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HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL! May 2004 be a healthy and happy one for everyone.

**Committee News**

**Executive Committee**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Open meeting

When:    Tuesday - January 20, 2-4 p.m.

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

**NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Phil Talboy, President-Elect

Valerie Kokor, Treasurer

Kristin Brusuelas, Recorder

Martin Goldberg, Field Staff Representative

Deane Johnson, Retiree Representative

**Introducing the Watsonian Society — 2004 Officers**

**PRESIDENT    Bob Kohmescher**

Mr. Kohmescher received an A.B degree in Psychology in 1969 and a M.S. in Experimental Developmental Psychology in 1971 from St. Louis University. He began his public health career working in the STD program for the City of St. Louis in 1973. He joined CDC in 1974 and worked in several STD assignments (St. Louis, Biloxi, Los Angeles, San Diego, New Orleans, and Raleigh). In 1985, he was transferred to Atlanta to work in CDC's STD and HIV/AIDS prevention

programs. Mr. Kohmescher was the first project officer for CDC's National AIDS Hotline. In 1986, he developed training on the need for community collaboration in HIV/AIDS prevention as well as a course on planning and evaluating HIV/AIDS prevention programs. He also worked on CDC's national HIV/AIDS media campaign, *America Responds to AIDS*, serving as a deputy branch chief. From 1995 through 1999, he served as deputy and acting chief of the Behavioral Intervention Research Branch. From 1999 through 2002, he served as the chief of the Prevention Program Branch which is responsible for funding HIV prevention programs in 65 state, local, and territorial health departments and over 200 community based organizations. He is currently assigned as a Special Assistant to the Director in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. He has been an active member of the Watsonian Society since 1985.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT            Phillip Talboy**

Mr. Talboy began his career at CDC in 1983 as a Program Representative assigned to the Maricopa County STD Control Program in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1986, he was transferred to the Miami/Dade County STD Control Program where he held many permanent and acting positions. In 1989, he accepted the position of Regional Training Coordinator for the State of Florida, Broward County HRS STD/HIV Training Center. In 1992, he was transferred to the Washington, DC STD Control Program where he served as Assistant Program Manager until he became an Emergency Response Coordinator with the Emergency Response Coordination Group/NCEH overseeing the Hurricane Andrew Recovery Grant in South Dade County Florida. Following the completion of the Hurricane Andrew Recovery, he was transferred to Atlanta where he served as the Deputy Chief of the Veterans' Health Activity located within the Office of the Director of the Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects/NCEH. In 1999, he was selected as the Assistant Branch Chief of the Cancer Surveillance Branch until his most recent assignment as the Deputy Director of the Division of Injury, Disability Outcomes, and Programs/NCIPC.

**TREASURER                Valerie Kokor**

In 1980, Ms. Kokor received her BA in Spanish from Gannon University and in 1982, a MBA in Marketing from Youngstown State University. She began her public health career in 1983 with the Houston City Health Department as a public health advisor in the STD Program. In 1986 she accepted an assignment with the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program as the Deputy Immunization Program Manager. She accepted a position in 1988 with the Maine Bureau of Health as the State Immunization Program Manager. She moved to Atlanta in 1990 to serve as a project officer in the National Immunization Program. In 1998 she became the Deputy Branch Chief for the Viral and Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch in the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, NCID. After September 11, 2001, she was detailed to the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program. In May 2002, she became Deputy Director of the Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics in EPO.

**RECORDER                Kristin Brusuelas**

Ms. Brusuelas has a BS from the University of New Mexico and a MPH from the University of Illinois, Chicago. She began her public health career as a public health advisor in the Los Angeles County STD Program. In 1990, she was transferred to the Dallas County STD program. In 1991, she moved to Chicago to work in the health immunization program. She also had immunization assignments in New Mexico and in Los Angeles where she was a Senior PHA. She's been in Atlanta since 2000 as a Team Leader in the Program Operations Branch, Immunization Services Division, NIP.

**FIELD STAFF REPRESENTATIVE    Martin Goldberg**

Martin Goldberg began his career with CDC in 1968 when he was hired as a Program Representative (Disease Intervention Specialist) and assigned to the New York City STD Control Program. In 1973 he was transferred to the Chicago STD Control Program where he served in a

number of positions including STD Clinic Coordinator and Assistant Program Manager. In 1979 Marty was transferred to the Houston STD Control Program where he served as the Program Manager until his transfer to the Philadelphia STD Control Program in 1983. He has been the Philly STD Program Manager for the past 20 years and has spent his entire career in the field. In recent years Marty has served as a Board Member of the National Coalition of STD Directors.

## **RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE      Deane Johnson**

Mr. Johnson started with CDC in 1968, as a VD Investigator in Cleveland, Ohio spending a total of 17 years "in the field" with assignments in Illinois, Arkansas, Ohio, Utah, and New York City. In 1985, he had the opportunity to work congressional staff and legislative issues in the CDC/Washington Office. In 1987, he came to Atlanta with the Center for Professional Development and Training and spent the last 14 years with its organizational successor, Public Health Practice Program Office. He retired two years ago and was appointed to be the first Retiree Representative.

