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WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS

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### Where is he?

SEARCH for those members eluding us:  
Please put out an APB (All Points Bulletin--cop talk, eh?) for **Dr. John Witte**. Following the hurricane, his snail mail is returning- address unknown. Please let Bill Boyd or Rita Varga know if you have locating information on Dr. Witte. Thanks

### **COMMITTEE NEWS** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING** - all are invited to call in and participate.

When: Tuesday **2:30 - 4 p.m 1/18/2005.**

Where: CORPORATE SQUARE, building 11, Room 2214

Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The following folks have agreed to serve on the Events committee (We're still looking for a new Chair, and more volunteers would be welcome!) Please call Cathy Stout or Stacie Harper to add your name to the planning group.

Lee Ann Ramsey

Bill Ramsey  
Paul Tribble  
Cindi Knighton

The membership would like to thank the 2004 committee for a **wonderful holiday party**. Your time spent in planning the events is appreciated! Thanks for a great job!

### **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**



Please remember to let Rita Varga know when your email address changes.

News of yourself or of friends is always welcome- we also like to hear what is new in your program and in your life! Send information to Rita Varga at (rmv2@cdc.gov).

If you missed a newsletter or want to refer back to one-- the 2004 newsletters are posted on the website. They have been "stripped" of personal information since this is an internet site and we respect the privacy of our members.

The WATSONIAN website: <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/Newsletter.HTM>

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: HONORARY PHAs**

It is with great pleasure that we announce that **Robert Levenson and Joel Lewis** have been selected as the 2004 Honorary PHAs. Below is a brief write-up on each of the newly elected Honorary PHAs and their respective contributions to Public Health and the PHA Series. Please help me in congratulating our newest Honorary PHAs.

#### **ROBERT LEVENSON, MBA**

Mr. Levenson is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career in Public Health in 1968 when he joined the Philadelphia Department of Public Health as an Assistant Director of a Public Health Center. In 1974, he became a full Director and, later that year, assumed the position of Chief, Venereal Disease Control Program within the Division of Disease Control. In 1977, Mr. Levenson became Administrator of the Division and, in 1989, became its Director. Mr. Levenson retired on July 1, 2004 after 35 years of distinguished service in Public Health.

During his thirty- five year tenure, Mr. Levenson promoted the assignment of PHA's to Philadelphia in the STD, TB and Immunization Programs. In recent years, he has supported the establishment of Philadelphia as its own Immunization Project Area, the promotion of its Senior PHA Position from GS-12 to GS-13 and the assignment of two assistant Senior PHA's at the GS-12 and GS-11 levels. In the TB Program, Bob encouraged the reassignment of a Senior PHA, which had been vacant for several years. In the STD Program, Bob was instrumental in supporting the promotion of the Senior PHA Position from GS-13 to GS-14, and has encouraged the assignment of additional PHA's as Assistant Program Managers at the GS-12 and GS-13 levels to support and expand program operations.

As the Director of the Division of Disease Control, Mr. Levenson also served as the TB Program Administrator for many years. In this position, he witnessed the decline of TB cases and the subsequent stripping of resources for this program. In the early 1990's, when reported TB morbidity again began to rise, he tirelessly administered the program

with increased demand for services but no increase in resources. He ensured the functioning of the program in spite of the simultaneous increase in numbers of non-compliant , drug-addicted clients and the emergence of multi-drug resistant TB.

Through his leadership, actual accomplishments, and his dedication to Public Health, Mr. Levenson has repeatedly demonstrated himself to be an Honorary Public Health Advisor.

