is the author of two books, Angry at God and Frankly, Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Medaris McMullen, a daughter, Mrs. John E. Packard and her husband of Broadway, Virginia, a son Robert J. McMullen, III of Charlotte, a son Stuart C. McMullen and his wife Romni of Los Angeles, California, and three granddaughters. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. A. E. Dimmock and Mrs. James M. Doom of Black Mountain, N.C. and sister-in-law Mrs. John S. McMullen of Columbia, Missouri and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service of worship to celebrate the life of Dr. McMullen was held on July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
**Memorial contributions may be made to Sharon Towers Residents' Assistance Fund, 5100 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210.**

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Nancy Pearcey's brother, Robert Samuel (Sam) Crane, passed away on July 23rd. Nancy is a Management and Program Analyst at CDC/NCHSTP/OD/FASO in Atlanta, GA.

Sam Crane, 57, of Smyrna, Ga. died at the Atlanta Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga., due to a car accident that occurred back on May 29th. Sam leaves a brother, Gene Crane and sister-in-law Gina Crane of Martin, GA; a sister, Nancy Pearcey and his nephew Gary Pearcey, Jr., of Stone Mountain, GA. Mr. Crane also leaves many beloved cousins and friends.

Donations may be made in Sam's memory to www.VictoryJunction.org

[The Victory Junction Gang Camp is about fueling ill children with memories that will sustain and inspire them! For the children, it's as simple as kicking back and relaxing, making friends with other children who have illnesses, not worrying about being different, experiencing the fun and activities of summer camp and making memories.] (4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, NC 27317. Phone # 336.498.9055).

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The mother of **Willis Forrester** (retired CDC), Helen Irene Forrester, 93, of Osceola died Monday, Aug. 2, at Osceola Health Care. Willis was with her. Funeral services were held August 4, 2004 in, Whitton, Arkansas

Survivors include three sons, Bob Forrester of Wilson, Doug Forrester of Blytheville and Willis Forrester of Atlanta; two brothers, Muriel Wright of McLeansville, N.C., and Milton Wright of Nashville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jess R. Forrester; her parents, Milton E. and Maude Clapp Wright; one son, Philip Forrester; and one daughter, Peggy Forrester.

Memorials may be made to Whitton Cemetery in care of Clara Gammill, 6968 South Arkansas 308, Tyrone 72386.

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Sent in by **John Seggerson**:

Dick Hibbets' wife, Lorene, died Thursday. John and Diane Gallagher, Kathy and I went to the wake tonight. His daughter Pamela told us that Dick was unable to be there because he is also very ill with advanced Parkinson's and related complications. He is at St. Joseph's hospital. She said he is aware of Lorene's death and is devastated and very unhappy he is too ill to come to the wake. She was buried August 3, 2004 Below is the obituary. We spoke with some of our old colleagues Bill (and Marge) Watson, Joe Giordano, and Stu Kingma at the wake. I do not have Dick's home address but expect the Watsonians will pass it on. Sorry to have to pass on sad news.

Dick was a long time regional CDC chief in the New York regional office (1950's - 60's). In the 50's and 60's, the New York Region included New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Later in 1969, Dick was promoted to CDC and Atlanta where he was the Deputy Director of the then newly formed Bureau of State Services that included STD, TB and the Immunization program. In his New York and Atlanta positions he supervised (and hired) a large number of PHA's in the New York region and nationally.

Mrs. Hibbets is survived by her husband, Richard S. Hibbets of Doraville, GA; son, Charles R. (Chuck) Hibbets, II and daughter-in-law, Amira Hibbets of Tucker, GA; daughter, Pamela C. Richards of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Lisa J. Rose, Tara H. Lindsay, & Richard S. Hibbets, II; great grandchildren, Jackson Lindsay & Gwen Hibbets. Funeral services were held August 2, 2004.

SICK BAY

Rosamond Dewart is resting at home following recent surgery.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

I am pleased to announce that **Mr. John Tibbs** has agreed to serve as the new Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (CDC/ATSDR) Financial Management Office (FMO).