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## **WELCOME- New Members**

**Lucy Ngando** (NCID) associate member

### **Meet some of our new members:**

Many of you are interested in learning a bit more about our new Watsonian members. The following is a bit of information provided by new members whose names were included in the December 2003 newsletter:

#### **Jennifer Moore:**

I have been working at the CDC in the Global AIDS Program (GAP) since August 2003 as an ASPH Research Fellow in the Country Support Branch. In this position, I assist Steven Sloane with providing support to GAP countries in the Caribbean and Latin American region. Prior to my position with the CDC, I worked as an intern for the Carter Center's Trachoma Control Program (2 years) and then briefly as a consultant for the Guinea Worm Eradication Program. While working at the Carter Center, I had the opportunity to lead two research studies in West Africa: a KAP study on trachoma in Northern Ghana (June- July 2002) and a qualitative study on perceptions and practices related to Guinea worm disease in Mali's nomadic communities (May-June 2003). I graduated in May 2003 with an MPH from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. I joined the Watsonian Society as one of my career goals is to work as a public health advisor for the CDC. I am glad to be a member of the Watsonian Society and look forward to continued participation in the new year.

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**Chris Summers-Bean, MS, RN- CDC/NIP/ISD/POB- Public Health Advisor in Raleigh, NC** beginning with the CDC on 10/19/2003.

Before the CDC, I worked as a project coordinator in academic research/public health intervention programs at Emory University and UNC-Chapel Hill. I am also a returned Peace Corps volunteer/ Congo-Brazzaville (fisheries). And yes, after getting my feet wet, I would like a position in the global vaccines specialization. I joined WS after my initial orientation because it seemed an opportunity to 'stay in touch' while working in the field.

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#### **Karen Fowler:**

"I came to CDC/NIP in January 2001 to work as an immunization registry

consultant in the Immunization Registry Support Branch in the Data Management Division. In September 2002, I joined the Program Operations Branch in the Immunization Services Division as a Public Health Advisor/program consultant. I am joining the Watsonian Society to be more involved with my peers as we share in advancing public health efforts. As always, we shift states, but for now, I have: D.C., Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, and West Virginia.”

**Karen Gavin**

My name is Karen Gavin and I am a Public Health Advisor in the NCHSTP/STD Program. Currently, I am assigned to North Carolina as a Special Projects Coordinator. I have been with CDC since August 1988 and during my career, I have worked in West Palm Beach, FL; Charlotte, NC; and Houston, TX. Each program has provided me with varied experiences in HIV/STD, from performing field investigation activities too supervising and managing STD/HIV projects. These experiences have helped to shape my public health career and allowed me to share my expertise with my community to intervene and prevent the spread of STD/HIV.

I rejoined the Watsonian Society in order to reconnect with colleagues and assist with community service projects. The Watsonian Society is a great way to stay connects to the ever changing world of CDC and public health.

Regards,  
Karen E. Gavin

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**Professional Development Committee**

**It's not too late to make a resolution about your career!**

Going nowhere, but really, really fast? Making good time but you're lost? Then call the Mentoring Coordinator and get some assistance and get out of that rut!

The Watsonian Society members offer confidential advice about problems with a supervisor, writing a resume, and where to go next to make you the best Public Health Advisor you can be.

Stacy Harper can be reached at 770.488.4713 or via e-mail at slharper@cdc.gov where she will select a mentor just for you, based on expertise that you need. Stacy's waiting to hear from you, so call today, don't delay!

**Baby news**

Cosmo Thomas Heath (yes, Cosmo) arrived at 11:35 pm 12-2-03 weighing in at 7lbs 15 oz. He measured 20 inches long. : Congratulations **Bruce and Jeannie Heath** --All are doing well!

On 12-9-03 at 8:18 pm Logan Russell Cantrell was born. His wt. was 8.7 lbs and he was 20.5 inches long. Both Mom and Baby are doing great. The proud parents are **Russ and Kim Cantrell**.

From **John Meitl**: “Bill and Jodi Ceglia are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Leigh. Born on 12-4-03, Madison weighed in at 6 1/2 lbs. at 6:15 p.m.

Grandparents John and Claire Meitl are still floating on air and resting comfortably.“

And another grand dad [who just happens to be one of Meitl's closest friends from their Minnesota STD days], **Joe 'Spider' Webb** [retired] reports that “The Deuce arrived 12/04/2003 at 4:56 AM...5lb, 9oz and 19 inches long...parents [Paul & Liz] are proud as are the grandparents.”

Spider adds: “Interestingly enough, the Meitl's became grandparents about 14 hours later...I don't think it is too soon to arrange a marriage...after all the religion question is already solved. If I can figure out how everything works I will send you a picture.”

And another new grandpa! **Ken Shilkret** shares “Joyous News --Daughter (Tracy Capecci) gave birth to my second grandchild, Sophia, last night at 8:54. Mother and grandchild doing well. Isabella (now 3) is a big sister!!”