## **JOEL LEWIS**

Joel Lewis was among the first to become an Associate Member of the Watsonian Society when that status was first established. Joel is a microbiologist whose 30+ year career at CDC was with the STD Laboratory at the National Center for Infectious Diseases. He first came to the attention of all Public Health Advisors in the STD Program in the early 1970s through his collaboration on the development of Martin/Lewis gonorrhea culture media. As an improvement on a media that preceded it, the version on which Joel collaborated indeed improved the lives of STD Public Health Advisors who were struggling across the country in their development of community-wide gonorrhea screening programs. Joel was instrumental in helping the STD Program design the screening program and making improvements during the early years of implementation. He was always available to provide advice over the phone to PHA's in the field and schedule visits for difficult situations.

From the very beginning of his association with PHA's, Joel took it upon himself to understand the series and its members. He came to understand our complicated responsibilities and organizational relationships; the special roles we were being asked to play in establishing the massive gonorrhea program from scratch; and the unique challenges that presented to us because of the program's interface with microbiology, microbiologists, and the public health laboratories in which they work. Joel made it his business to learn who the STD Program PHA's were, both at headquarters and in the field, and Joel has consistently been, and remains, an outstanding colleague to other PHA's who form any team on which he serves. He also is an incredibly valuable asset to PHA's in field positions, who have relied on his advice to help move programs forward and his potent professional skills to influence local officials toward needed change.

Through his leadership, Joel has demonstrated his value to not only to Public Health in the Nation, but also to the PHA series.

**We are extremely proud to call these two outstanding individuals Honorary PHAs. The official awarding will take place at the spring pig roast.**

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

**Mr. Bill Nichols** as Director of the Procurement and Grants Office

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bill Nichols has been selected as the Director of the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Mr. Nichols has served as Acting Director of PGO since March 2004 and during this time has made significant strides in improving CDC's acquisition and assistance processes, as well as customer service.

Mr. Nichols received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University and his Master of Public Administration degree from Georgia State University. He has more than 21 years of experience with CDC, having served the last 10 as a senior management official within various Centers and OD Offices. Mr. Nichols spent his first seven years at CDC assigned to state and local health departments implementing STD (Cleveland, Ohio) and immunization programs (Santa Ana, California and Raleigh, North Carolina). From 1995-2001, Mr. Nichols served as the Chief Management Official (CMO) for the National Immunization Program where he was responsible for all human, financial, and information technology resources; played an instrumental role in the implementation of the Vaccines for Children program; and was a key decision-maker for all programmatic activities. During his tenure as CMO, the United States achieved the highest immunization coverage levels and lowest vaccine-preventable disease incidence recorded up to that point.

In 2001, Mr. Nichols was detailed to CDC's Financial Management Office (FMO) as the Acting Branch Chief of FMO's Congressional Legislative Branch. He served in this role immediately preceding, and for eight months following, the September 11, 2001, terrorists attacks on the United States. This Branch was responsible for all interactions with Congressional Appropriators and played an instrumental role in orchestrating the myriad Congressional visits to CDC following the World Trade Center catastrophe and the anthrax incidents. Most recently, Mr. Nichols served as CMO for the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, where he undertook many internal management improvement activities and played a significant role in implementing the Advancing HIV Prevention initiative.

I appreciate your continued support of Mr. Nichols and hope you will join me in welcoming him to this role at CDC/ATSDR.

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

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**Dr. James M. Hughes** Accepts New Position

Please join me in congratulating Dr. James M. Hughes, Director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, on his decision to join the faculties of Emory University School of Medicine and the Rollins School of Public Health. In his new role, Dr. Hughes will direct both a new Emory Program in Global Infectious Diseases and the Emory Center for Global Safe Water. He also will hold joint appointments as Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Emory University School of Medicine and as Professor of International Health, Rollins School of Public Health.

For well over 25 years, he has been a world renowned leader in the prevention and control of infectious diseases. It was Dr. Hughes' extraordinary vision and leadership as Director of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases that resulted in the agency's role as the world's leader to address emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. All of us at CDC, as well as our national and international public health colleagues, will forever be indebted to Dr. Hughes for his service. On a personal note, Dr. Hughes is a true friend and mentor to me and I will miss our interactions. Thankfully, he is only moving down the street and I am sure we will be calling on him frequently for his expertise.