Mr. Tibbs has been serving in this role since January 2003, providing leadership and guidance in all areas of financial management, including budgeting, Congressional relations regarding appropriations, accounting systems and processes, and the annual financial statements. As CDC/ATSDR's principal financial management advisor and consultant, he oversees planning, consolidated budget preparation, justification and execution, as well as financial accounting, financial reporting, cost reduction, and related fiscal activities.

Mr. Tibbs joined CDC as the Budget Officer and Chief, Budget Branch, FMO, in 2000. For the past 15 years, he has worked as a federal government employee, and his entire federal career has been with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Prior to joining CDC, Mr. Tibbs worked at the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, where his duties included financial and grants administration.

Mr. Tibbs received his B.A. from Florida State University and his M.B.A. from Auburn University.

I know I can count on your enthusiastic support of Mr. Tibbs as he assumes this key position at CDC. Please join me in welcoming him to this new role.

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

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I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Robert Spengler** has agreed to serve as the new Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Office of Public Health Research.

Dr. Spengler spent his early career in teaching and research in infectious and chronic disease epidemiology at McGill University, the University of Toronto, and Concordia University in Canada. He also worked at the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and was assistant director of the provincial cancer registry. In 1983, he became an Epidemic Intelligence Officer at CDC and was assigned to the Illinois Department of Health where he conducted numerous field investigations of infectious, environmental, and chronic diseases. Dr. Spengler was appointed head of the Division of Epidemiologic Studies and developed statewide registries in cancer, adverse reproductive outcomes and hazardous substances. In 1987, he became the Assistant State Epidemiologist at the Vermont Department of Health where he developed and managed environmental, chronic disease, injury, and health promotion programs.

In 1991, Dr. Spengler joined the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) as Assistant Director for Science, Division of Health Studies. In 1998, he was promoted to Associate Administrator for Science, Office of the Assistant Administrator. In 2003, he was appointed Senior Advisor for Peer Review and Extramural Research, in the Office of Science at the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)/ATSDR. In May 2004, he became Acting Associate Director for Science NCEH/ATSDR and is

currently a co-chair of the Public Health Research Implementation Team which is developing a CDC-wide research agenda as part of the Futures Initiative.

Dr. Spengler also led the 2-year development of ATSDR's *Agenda for Public Health Environmental Research, 2002-2010*. His science office was recognized in 2003, with a distinguished award for program support and administrative services.

Dr. Spengler has a B.S. in Environmental Health and Epidemiology from George Washington University, as well as a Masters of Health Science in Epidemiology, and a Doctor of Science degree in epidemiology, both from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

I know I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Spengler as he assumes this key position at CDC. Please join me in welcoming him to this new role.

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

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TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS and TDY assignments:

Karen Arrowood, our WATSONIAN web mistress, will be leaving this role as she moves to Texas. Karen, Thank you for your dedicated service and help with all the web page activities.

Karen Arrowood (DSTD/SDMB) has accepted a Surveillance and MIS Support position with DSTD/PDSB in Austin TX, beginning 9/19/04.

Stacey Mattison has been selected for the Deputy Branch Director position within the Information Technology, Statistics and Surveillance Branch (ITSSB) of the Division of Reproductive Health (National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - NCCDPHP). Stacey comes from NCCDPHP's Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) and was an integral member of the Program Development and Services Branch for the past three years. She served as a program consultant and managed cooperative agreements for at least 20 different State and Local Education Agencies and served as the acting school health program team leader for three months.

Her career began in 1992 as a Research Assistant with the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Prior to coming to CDC, she was a Senior Relationship Manager for WebMD. At WebMD, Ms. Mattison developed and managed relationships with key national government, non-profit organizations and professional medical associations to leverage resources and credibility for WebMD's consumer website. She has also worked for the Emory University Regional Training Center as a program manager and was responsible for grant writing, curricula development on adolescent health and women's issues, and providing extensive training for health professionals throughout the Southeast Region. She has also worked for Planned Parenthood of Georgia as their School Health Coordinator, and the DeKalb County Board of Health as a Senior Public Health Educator. Ms. Mattison has an extensive background in developing health promotion/education programs and curricula for schools, community-based organizations, family planning centers, public health clinics, and universities. She has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, a Masters Degree in Public Health, with an emphasis in Behavioral Science and Health Education from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and she is a certified health education specialist.