**Have you heard?**

Vacancy announcements for the 685 series is now using the HHS QUICKHIRE application process- Changes to know:

- Online application only
- No KSAs **but** questions to be answered on line
- RESUME is important - be sure you have one. See web site for details / tips on the resume format
- Here you will find a Q & A on the new process : <http://www.hhs.gov/careers/quickhirefaq.html>

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All,

On July 1, 2004, I will be retiring from CDC to become Fellow of St Cross College and Professor of Public Health at the University of Oxford.

My 26+ years at CDC have been an amazing adventure, which I would not have traded for anything. I think that all most of us want professionally is the opportunity to work on something that matters, so I feel especially fortunate to have devoted most of my CDC career to the challenges of HIV, STD, and TB control and prevention. Fortunately for me, the people with whom I've worked have been remarkable in their dedication, energy, and expertise. Your impact is felt around the world.

Thank you for your support during the time I have served as Center Director. I am looking forward to more adventures and the opportunity to work with you in the future.

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold W. Jaffe, M.D.

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Colleagues:

As many of you may know, **Dr. Jon Kaplan** will be vacating the job of Director, Division of AIDS, STD, and TB Laboratory Research (DASTLR) at the end of this month to assume a position in the Global AIDS Program. We are currently conducting a search to

determine his replacement.

In the meantime, I have asked **Mr. Michael Melneck** to serve as Acting Director, DASTLR until a new Director is named. Michael will assume these responsibilities on Jan. 2, 2004. Michael is currently the Associate Director for Management and Operations (ADMO), DASTLR, a position he has held since July 2002. Before coming to DASTLR, Michael worked at the CDC Foundation, where he served as Program Officer. Formerly, he has held positions of ADMO, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases; Assistant Director for Operations, International Activity, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention; and Acting Assistant Director for Management, Division of HIV/AIDS, NCID. I would like to thank Michael for assuming this responsibility during this period of transition.

Harold Jaffe  
Director

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a long history of working with other countries around the world on global health issues, and CDC's global health activities are also an increasing priority for the Administration and Congress. Based on this and the substantial growth of CDC's role, activities, and challenges in global health, which is expected to continue, I have asked Mr. Bill Gimson, CDC's Chief Operating Officer (COO), to form a unit within his Office to provide operational support and access to state-of-the-art business services to CDC global health programs. Establishment of this office will ensure a CDC-wide approach to budgeting, performance management, and accountability of these programs.

We have asked **Mr. Michael Sage** to serve as Director of Global Business Services for CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) effective December 29, 2003. Mr. Sage will report to the COO and work with the program support offices and CDC's centers, institute, and offices to develop and pilot test a new business model for enhancing CDC operational capabilities overseas to ensure that performance based management and accountability is implemented within CDC and ATSDR Global Health Programs.

Mr. Sage has served as Deputy Director of the Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (OTPER) since August 2002. He has been instrumental in helping establish the office and developing the business model for terrorism preparedness activities at CDC and ATSDR. He has provided leadership within OTPER for policy development, legislation, the development of the strategic plan, and linking strategy, performance, and budget to ensure accountability. In addition, he has helped manage many of the emergencies we have faced in the past few years.

I know we can count on you to support Mr. Sage in this important area of global health.

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

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Mark Long, Human Subjects Manager for CDC, has accepted the position of IRB Director for the Newark Campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. His report date is February 1, 2004. Mark began his CDC career as a PHA with the New York City STD Program on 12/18/77. Before reporting to CDC HQ with NCEH in 1989, Mark served in STD posts after NYC in Mineola (NY), St. Louis, San Francisco,

Nashville, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles.
Congratulations on a tremendous career in public health, Mark, and best wishes to you and your wife, Katie, for continued success.

Mark Fussell is still with the CDC Global Aids Program - in a regional support capacity. Mark is assigned to the Regional Assistance Team - Central America and Panama MERTU/Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Guatemala City, Guatemala

Peter Edwards, NCEH, received news recently that his younger brother will be emigrating to the U.S. sometime in the new year. He could be here as soon as January. If any of you know anyone in the heating and cooling business, please put the word out that a hard-working technician will soon be available.

Kristin Brusuelas, NIP currently on detail in the OD Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. She is working with Glen Koops once again and they have Mike Mitchell over on contract.

Jimmy Keller, DTBE, transferred with promotion from the OHIO TB program to North Carolina's TB Program in November.

William (Bruce) MacLachlan, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response/Office of the Director, Atl., GA has been selected for the PHA (Consultant) Field Services and Evaluation Branch, Atlanta GA.

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**Do you know a student who can benefit from this program?**

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program is Now Accepting Applications for the Summer of 2004

[All application materials are due by January 30, 2004](#)

Program: The Scholars Program brings talented African American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy. The application deadline is January 30, 2004.

Purpose: The Kaiser Family Foundation established the Scholars Program to honor the legacy of late U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a Foundation Trustee, and to expand the pool of students of color interested in the field of health policy.