Dr. Hughes' longstanding association with CDC began in 1973 when he became an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service, and then returned to CDC in 1978. He

worked initially on foodborne and waterborne diseases both domestically and internationally and subsequently on infection control in healthcare settings, serving as Director of CDC's Hospital Infections Program from 1983 to 1988. He then was named Deputy Director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases in 1988 and became Director in 1992.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Hughes and thanking him for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to CDC.

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

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**CONDOLENCES:**

**Death of CDC Employee**

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of **Barbara Dougherty**. Barbara died Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:20 a.m. Barbara had 28 years of Federal Service. She started with CDC in December of 1976 in the TB Division as a statistical assistant. She also worked with Environmental Health and the Agent Orange Project for 4 years as a computer programmer. She joined the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1991 as a computer programmer, later becoming a health communications specialist for the Division of Adult and Community Health.

Barbara will be remembered as having a great sense of humor. She always went the extra mile when it came to her job. Her expertise in graphics was one of a kind. Barbara will truly be missed by her CDC family. For those wishing to honor her memory, please contact the Habitat for Humanity at [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

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**Death of CDC Employee**

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of **Dorothy (Dot) J. Gay**, an employee of CDC for 15 years. Dot died on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. She served as an Administrative Support Assistant with the Procurement and Grants Office, Office of the Director.

Dorothy began her career with the CDC Immunology Lab in 1985 where she served as the Branch Secretary. She served as the Administrative Assistant for the Division of Birth Defects in 1989. From 1990 – 2001, she served as the Branch Secretary for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, NCEH. Dorothy joined the Procurement and Grants office in 2001.

Dot was a very dedicated, cheerful, and hard-working employee with an intense compassion for people. She will be missed greatly by her CDC Family.

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**Death of Former CDC Employee**

We are deeply saddened to inform you that **Winifred (Winnie) Joseph** passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at the age of 43 due to complications from Lupus.

Winnie began her career at CDC/ATSDR in 1990 and left in 1997 on medical disability. She worked in the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Office of Program Operations and Management as the Freedom of Information Act Specialist. Her co-workers remember her as very thorough and dedicated to her work.

Winnie was indeed very dedicated, cheerful, and optimistic. She encouraged everyone she met. Her compassion for people will be long remembered. Along with the fact that she never complained, her enthusiasm towards life will be continued by everyone who knew her.

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Death of CDC Employee

The Division of State and Local Readiness, OTPER is sad to announce the death of **George "Locke" Thompson**. Locke unexpectedly passed away Sunday, January 2, 2005. He was a tremendous asset to CDC and a fantastic father, grandfather, and husband. We will miss him.

Locke's career started at CDC/ATSDR in 1987 with the Procurements & Grants Office as a grants management specialist. He moved to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1999 to support several divisions as an extramural programs administrator before moving to OTPER in 2002. Locke was instrumental in establishing the Division and maintaining fiscal and budgetary accountability over the bioterrorism preparedness cooperative agreement program.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association

American Heart Association  
George Locke Thompson Memorial Fund  
P.O. Box 40410  
Atlanta, GA 30384-9410

Individuals can also call 1-800-257-6941 extension 2083 and use their credit card to make a contribution.

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The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Division of Human Development and Disability, Disability and Health Team is sad to announce the death of **Gloria Jean Kimbro Dixon**. Gloria passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Gloria was an outstanding asset to her family, friends, community, and to CDC. We will greatly miss the joy of Gloria's presence.

Gloria began her CDC career at The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (formally known as the National Center on Environmental Health), in June 2000 as a Program Operation Assistant. Her federal service also included United States Department of Agriculture, The Environment Protection Agency, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY and various other government assignments including a tour in Europe.