Again, best wishes to Stacey on her new position!

A REQUEST FOR HELP

In searching for an apartment and given the reaches of DIS and other Watsonian members, I thought I would inquire if I could post a classified on the Watsonian website or in the newsletter.

32 y.o. female, fun, quiet, respectful, former DIS—Denver
Employed full-time by Centers for Disease Control (i.e. pays rent on time)
Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) Fellow On 2-year assignment to NYC
TB Mid-August '04-August '06

Looking for single apartment or share In Brooklyn (in or near Park Slope-Ft. Greene) or Manhattan (below 96th) \$500-\$950/mo
References are available upon request.

Please contact: **Anne Griggs**

MEMBER NEWS and UPDATES

Sharon Moore has just completed her masters program at Troy State University Atlanta! She now has a Masters in Public Administration. She gets her diploma on August 1, 2004

(a note shared by Bob Kohmescher)

Dear Bob:

Nice surprise to hear from you! Glad to hear some of the old guard are still holding the fort. I am totally enjoying retirement, grandson Maxwell (who visited today--lives about 3 miles away), woodcarving (did that tonight with great gang of guys in the instructor's garage) and of course my other major preoccupation--a truck that is only 6 years older than I am--AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

Best regards to all.

Bart (**Bob Bartholomew**)

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**CDC LEADERSHIP PROFILES:**

**CDC CONNECTS** : June 15, 2004

**CDC Leadership Profiles:** Meet Steve Thacker

As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of Steve Thacker, M.D., M.Sc., Director, Office of Workforce and Career Development.

**Name:** **Stephen B. Thacker, M.D., M.Sc.**

**Title:** Director, Office of Workforce and Career Development (May 2004)

**Responsibilities:** Oversee the whole range of professional development, recruitment, training, and workforce development at CDC, including an estimated 3,500 contractors. "I am working closely with Verla Neslund to understand the full scope of this activity and then to decide how to make this work better both for the employees and for the agency to work more effectively."

**First job at CDC:** EIS Officer assigned to Washington, D.C., Department of Health (1976)

**Path to public health:** “I grew up in Missouri and went to undergraduate school at Princeton University in New Jersey. While I was at Princeton, we all had to write a thesis. I was a pre-med student and my major was biochemistry. I was interested in broader issues, however, so I wrote my thesis in the politics department on neighborhood health centers. These were government centers in low-income communities providing medical care to the underserved. While at Princeton, I developed jobs for undergraduate students in the summer and later for students during the school term. These two interests together actually chose my medical school for me. I decided to go to Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York because of their Department of Community Medicine. That’s where my interest in the broader issues in community-based medicine grew.

“While I was in medical school, someone suggested that I consider the EIS program at CDC. I interviewed, and after I finished my family medicine residency at the Duke University School of Medicine, I was selected as the EIS Officer assigned to Washington, D.C., Department of Health. The year was 1976. The first day I was on the job I was sent out on an investigation to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which turned out to be the Legionnaires’ epidemic. I spent the next three weeks working on that outbreak. For the last six months of my EIS assignment, I coordinated surveillance activities at CDC. That activity grew into a division, which worked on surveillance and other analytic epidemiologic methods.

“My interests are in training and in the practice of science and public health surveillance. My early years at CDC focused on public health surveillance. After 1986 I became Associate Director of Science for what was then the Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control. I was there for three years. I became director of EPO in 1989, where I remained for 15 years. EPO is responsible for domestic and international training and consultation in epidemiology, statistics, and applied public health, as well as scientific communications. I have collaborated with many international groups in clinical medicine, which provided very good background for my interest in what is now the Guide for Community Preventive Services. The Community Guide is overseen by an external task force and has become the standard for evidence-based public health practice. We do these systematic reviews to see what works and what doesn’t work, which helps drive the public health research agenda.”

**Last book(s) read:** Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood; Random Family by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc; Drop City by T. C. Boyle; St. Urbain’s Horseman by Mordecai Richler; and Constance by Lawrence Durrell. “I read about a book a week. Every year I read books short-listed for the Man Booker Prize in Britain and the best books recommended by the New York Times. I supplement that with books recommended by friends and colleagues.”