Structure: Through the nine-week program (June 1 - July 30, 2004), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health

policy research paper. The program is based at Howard University.

**Eligibility:** Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

**Compensation:** Scholars receive approximately \$5,000 in support, which includes a stipend, daily expense allowance, airfare and lodging.

**Additional information:** Application forms and additional information about the Program are available online at

<http://www.kff.org/docs/topics/jordanscholars.html>

All application materials are due by January 30, 2004. For further information, contact program manager Jomo Kassaye at 202-865-4827 or [jkassaye@huhosp.org](mailto:jkassaye@huhosp.org)

## **Member News**

### **Congratulations**

John R. Moore, PhD, RN, The Futures Initiative, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced the election of **Frank Meyers** to a two-year term as Board Member at Large of GLOBE.

CDC/ATSDR GLOBE is a local chapter of the Association for Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Employees of the Federal Government and represents their interests on issues of employment, non-discrimination and total integration within the CDC/ATSDR family.

It is an officially recognized CDC employee organization whose membership is open to all gay and supportive non-gay employees, contractors or subcontractors interested in sexual orientation issues. For more information, visit the website, <http://www.cdc.gov/hrmo/globe1.htm>, or contact Frank, 850 245-4444, Ext. 2353.

**William H. Gimson III**, recently named Chief Operating Officer for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. The National Academy of Public Administration is a non-profit organization chartered by Congress to provide expert advice and analysis to government leaders on issues of governance and management. Culminating a 29-year career at the CDC, Gimson is now responsible for over 9,000 employees in every state and territory plus more than 40 foreign countries. As COO, he is responsible for the overall management of information technology, financial management, security, facilities, health and safety, procurement and grants and human resources for an agency at the forefront of worldwide news. Gimson has played a key leadership role in the plan to upgrade CDC's response capabilities through state-of-the-art laboratory, communications and training. In addition, he led the team responsible for the time-sensitive design, construction and operation of the agency's new emergency operations center, which played a critical role in the nation's SARS and monkey pox response. Academy Fellows

provide leadership, analysis and recommendations on projects commissioned by Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments and the private sector. Current and recent Academy panels have recommended strategies for containing wildfire costs, advised top FBI leadership on the FBI's reorganization efforts and offered recommendations for promoting environmental justice. The Academy's 550 Fellows include current and former public managers, scholars, Cabinet officers, members of Congress, business executives, labor leaders, governors, mayors, state legislators and diplomats. The principle criterion for selection as a Fellow is a sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration. "William Gimson's contributions to the field of public administration are well- known and recognized on a national level," said Academy Fellow Timothy B. Clark, Editor and President of Government Executive magazine and Chair of this year's nominating committee. "The Academy is proud to welcome William Gimson as a Fellow and looks forward to the contributions his knowledge, experience and leadership will bring to our organization as we seek to make government more effective." Fellows joining Clark on this year's committee were Jonathan Breul, Dall W. Forsythe, Mary R. Hamilton, Edwin L. Harper, Valerie Lemmie, Bernard H. Martin, James P. Pfiffner, Susan Schwab and Daniel L. Skoler.

The National Academy of Public Administration is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan corporation chartered by Congress. Founded in 1967, it provides trusted advice to leaders on governance and public management. The Academy works closely with all three branches of government at the federal, state and local levels; with nongovernmental organizations; and with foreign and international institutions that request advice or assistance. For more information, visit <<http://www.napawash.org>>.

[Congratulations to Bill who has never forgotten his PHA roots.]

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Tony Scardaci reports- India
Hi everyone:

A long time has passed since my last message. Lots of events here which I will try to capture in bullet form.

Lots of meetings with Government of Uttar Pradesh officials to further efforts to achieve polio eradication.

The November Immunization round held in UP between Nov 9-15.

About 35M children under the age of 5 immunized against polio; and we estimate we still missed about 1M. That is the group we are most worried about particularly the ones we keep missing.

Polio levels in UP and India are at the lowest yearly totals ever; Nigeria has now replaced UP as the number 1 country for cases--dubious honor.

World focus, however, remains on India and particularly western UP because it is the only place in the world that has not successfully interrupted transmission of the disease even once. India is the key to eradication. And the next six months will go far in determining if we will be successful. Four Immunization rounds scheduled for UP during that period. I think it is imperative that we interrupt transmission to retain the

worldwide momentum to achieve eradication and I believe India will interrupt transmission of WPV in 2004.

I traveled in some very difficult areas during that entire period monitoring the work being performed. Some problems but performance was astonishingly good.

Since the beginning of the round on 11/9 I have been away from Lucknow 85% of the time. Lots of late planes, late trains and awful jeep rides. But lots of useful work seen being done as well. Meeting of the India Expert Advisory Group in Delhi whose bottom line was "carpe diem"!!!! (And where I saw **Tom Ortiz** and we were able to have dinner--Tom was doing a consultancy for a group from Great Britain.) Other meetings in Jaipur, Agra (Thanksgiving here--though not another celebrant to be found) and yes, Lucknow meetings, with our people and colleagues from UNICEF/CORE to review the results of the last Imm. round and develop strategies for the rounds to come in 2004. And finally, a WHO India National Review Meeting last week in Goa where the discussions were again related to future strategies and some administrative matters.