Among Gloria's many accomplishments: The 2003 NCBDDD Director's Award for Efficiency in Administrative Services for demonstrating sustained exceptional commitment, initiative, skill and performance in support of the NCBDDD Division of Human Development and Disability, Disability and Health Team. Gloria was the recipient of various Special Service Awards for her team spirit, competence, dedication, and exceptional skills and performance.

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The wife of member **Bill Hamlin** has died.  
Family-Placed Death Notice

Dorothy M. Hamlin, 77, of Norcross died December 1, 2004. Memorial services were held at The Bill Head Funeral Home, Lilburn/Tucker Chapel with Rev. Ken Hunsberger officiating. Mrs. Hamlin was a native of Florence, SC and a graduate of the College of Charleston. She retired from teaching to raise her six children. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, William (Bill) Hamlin, Jr., Norcross; daughters, Karen Luther, Augusta, Nancy Cranford, Lilburn, Patricia Keitchen, Alpharetta, Michele Bagwell, Hoschton; sons, William (Bill) Hamlin, Jr., Norcross, Mychael Hamlin, Grayson; sisters, Doris Weber, CT, Laura Logan, SC, Cheryl Donnely, Heinsville, GA; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to: The Spina Bifida Association of Georgia, 1448 McLendon Drive, Decatur, GA 30033 (770.939.1044). Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on 12/3/2004.

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The Grandmother of Watsonian member and PHA **Kathryn Koski**, Mrs. Eva R. Johnson, passed away at her home in Ironwood, Michigan on December 16. She was 92.

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Note of thanks for condolences sent: to the society to acknowledge the many comforting messages, floral tributes, cards, phone calls, visits, prayers and many other expressions of kindness received in their time of loss.

- The family of **Ralph Burke** - Watsonian member
- The family of **John Bruce** - Watsonian member
- The family of Michael Kicera, **Tami Kicera's** father
- The family of Page Hiland, **Jan Hiland's** father
- The family of Sam Crane, **Nancy Pearcey's** brother
- The family of Helen Forrester, **Willis Forrester's** mother
- The family of Julia M. McCumiskey, **Peter McCumiskey's** mother

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

**Mark Miner** is a new dad! The CDC, DTBE, PHA in Baltimore City, MD, announced the arrival of Mason James Miner, the couple's fourth child. He was born December 24, at 12:30 a.m., and weighed 8 lbs. 2oz. Mason and his mother, Kelly are doing well.

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Michael Bagrosky (United States Naval Academy class of 2000) the godson of **John and Cathy Seggerson** and the youngest child of **John Bagrosky** and the late Donna Bagrosky is finishing his last months in the Navy with a cruise to the Gulf. He should be out of the Navy in April 05. After a few months of back packing around South America he is on track to join the Peace Corps next fall. He expects to be assigned to South America

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An update from : **James Novotny**  
Hello Family & Friends \*\*\*\*\* Christmas 2004 from Tennessee

Well, you know you're getting old when the year was dominated with health

matters: going to the Dr.'s, going to outpatient centers, getting treatment for one thing and another, picking up prescriptions, having x-rays, shots, and spending a whole lot of time traveling to and from all of those. But we both survived and hope to continue doing so.

We did manage to have some fun this year. We went to a mini Family Reunion in Gassville, AR, where my cousin, Naomi, was the perfect hostess, feeding us, putting up some of us over night(s), digging up old family pictures for all to enjoy, and seeing to our every need. We had such a good time, that we're planning another mini in the Chicago area at the Novak's, who graciously volunteered to sponsor the event.

We also had a great time visiting Chicago where we attended my cousin's daughter's son's wedding (another indication that one is growing old when the relationships grow farther and farther apart). Jim's brother-in-law, Bob, was kind enough to put us up for several days, giving us the run of his place while he was away at work. The wedding was beautiful, and the reception, where we saw and visited with many relatives, was a ball. We also were invited to do some fishing at the Major's, in IN. They have a pontoon boat tied to their dock at the lake behind their home. We had a great time fishing, with Dianne catching the most fish and Jim catching the rays from the sun (struck out!). They were very kind to us, feeding us and putting us up for the night.