**Family:** Married for 28 years to Luz Fortes, a fitness instructor. They have two daughters, Maria, 24, a master’s student in public health at Tulane University in New Orleans; and Gabriella, 21, an undergraduate student at St. Mary’s College in California. In his free time, Steve coaches girl’s basketball and goes to the movies.

**What are the top priorities you are working on?** “The first thing we need to do is get a better handle on what are the human capital and professional development issues facing CDC. We don’t have a sense of how many people are retiring and the functions that we will need to fill as these employees leave CDC. An important focus for me is to gain a better understanding of the types of professions and disciplines we need to attract as CDC changes through the Futures Initiative. I want to build on CDC’s vision of where we’re going and how workforce development fits into that long-term view.

“My biggest priority is to work with the new CDC programs in their new structure to make this a joint endeavor. We will have responsibility for looking into employee development.

“I’m going to build on what Verla has learned in her tenure as Chief Learning Officer as well as seeing what people both inside and outside of government have done. My goal is to determine how we can best work together to become more efficient and effective.”

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CDC Leadership Profiles: Meet Ed Sondik

July 7, 2004

As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of Ed Sondik, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Health Statistics

Name: Edward J. Sondik, Ph.D.

Title: Director, National Center for Health Statistics (1997)

Responsibilities: The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), designated as the federal statistical agency focused on health, provides information that will help the country monitor health and healthcare. NCHS is home to the Vital Statistics System, which provides information on the two most critical measures of health: birth and death. NCHS conducts a number of nationwide surveys that provide information on health status and on the healthcare system. Interview and examination surveys track the patterns of disease, disability and risk factors. Health care surveys profile the care in hospitals, doctors’ offices, hospice and home health agencies and nursing homes. NCHS employs 600 people in two locations—in Hyattsville, Maryland, outside Washington, D.C., and in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

“Our statistics are very widely used. Our vital statistics are crucial in tracking population growth and change in the United States. Our data also are used by researchers who study aging, hypertension and obesity. The pediatric growth charts used in doctor’s offices around the country come from us. We also collect detailed information on diet and nutrition and produce the earliest information on health insurance, providing statistics on what percentage of the population is insured and not insured.”

First job at CDC: Current job as director, NCHS (1997)

Path to public health: “My academic training was in electrical engineering on the side of control systems, computers, and operations research. During my Ph.D. work at Stanford, there was an opportunity to work with the Stanford Medical School to redesign the Stanford Hospital. I became a part of that project for two years, and it was that experience that got me interested in health problems and issues. That interest was cemented while teaching at Stanford, when I was involved in designing two clinical trials—one on cholesterol lowering and the other on changing people’s behavior relating

to diet, smoking and blood pressure. The latter initiative was aimed at seeing how the media, coupled with personal interventions, could be used to change personal behavior.

“In 1976, I went to NIH to work on clinical trial design in the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. I was there for six years. Following that, at the National Cancer Institute I became more interested in statistics and mathematical modeling. At one point, I was responsible for the SEER program, the pioneer cancer registry system.

In 1997, I came to CDC as the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics. My work in public health has been very rewarding. I think my background in mathematics and statistics and the discipline of operations research have been crucial to me. That discipline, especially mathematical modeling, is invaluable.”

Last book(s) read: *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown; *John Adams* by David McCullough; *The Great Bridge: the Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge* by David McCullough; *Nothing Like It In the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad* by Stephen Ambrose; *The Elegant Universe* by Brian Greene; *Time Travel in Einstein's Universe: The Physical Possibilities of Travel Through Time* by J. Richard Gott. “I'm hoping that this last one will make attending meetings much more efficient!”

Family: Resides in Maryland with wife of 40 years, Ellie. They have two children, a son, Rob, a commercial producer residing in California; and a daughter, Karen, a lawyer living in New Hampshire with their grandson, Max, four months old. “I enjoy hiking a great deal and working in my yard at my wife's direction. We have a new grandchild, our first, which has been quite an event for us. Another interest is in working on cars—the dirtier the better.”

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### **RETIREMENTS**

#### **Rosa M. McPherson retires:**

I am pleased to announce that I am retiring after 32 years of Federal Service, on July 30, 2004. Nine of those years were at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in NCHSTP. I will miss all of my CDC friends that I have met through the years. I wish each of you the best of good health and remember if you conceive it; believe it; you can achieve it.