I would be less than honest not to confess that it was a delight to be in Goa and swim in the Arabian Sea and watch the sun disappear leaving behind a view where one could not identify the horizon or separate the ocean from the sky. Drinking a soda under a thatched hut on the beach and having a few snacks wasn't bad either.

Two weeks from today I head to Delhi for debriefings and to write my final report for this part of my work. Leave for the US at 1:10 a.m. 12/26 and return to India 1/13.

I hope you all are well.
Warmest regards,
Tony

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Turn on your radios...

**Philip Baptiste** (DTBE Information Technology and Statistics Branch) hosts the Monday night segment of WRFG 89.3 FM's Jazz to Soothe Your Soul from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The program is an exploration of the fundamental rhythms of contemporary jazz, commentary and interviews. It's a journey of human life and emotions set to music. On the second Monday of the month starting at 9:30 PM I present Health Matters with Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck. This is an honest dialogue about the health issues affecting our community. Listeners can also visit the radio station web site, [www.wrfg.org](http://www.wrfg.org) for more information about the radio station and our programming schedule.

**Gary West** has provided us some information on job availability at Family Health International in Research Triangle, NC. Family Health International (FHI) is a non-profit, international organization with its headquarters in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. FHI receives funding from a wide range of agencies and organizations including USAID, NIH, CDC, many private foundations and bilateral and multilateral donor organizations. FHI is working in more



employees send in questions about retirement issues and the NARFE staff provides the answers.

\* Special discounts (NARFE “Perks”) with hotels, auto rental agencies, moving companies, travel packages, investments, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a member (whether currently employed at CDC or already retired), contact me for a membership application.

Fred Martich  
CDC NARFE Chapter 1419  
Membership Committee

### **Where's ole what's his/her name?**

**Joseph Leach** - former CDC PHA - is now with HRSA in D.C. Joe started with the VD program in New York City in 1972 and had subsequent assignments in Hartford, Yuma, Wheaton (IL), and Boston before assignments with the Immunization Program in Columbus (OH) and D.C. and then went to the STD Program in D.C. before leaving CDC for FDA in 1990.

**Bert Malone** is now in Kansas City, MO...no longer with DHHS in Jefferson City. Bert and his wife are happy to be closer to their kids and family and granddaughters there.

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**Wil Whittington** [retired from CDC] Department of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

### **RETIREMENTS- those now resting while we work!**

**Don Dowda** is retiring on January, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 after more than 33 years of Federal service. Don's Federal service included the U.S. Army, Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Don began his career with CDC and ended it the same way, in the Division of STD Prevention (DSTD). As a public health advisor, he was assigned to STD programs in Charleston, S.C.; Baltimore, Md.; and Athens, GA. He worked for HCFA in Washington, D.C., then came to Atlanta to work for HRSA. In 1989, Don returned to DSTD in Atlanta. His first assignment, in the Epidemiology Research Branch, was to manage the AIDS Community Demonstration Projects. This was DSTD's seminal community-level behavioral prevention research project which spawned a new behavioral research branch in DSTD and subsequent large intervention research projects, including the Women and Infants Community Demonstration Projects, and the AIDS Evaluation of Street Outreach Project (AESOP), for which Don was the fiscal officer and project manager. Down the hall from DSTD worked Brenda Coull who, at that time was a public health advisor in the Division of Quarantine, and who later "quarantined" Don in marriage in 1992.

For the last 7 years, Don has worked in the Epidemiology and Research Branch as the Project Manager for the STD Treatment Guidelines Unit. Don has been instrumental in the planning, development, and the dissemination of the 1993, 1998, and 2002 STD Treatment Guidelines. The STD Treatment Guidelines are used worldwide, and have

always been one of CDC's most important and frequently requested documents. Don's caring and genuine personality has enabled him to be "the master of meeting preparation" as well as the Guidelines spokesperson across the Center and the community. Also, with his excellent organizational skills, expertise, and personable nature, Don was often called upon by research staff to plan and implement logistics for large principal investigators' meetings, consultants meetings, objective review groups, and special emphasis panels.

Don's compassion, discipline, expertise, humor and wit will be missed throughout our Division and CDC. He plans to continue organic farming, hiking, fishing and someday building a cabin and moving to the mountains of South Carolina.

There will not be a retirement party, but if you would like to send Don good wishes in retirement send him an email. If you would like to contribute to a gift, contact Kay Stone, Billy Litchfield or Richard Kahn .

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Mr. Robert (Bob) Baldwin is retiring from CDC effective January 3, 2004, after 38 years of Federal service. Bob started his CDC career in 1965 with an assignment in venereal disease control at the New York City Health Department. In July 1969, Bob became one of CDC's Smallpox warriors and was posted to Cameroon, central Africa, where he participated in the CDC/USAID/WHO effort to eradicate smallpox and measles from that region.