In April, we managed a three day trip to Pensacola, where we rented a Beach Cottage on the Naval Base. It was wonderful, with the sand and water just yards away. While there, we managed to visit with Jim's cousin, Betty Jo, in Robertsdale, AL, whom we haven't seen for about 8 or 10 years. We went out to eat with Betty Jo and her friend Brenda, and, because it was 2 for 1 night at the restaurant, we four left with a bill less than \$20! And the food was delicious. Now we want to visit again just for the food.

In May, we got news that Dianne's step-dad passed away in Winchester, TN, which is about 50 miles northwest of Chattanooga. He had suffered with cancer for a couple of years, and finally his body gave out. We were lucky to have visited with him several times, when he lived with some friends, and, later, when he was in a nursing home. He was really a character, acting loud and surly, but underneath it all, he had a heart of gold. It was a great loss for the family.

Besides these "special" activities, the year was pretty routine. We continued our Meals on Wheels visits, working out (Jim at the town Sportplex and Dianne on her stationary bike at home), teaching AARP Driver Safety Courses (Jim), and doing the usual stuff around the house, including cutting the grass, tending to the roses, shooing the squirrels away from the bird feeders, and going to the Casinos in Tunica, MS.

We wish all of you the best Christmas ever and a very Happy New Year. We hope to see many of you in 2005, God willing and the creek don't rise. Jim & Dianne

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#### **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:**

The President of the Watsonian Society, **Phil Talboy**, is featured prominently in the recent CDC Connects Article and accompanying pictures: ***Anthrax Anniversary Reaffirms CDC's Hard Work and Health Mission*** If you have access to the CDC Intranet the article may be viewed at the following link. For those of you without access

to the intranet, and you wish to read the article, please e-mail Stacy Harper, president-elect, and she will e-mail you a copy. The article is a bit too long to reprint here.

<http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/insidestory/anthrax.asp>

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**PROMOTIONS/TRANSFER and TDYs**

**Phillip Talboy** has been selected as Deputy Director, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE), National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP). Phil comes to DTBE with experiences in a variety of public health programs both at CDC and in the Field. Since 2002 he has served as Deputy Director, Division of Injury, Disability Outcomes, and Programs, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. In this capacity, he has served as Acting Director and helped to establish and cultivate external partnerships. He has also worked in cancer surveillance, environmental health, emergency response coordination, and as STD/HIV consultant and training coordinator. While in Florida, he was part of the effort to integrate the State Health Department STD, HIV, and TB program activities. Phil began his career as Public Health Advisor in the National Center for Prevention Services (predecessor of NCHSTP), assigned to the Maricopa County STD Program. Since then he accrued increasing managerial responsibilities while assigned to Florida, Washington, D.C., and different positions in CDC/Atlanta.

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**MIT Summer Opportunity For Girls**

The Women's Technology Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology is a four-week summer residence program to introduce high school girls to electrical engineering and computer science. If you know a girl who is currently a high school junior with demonstrated math and science ability and an interest in finding out about Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, please encourage her to visit our website for more information and for an application form (applications are due February 1, 2005):

<http://wtp.mit.edu>

Our classes are taught in a supportive environment by a staff of women MIT Ph.D. candidates and undergraduates. The full-time academic program includes hands-on experiments and team-based projects in computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics. Our goals are to: increase girls' interest and confidence in pursuing computer science and engineering and make them aware of their potential for success in these fields. Participants are selected from a nationwide applicant pool of girls who attend the program in the summer between their junior and senior year in high school. No prior experience in computer programming, physics, or electrical engineering is expected, but applicants typically have strong academic records, especially in math and science.

Thank you for your help in communicating information about this opportunity to young girls across the country!