No celebration planned.

May God bless!

Rosa M. McPherson

Public Health Analyst

Office of Health Disparities

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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After 30 years of service to CDC, Dr. Bruce Evatt is sailing on....

Dr. Bruce Evatt Acting Director of the Division of Hereditary Blood Disorders, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities retired from CDC on June 30, 2004. An expert in bleeding and clotting disorders and author of over 225 scientific papers, Dr. Evatt led numerous laboratory, epidemiology, surveillance, and translational studies to determine the underlying mechanisms of bleeding and clotting disorders; the impact of these mechanisms on clinical outcomes; the effect of complications and

disease mechanisms on the health care of people with these disorders; and ways of implementing prevention measures into clinical practice. As a result of his work, interventions have been developed and implemented that have reduced the disease burden, and led to the integration of prevention services into community health care systems.

Dr. Evatt began his career at CDC in 1976 when he came to establish a national reference laboratory in coagulation. He has participated in several landmark discoveries that added to the body of knowledge on and the rapid expansion of the science of thrombosis. Dr. Evatt's work of monitoring people with hemophilia for infections was pivotal in the discovery that HIV was transmitted by a bloodborne agent. His numerous investigations of potential infectious agents transmitted in blood products used to treat persons with hemophilia resulted in significant discoveries and clarifications about the risk of transmission of bloodborne agents and have had a major impact on donor screening policies and regulations on the manufacture of blood derivatives. For his research on heat treatment of clotting factor concentrates to inactivate HIV and prevent transmission to people with hemophilia, Dr. Evatt received the Murray Thelin Award for Distinguished Research from the National Hemophilia Foundation, the PHS meritorious Service Award, and the PHS Commendation Medal. Dr. Evatt's career culminated with the organization of a national program at CDC to prevent the complications of bleeding and clotting disorders.

Although officially retired, he plans to continue his international work for the bleeding disorders community with the World Hemophilia Foundation, enjoy watching his grandchildren grow-up, and finally having enough time to work on his boat and sail to his heart's content!

Please join us for a retirement celebration!
August 14, 2004, 5pm-10pm,
57th Fighter Group Restaurant, 3829 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30341

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate Dr. Evatt's career!
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After 28 years of diligently working in the federal government **Susan Seegel** will be retiring on July 30, 2004. She began her career in processing in 1974 when she started as a GS-03 Data Processing Center in Germany. Her husband was stationed in Germany for three years, and when they moved back to the states in 1977, Susan worked in the private sector for three years. In March of 1980 her career in the federal government continued in Indianapolis, IN where she worked as a Data Transcriber at Ft, Benjamin Harrison. In 1985 her husband was transferred to Massachusetts, and she took on a position as Personnel Clerk at the Westover Air Force base. Four years later, her husband was transferred to Selkirk, NY and Susan began to work for the VA Medical Center as a Processing & Records Clerk. She continued in the same position for the same agency after moving to Pittsburg, PA I 1992. The VA Health Eligibility Center in Atlanta hired her as a Receptionist I 1999, and she worked there for two years before coming to CDC/HRMO. In 2001 Susan started as a Personnel Assistant in the former Technical Services Section, and she is currently a Human Resources Assistant on Staffing Team 4 in the Atlanta Human Resources Center.

Susan says her greatest accomplishments have been her “survival of PeopleSoft and learning Title 42.” But during her years of service in HR she has been a major part of the cycle in hiring, transfers, payroll, and many other processing duties. Along with being one the Team 4’s top customer service reps, both internally and externally. Above all, her great and wonderful personality with a smile that lights up a room. Upon retiring, Susan’s immediate plans are to relax and become the “perfect homebody”. Other plans include frequent trips to visit her son in California and her son in Savannah, GA. Susan has an interest in crafts and will be finishing up some projects that were left undone. Most of all she’s looking forward to just laying back and living life to the fullest.