In 1972, Bob spent a year at the Pennsylvania State Health Department before accepting a position at CDC/Atlanta as the Chief Recruiter for the Bureau of State Services. Bob's influence in this position over the next two years resulted in the recruitment of many of the Public Health Advisors that have staffed so many important CDC positions over the past 25 years. From 1975 to 1980 he helped launch CDC's efforts to increase the number of kidneys available for transplantation, a program that became highly successful due in large part to the pioneering work done here at CDC.

In 1980, Bob joined the International Health Program Office, (IHPO) as a supervisory Public Health Advisor with responsibilities for projects and staff assigned to 7 African countries. Over the next 15 years he has served as CDC's coordinator for international crisis and response activities, the Director of IHPO's International Liaison Division, as a principal in the development of CDC wide initiatives in polio eradication, with the Division of Nutrition in the establishment of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and as a stable force in the evolution of IHPO into its present form as the Office of Global Health, (OGH).

In 1995, he assumed his present position as Associate Director for External Relations, OGH, where his efforts have been directed at assisting CDC's cross C/I/O initiatives, through fostering relationships with CDC's many external partners such as UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, CARE, The Carter Center, and numerous others. While also having primary geographic responsibilities for Russia and the countries in the former Soviet Union, large parts of Asia and the South Pacific, and a huge commitment to the promotion of micronutrients as an inexpensive way of preventing nutritional problems globally. He serves on numerous international committees dealing with micronutrient malnutrition, and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rollins School of Public Health at

Emory University, and has served on virtually every major cross cutting CDC initiative in recent years.

Bob's steady advice and wealth of knowledge about CDC's global health activities have made him an integral part of the international scene at CDC for well over two decades. His immediate retirement plans, after taking some time off to "reorganize", include international consultations and taking an active role in raising his young daughter, Lindsey.

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**Gene Matthews, J.D.**, is the Legal Advisor to CDC in Atlanta and, as the manager of the legal staff there, has handled a wide range of public health law issues. His initial work at CDC coincided with the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. His experience has included questions of patient confidentiality, access to records, liability for vaccine-related injuries, occupational health protection, environmental concerns, and chronic disease prevention strategies. He has litigated important public health lawsuits and civil discovery questions. Mr. Matthews is widely published and is frequently called upon to lecture on cutting-edge legal issues facing CDC, such as AIDS, livable communities, and bioterrorism preparedness.

Currently, Mr. Matthews is also providing leadership for CDC's development of a newly created Public Health Law Program designed to improve the understanding of the use of laws as tools of public health in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He is guiding this exciting initiative to reach out both to the legal community and to public health practitioners through research, training, information, and partnerships.

Mr. Matthews is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law and is an avid distance swimmer.

All CDC/ATSDR personnel are invited to a reception in honor of Mr. Gene W. Matthews on Monday, January 12, 2004, 2-4 p.m., in Auditorium B of CDC's Roybal Campus, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta. There will be a brief program in tribute to Mr. Matthews' distinguished career in law and public health.

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Alexander (Duke) Bell is retiring on January 2nd, 2004 after more than 33 years of Government Service. Duke's Military and Federal service included the United States Navy, Mississippi State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Duke's career at CDC began as a Public Health Advisor in 1974. He was assigned to various state and local health department positions initially as a Disease Intervention Specialist, Tampa, FL and progressed to a District STD manager in Chicago, IL at the National Center for Prevention Services. He worked as a Senior Public Health Advisor, Mississippi State Department of Health and relocated to Atlanta, GA in 1986 to work for the Program Services Branch, DDT, NCCDPHP, as a Program Consultant. He was promoted to the Chief, Program Services Section and served as Acting Chief, Program Services Branch, NCCDPHP. He has also served as a Regional Program Consultant for the Division of Preventive Health Services, Region IV, Public Health Service. In 1994 he moved to DVRD in the Influenza Branch where he worked as Deputy Branch Chief. Last, but not least, he joined the Respiratory and Enterovirus Branch in 2000 to become the Deputy Branch Chief. In REVB, Duke has helped shepherd the growth and development of all programs including the Global Polio Eradication Program, rotavirus vaccine

development program, global measles control program, respiratory viruses and enterovirus disease programs, the foodborne viral gastroenteritis program, and most recently SARS.

Duke has played a critical role in wide range of CDC programs and his steady hand, commitment to public health, ability to get the job done, sense of humor, and skills in working with all staff will be sorely missed. He represents the best in public health management. He plans to enjoy his grandchildren and ride his Harley throughout the country.

A celebration of Duke's retirement will be held:

Friday, January 16, 2004 from 11:00am - 2:00pm

57th Fighter Group Restaurant , 3829 Clairmont Road

The cost will be \$20.00 per person

We welcome contributions of any sort, memorabilia (i.e. card, pictures, etc), and letters of congratulations (or other).

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**Dennis McDowell**, Director of the Division of Professional Development and Evaluation (DPDE), PHPPO, and the nationally acclaimed Public Health Training Network (PHTN), is retiring on January 2, 2004, after more than 36 years of federal service. Join us for his celebration on Friday, January 16, 2004, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Auditorium B, Building 2, Roybal Campus.