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**RETIREMENTS**

After forty years of service, **Mr. Jack Spencer** is retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, effective December 31, 2004. He currently is the CDC Public

Health Advisor GS-15 assigned under the Global AIDS Program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He served as Chief of Party and Public Health Advisor for the Global AIDS Program providing technical and program assistance to HIV/AIDS activities. The Global AIDS program wishes Jack and his wife Linda all the best in the future and heartfelt thanks for the dedication and commitment to our program during his stay with us.

Mr. Spencer previously served as the acting director for the Division of STD Prevention at the CDC. Over the past years he has served as the Deputy Director of the Division of STD Prevention. As the senior manager in the Division, he was responsible for implementation and evaluation of HIV and STD prevention programs across the United States. In this capacity he interacted with the US Congress, Department of Health and Human Services, State and Local Health Departments and Legislatures. Mr. Spencer has served in numerous capacities with the CDC since 1965.

No formal celebration is planned.

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After 30 years of service, **Paul O. Poppe** will be retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, effective January 2, 2005. Paul, the Deputy Director of the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE), has worked in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (originally the National Center for Prevention Services) throughout his career and will be greatly missed, not only for his valuable institutional memory and managerial expertise, but for his personal integrity and congeniality. Paul plans to “redefine retirement” by refusing pleas to come back to work as a contractor. Instead he will build a new home in Braselton, Georgia, play more golf (conveniently, the new house will be on a golf course), do woodworking projects, and of course spend more time with his grandchildren. To thank Paul for his many contributions and wish him well, a retirement celebration was held December 15, 2004.

Paul began his career in public health after receiving a degree in mathematics from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1971. Paul was hired by the Nebraska Department of Health in 1973, and in 1974 joined CDC as a Disease Intervention Specialist in Nebraska in CDC’s sexually transmitted disease (STD) program. Three months later, he was assigned to the Los Angeles County Health Services STD program. Paul and his wife, Pam, their two baby sons, and a dog traveled from Nebraska to LA in a Volkswagen Beetle. For the next 12 years, Paul and his family zigzagged across the country, where Paul took on increasing responsibility in STD prevention. From LA the family (which by then had added a cat) traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent 40 days and 40 nights in a Holiday Inn waiting for their house to be ready. Paul served as a first-line supervisor in Cleveland, and then was promoted to Regional Supervisor with a base office in the Jefferson County Department of Health STD program, Alabama.

In 1981 Paul returned to LA as District Coordinator for the LA County STD program. The AIDS epidemic was beginning, and one of Paul’s critical contributions was to help allay concerns that a newly-developed hepatitis B vaccine and the mysterious syndrome that was killing young, healthy gay men were related. Paul’s last field assignment was Senior Public Health Advisor in the New Orleans Department of Health STD program, and in 1986 he transferred to Atlanta to the National Center for Prevention Services, where he quickly rose to the position of Chief, Field Operations Section, Division of STD/HIV Prevention.

In 1993 Paul joined the Division of TB Elimination, where he has remained to the present. Paul's roles include Deputy Associate Director for Management and Operations, Associate Director for Management and Operations, and finally, Deputy Director in 1998. With his calm, professional deportment and friendly attitude, Paul has effectively managed crucial aspects of DTBE's operations, management, and budget. He has also represented DTBE with distinction to other federal and international agencies with responsibilities for TB control.

Special assignments have included chairing DTBE's TIMS Transition Team. The Tuberculosis Information Management System (TIMS) was the first Windows-based client-server application distributed by CDC to support a national surveillance system, and has helped to set data quality standards for newer, broader electronic surveillance systems. Paul was also instrumental in developing CDC's response to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *Ending Neglect*, and the Federal TB Task Force Plan in response to the IOM report. Both reports stated that TB elimination in the United States is possible only if aggressive and decisive actions are taken. Paul played a major role in outlining and coordinating plans for implementing these recommendations nationwide.