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Van Munn retired on August 3, 2004 after 26 years of service at CDC. Van began his CDC career in 1978 as part of the SENIC (Study on the Efficacy of Nosocomial Infection Control) Project. This project became the Hospital Infections Program of NCID. In 1985, Van moved to the newly formed Information Resources Management Office (IRMO) serving in the Mainframe User Support section. Van later worked in the statistics and data management groups of EPO and the HIV/AIDS division of NCID. Van has spent the last thirteen years in IRMO and moved to the newly formed Information Technology Services Office (ITSO) in October 2003, as CDC's primary SAS Software support person.

Van plans to explore new career opportunities in the Forsyth County School System as well as new ministry involvement at his church.

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***Dolores Malvitz is retiring from CDC.***

**Dolores Malvitz**, Chief and Leader of the Surveillance Investigation and Research Team from the Division of Oral Health, NCCDPHP is retiring after an outstanding career in public health.

A Michiganian by heart and mind, Dolores received a certificate in Dental Hygiene from the University of Michigan in 1961, and a B.A. cum laude from Western Michigan University in 1968. In 1972, she returned to the University of Michigan to earn an M.P.H. in 1972 and a Dr.P.H. in 1974. Then she joined the dental public health program at UM as an Assistant Professor. In 1976, she continued her academic career as Professor and Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene at the College of Dentistry, University of Oklahoma. Simultaneously, Dolores was a consultant to the National Institutes of Health (National Institute of Dental Research and National Cancer Institute) and the Indian Health Service. In 1987, she joined CDC and continued a prestigious career leading the surveillance investigation and research group as Team Leader and Branch Chief. Between 1997 and 1998, she served as Acting Director at the Division of Oral Health (DOH).

During her 17 years at the Division of Oral Health, Dolores has provided leadership in the developing of the National Oral Health Surveillance System and building and mentoring a cadre of professionals dedicated to provide the scientific basis for effective and efficient public health interventions to improve the oral health of the nation. Dolores has been the instigator, initiator and promoter of many activities at DOH that has had direct impact on the health of the nation, including the CDC recommendations for fluoride use and the recommendations for infection control in the dental office. She has

been author and coauthor of many articles in the biomedical literature in topics ranging from practice of dental hygiene to economic analysis of public health interventions, including many important papers in public health policy. Dolores has been directly responsible for establishing key cooperative agreements with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, a partnership that has yielded important gains in the capacity of local programs to address the oral health problems of their constituents.

In addition to her work at CDC, Dolores has function in various positions at professional organizations in dental hygiene and dental public health. Dolores's passion for public health is only surpassed by her love for literature, music and arts. A truly renaissance woman, she has promised, besides the time she is planning to dedicate to continue her own enlightening, to keep close contact and help us in our future developments at the Division of Oral Health.

Please join us for a retirement celebration for Dr. Dolores Malvitz  
August 6, 2004, 2:00pm-3:30pm, Columbia, Room 1065, Koger Center

#### **REAL ESTATE:**

Three Bedrooms, two baths, with a pond property in TN my husband (Bob Witzerman) and I (Beverly Nolt) have on the market. (Crossville) It would be a wonderful weekend or retirement property and is 3 hr and 15 minutes north from Shallowford and I-85 (unless you leave at rush hour!)

Click on, or copy and paste this link into your browser to view the report:  
Report Link: <http://realfocus.kaarmls.com/r?4DA0DAF2DD99>

If you have any questions regarding this e-mail, please contact MIKE ABEL with PIONEER REALTY, INC. at (931) 484-8431.

#### **SHARE NEWS**

SHARE GT Football Outing NCAA Georgia Tech Football vs Duke

Location: Bobby Dodd Stadium - Tickets \$16

Saturday, October 16, 2004

From: 01:00 PM To: 04:00 PM

Contact: Anthony McDonald

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SHARE offers Atlanta Ballet Performance of **DRACULA**

Location: Fox Theatre - Saturday, October 30, 2004 02:00 PM To: 04:30 PM

Tickets \$45 Adults & \$42 Youth

Email Tony McDonald your reservations

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New musical of ***The Color Purple*** is a family saga of hope, & inspiration.

Location: Alliance Theatre @ the Woodruff Arts Center

Thursday, October 14, 2004, From: 07:30 PM To: 10:30 PM

Tickets \$38

Web site: <http://intra-apps.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#colorpurple>

Contact: Anthony McDonald -