After serving four years in the US Navy, which included over two years in Vietnam, and graduating from Troy State University, Dennis began his public health career in 1971 with the Alabama Department of Public Health VD Control Program in Selma, Alabama. He came on with CDC in 1972 as a PHA Field Supervisor in Birmingham, Alabama, and completed a number of assignments through the early 1980's that include: processing South Vietnam's refugees at Camp Pendleton, California; Acting Supervisor of the New Orleans VD Control Program; Regional Supervisor for STD/infectious diseases in North Carolina; and the STD Control/STD Training Center Supervisor in Dallas, Texas.

In 1984 Dennis became a Field Service Officer in CDC's Center for Professional Development and Training (CPDT). His assignments included the teaching of applied epidemiology; conducting AIDS research and coordination of several national AIDS training efforts; and assisting in the Hawaii Development and Epidemiology Performance System. He became the Chief of the Planning and Analysis Branch, CPDT, where he conducted the first public health educational market analysis, and enhanced CDC's public health educational reach and results.

In 1986 Dennis accepted the position of Director, Division of Technical Services, where he led efforts to focus on customer service, consolidated CDC's APHA single exhibit presence, corporate image, and message; and ushered in the era of computer graphics. He then became the Director of PHPPO's Division of Media and Training Services and over the next decade led the creation and growth of PHTN, the award-winning distance learning system, CDC's Envision program, Public Health Grand Rounds and the Public Health Image Library (PHIL). Over the last 5 years, Dennis has helped lead the design

of the new Scientific Communication Center, established an online learning system and evaluation framework, and has expanded PHTN's domestic and global partnerships to support distance education and emergency response.

In retirement, Dennis plans to enjoy longstanding interests in fitness, storytelling, writing, art, landscaping, and seafaring. He looks forward to diving into a long list of sci-fi novels while enjoying his coastal retirement home with Barbara, his wife of 32 years. However, Dennis won't have too much time to relax since the CDC Office of the Director has asked him to return as a consultant on a special project relating to the interaction between communication and education inside CDC as well as with the public health workforce.

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William Q. Nelson [EPA] retired January 2nd after 38 plus years of government service in public health. Bill started with CDC as a PHA in the 'VD' Program in June 1965 in Toledo, Ohio. He reassigned to Chicago in 1968 and shortly thereafter served as a first line supervisor. In 1974, Bill transferred to Harrisburg, PA and had subsequent assignments in Albany, NY, and New Orleans in STD management posts. He then transferred to the Diabetes Control Program in Sacramento on 12/28/1980 where he remained until reassignment to NCEH in 1985. Subsequently, Bill transferred to the EPA in San Francisco. Bill also was a participant in the small pox eradication effort of the 1970's. He and wife, Linda, plan to move to Florida this spring as soon as they identify suitable housing. Congratulations on an excellent career, Bill, in service to the public health of our nation and beyond.

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**Dr. Paul Wiesner** [Honorary PHA] will retire from his position as Director of the DeKalb County Board of Health. Paul was recently recognized in a ceremony for his significant contributions to the Preventive Medicine Residency by serving on the Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) since 1990, supervising 15 residents since 1989, and participating in many training seminars. This year, Dr. Wiesner was voted as an Honorary Public Health Advisor by members of the Watsonian Society. He'll be returning to Seattle where he'll spend some time (not too much) working with King Holmes.

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Dean Mason has decided to 'retire' [at least from CDC], effective April 4, 2004. He will have put in 30 years in March, 2004. Dean has accepted a job offer with the Albert Sabin Vaccine Institute that is a wonderful opportunity. It will require that we move to New Canaan, Connecticut but I greatly look forward to the new challenge.

[A Texas boy deciding to retire in Connecticut...shh...don't tell his kinfolk]

More details will follow before Dean actually leaves CDC.

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**Tom Hicks** has retired after 30 years of service to CDC. While his last day was Friday, January 2, NIP will be honoring Tom at a farewell luncheon later in January.

Tom began his CDC career in 1974 with the STD program serving in three assignments Tampa, Valdosta, GA and Philly. Tom transferred to NIP in 1977 and spent the vast majority of his time in the field, with assignments beginning in Norristown, PA, Trenton,

NJ, Minneapolis, MN, a very long stay in Honolulu, HI. He also had several brief assignments to Micronesia, then on to Jefferson City, MO, Indianapolis, and finally the last four years at headquarters in Atlanta as a Team Leader in the Program Operations Branch, ISD.

If you know Tom, you know that he would be perfectly happy spending much of his time on his favorite pastime, restoring old houses. His wife says he's never met a house he didn't like. But before he really devotes himself to his avocation, it's likely that we'll be seeing him here and there around CDC.

Many have benefited enormously from Tom's knowledge of the program and his many years of experience, and are deeply grateful for his assistance. We will know where to find him (we're thinking Home Depot), and we hope that he will stop by the PHA meeting in February to see old friends and colleagues. We wish Tom the very best in all of his future endeavors.