Paul is perhaps best known for his gifts in management. Throughout his career he has demonstrated exceptional ability to recruit new staff and develop their skills in leadership and sound judgment. Paul has mentored many of CDC's public health advisors, including several in CDC senior management today. Paul's advice to other leaders is that "hiring people is the most important task a manager can do." Paul was recognized for his supervisory skill and outstanding contributions to DTBE in 1999 by the Atlanta Federal Executive Board.

Paul attributes much of his success to the support from his family. His wife of 36 years, Pam, helped Paul establish himself in field service with her ability to frequently uproot and relocate. As a math teacher, Pam found jobs in each of their new locations. Paul notes with pride that Pam is the doctor in the family: she received a PhD in Mathematics Education from Georgia State University in 1993, and is now the head of the math department at Brookwood High School in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Paul Poppe has made many outstanding contributions to public health. His friends throughout the public health community owe him a debt of gratitude for his guidance and friendship, and he will be missed enormously. We wish Paul and his family continued happiness and success in the future.

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**George Smietana, DSTD, has retired with out fanfare!**

After serving CDC for 36 years, George has given up the commute to work. He is an old friend and deserves at least a line or two here! While he refused to supply info on his career- I know that the Los Angeles STDP will miss him! Many trainees who went through the LA STD Training center will fondly remember their time with George! Plans: George will now be partying w/ the Hollywood scene as he tries to beat out the paparazzi and get that one in a million photo of the rich and famous!

Inca-dinka-doo, dinka doo..."Good Bye Mrs. Kalabash, where ever you are."

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After more than 20 years of distinguished service, **Dr. Katherine Stone**, Assistant Chief for Science, Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch (ESB), Division of STD Prevention (DSTD), NCHSTP, is retiring on January 1, 2005.

After deciding she did not want to be a forensic pathologist, Kay left her pathology residency to become an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at CDC in 1984, joining the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service as a medical officer. Kay was assigned to DSTD and soon became an expert on condoms as well as the epidemiology and clinical management of HPV infection, genital warts, and genital herpes. She played a key role in formulating relevant sections of the 1989, 1993, 1998, and 2002 CDC STD Treatment Guidelines. For the duration of her career, Kay was instrumental in crafting CDC's recommendations on condom use for prevention of HIV and other STD and served as one of CDC's main spokespersons on condoms. She participated in preparation of the 1988 and 1993 Surgeon General's Report on AIDS, and served as a key scientific advisor for CDC's America Responds to AIDS Campaign in 1993. For her sustained leadership in primary prevention of STD, Kay received a PHS Outstanding Service Medal in 1994.

In 1997, Kay worked in the CDC Washington office on a 3 month assignment. She has served as Acting Associate Director for Science in DSTD and as Acting Branch Chief for ESB. She has been a member of a CDC IRB for three years, and served as co-chair for one year. Kay has been an Associate Member of the Watsonian Society since 2001.

Kay's contributions to the scientific literature include over 45 journal articles and book chapters on genital HPV infection, genital herpes, and primary prevention of STD. One of her most cherished CDC accomplishments is her 1986 CDC Twilighters Bowling League trophy for women's high handicap game (267).

There will no formal celebration.

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**Barbara McCollum** is retiring on February 3, 2005, after 32 years of Federal service, most at CDC. Barbara's government service started at the Pentagon in 1965. She has been at CDC since 1977. Over the past 28 years, she has worked in Family Planning (now Reproductive Health); Editorial and Graphics Services in what is now NCID. She was a Writer-Editor and Technical Information Specialist for NCPS (now NCHSTP) for 16 years, and then went to the National Immunization Program. She is currently a Public Affairs Specialist in the Global Health Odyssey at the Roybal Campus.

A retirement celebration will be held on Friday afternoon, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, in Building 8 at Corporate Square. Please come by and say goodbye. If you would like to send a personal note or contribute towards a gift, please forward them to Judy Gantt at MS A-14, or to Sherrie Deyette at MS E-07.