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Dr. Arvind Padhye is retiring from CDC January 2, 2004 after 31 years of dedicated government service. Dr. Padhye began his career with CDC in 1972 as Chief, Fungus Reference and Investigative Branch in the then Division of Mycotic Diseases. In 1990 the Division merged with the Division of Bacterial Diseases, and Dr. Padhye became Chief, Epidemiologic Investigations Laboratory Section, Mycotic Diseases Branch.

Throughout his time at CDC Dr. Padhye has maintained an active program of personal research, and provided one of the few internationally recognized reference services for the identification of new, unusual, and atypical fungal pathogens. His work has led to more than 200 scientific publications and has involved countless international collaborations. Dr. Padhye has worked tirelessly in helping build DMD and MDB into a national and international leader in its program areas. He will be greatly missed by all those who have had the opportunity to know and work with him at CDC.

In retirement, Dr. Padhye plans to travel, and to continue teaching, as well as nurture his many personal interests. We wish him and his wife all the happiness as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

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**Martha Poulos** will retire from the Real Property and Space Management Activity on December 31, 2003 after 27 years with CDC. Martha would like to take this opportunity to extend her appreciation to all her friends and co-workers with whom she has worked over the years. She sends many thanks to everyone for their support and friendship and best wishes for personal health, happiness, and success in future endeavors.

We wish Martha all the happiness as she begins this new chapter in her life. We will miss her dedication and commitment to her work as well as her friendship.

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The Division of Laboratory Sciences, NCEH invites you to a celebration of **Dr. Dayton T. Miller's** illustrious 33-year career in government service. Our celebration will be held on Thursday, January 29th, from 2:00-3:30 PM in Conference Rooms 2201/2202, Building 102, Chamblee.

Dr. Miller's career at CDC has been distinguished and multi-faceted, with many contributions in both clinical and analytical laboratory science. Under his leadership as a laboratory and branch chief in the Division of Laboratory Sciences (DLS), NCEH, he helped to firmly establish CDC's reputation for high-quality clinical chemistry support for many randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trials with colleagues at the National Institutes of Health. The laboratory work from these studies contributed directly to numerous collaborative publications from these important research projects that added significantly to the body of scientific and clinical knowledge of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and diseases of the eye.

Dr. Miller led several of CDC's programs for the development of innovative technology for health, including programs aimed at improved monitoring of nutritional status, non-invasive testing of diabetics for hypoglycemia, and most significantly, the development of improved field tests for blood lead. His personal efforts resulted in the successful development and marketing of the world's first hand-held blood lead analyzer by private industry in 1997. In international health, from 1996 through 2000 he served as the United States lead for the Health Committee of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission for efforts to eliminate micronutrient malnutrition in the Russian Federation.

In his current assignment as Associate Director for Extramural Program for DLS, he has continued his support of state public health laboratory infrastructure. In this capacity, he directed efforts to develop public health laboratory capacity for biomonitoring and chemical terrorism response. Because of his years of work on behalf of public health laboratories, he was awarded the APHL Presidential Award "in recognition of meritorious services to public health laboratories" in June, 2003.

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CDC's Division of Laboratory Systems, Public Health Practice Program Office, Laboratory Practice Training Branch invites you to join us in extending best wishes to **Doris Pattillo** on the occasion of her retirement from government service after 33 years. A celebratory luncheon in her honor will take place at the Holiday Inn Select, 130 Clairmont Ave., Decatur, GA on Thursday, January 29, 2004, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Cost: \$18.00 per person (includes taxes and gratuity)

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Ethel White retired from CDC on January 3, 2004, after 31 years of federal service.

On Thursday, January 29, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in Executive Park, Building #57, Conference Room #5001, a luncheon honoring Ethel will be held. All who know this lovely lady are invited to attend.

Ethel began her career at CDC in 1988 in the Enteric Diseases Branch of the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases. Prior to working at CDC, Ethel's federal service included work at the Departments of Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, and Defense. Since January 1996, Ethel has worked for the Division of Global Migration & Quarantine (DGMQ) in several positions dealing with medical screening of immigrants and refugees and most recently as an administrative assistant for the Program Operations Branch. Her contribution to any position she has held has always been distinguished by professionalism and teamwork.

After her CDC retirement, Ethel looks forward to devoting more time to her pastoral activities and shepherding her newly founded church. She and her husband also plan to travel.

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**Linda Stacy** will retire on February 3, 2004 with over 30 years of service with the federal government to begin the next chapters of her life.

A reception will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at Century Center, Conference Room 1A & 1B from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Linda began her government career with the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1965. Her government career has included positions at NASA, IRS and over 10 years of service with the Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1988, she joined the staff at ATSDR where she has worked in several capacities.

In retirement, Linda plans to expand her role as a child advocate within the community. She will continue her work as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) working with foster children. In addition to the community work, Linda will pursue educational opportunities, teach water aerobics, and enjoy her grandchildren and family.