Barbara's future plans include traveling for a while, and eventually starting a used-bookstore in the North Georgia Mountains.

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**Cheryl Vogel** is retiring January 31, 2005, after 20 years of Federal service. Cheryl began her career as a Tax Examiner with the IRS. Following that she spent over six years as a Personnel Clerk with USDA, Food Safety Inspection Service. In April, 1996 she came to CDC as a secretary in the Division of Prevention Research and Analytic

Methods in EPO. She later became a Program Analyst, working as co-Project Officer on two large contracts. In 1999 she was awarded the Equal Opportunity Achievement Award in EPO followed by the CDC and ATSDR Honor Award for Equal Opportunity Achievement. In May, 2002 she transferred to MASO as part of the Federal Advisory Committee Management Team as a Committee Management Specialist and co-Project Officer on the meeting support contract.

Her future plans include spending time with her daughter and son-in-law in Llano, CA (that is in the Antelope Valley in northern LA county) where they both teach. She will also enjoy time with her other daughter who just accepted the position of Chemistry Librarian at UC San Diego, and will travel, try her hand at desert gardening, and catch up on all of those projects she started but never finished. She believes it will feel strange not having to get up at 5:30am, but she is sure she will adjust.

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After 30 years of service, **Jan Whitlow**, Administrative Officer for the CDC/OCOO/Financial Management Office ASPO, is retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, effective February 3, 2005. Jan plans to focus her attention on the construction of her new home in Austin, Texas, and spend plenty of time with her family/grandson. A retirement celebration will be held January 21, 2005 in the Executive Park, Building 12, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room #1001A & B, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jan received her first job offer as a Secretary-Stenographer with the Department of Defense (WPAFB, Ohio) in 1964. She later married and transferred to NASA Johnson Space Center Houston, Texas, working in the Apollo Recovery Systems Branch. In 1985, she accepted a job at CDC with the MASO Office of the Director. She went on to work for the Financial Management Office as a Budget Assistant for Claude Pickelsimer and later advanced in various positions within the Office of the Director. She worked with FMO 19 years, until the Administrative Services Program Office was created. During her career, she also worked in the private sector and was a stay-at-home mom while her son was young.

A memory book will be available January 10 – 14 for signing, or you may mail a post card size message to Karen Baker to be included in the book.

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After nearly 22 years of Government service, **Roberta Hilsdon**, will retire January 31, 2005

Roberta began her Federal career at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Other Federal agencies she worked for included the US Navy and US Forest Service. In 1984 she began her career with CDC in NCID, Special Pathogens (Bacterial Diseases). She also held positions in EPO (including editorial assistant for the MMWR, and Surveillance Summaries), and IRMO.

In 1988 she took a break in service to complete her Data Processing degree. She returned to CDC in 1991 in the same branch where she started her CDC career (NCID, Special Pathogens), but this time as a computer programmer. In 1994 she took a job with MCI/WorldCom as a project officer and programmer, before returning once more to CDC in 1996 where she worked in NCEH/APRH. She has been at her present job as a

programmer in ATSDR/DHS since 1997. Her greatest personal accomplishment was completing her Bachelor's degree at Mercer University while working full-time and taking evening classes with little financial assistance.

Roberta's work achievements include the following: Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service (rotavirus), HHS employee of the month, and CDC/ATSDR Information Services Award.

Coaching and playing on the CDC Softball league was memorable (save all the injuries) and Roberta will miss her teammates.

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**Heidi Steele** retired on December 31, 2004. after twenty-four years of government service. She joined CDC in 1989 as an Administrative Officer with the CDC Office of the Director. In 1995, following an internship with the CDC Office of the Associate Director for Science, Heidi became the Associate Director for Management and Operations in the Data Management Division of the National Immunization Program. During the next seven years, Heidi not only served in this capacity, but as the deputy Division Director and eventually the Acting Division Director.

In 2002, Heidi worked in the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities on special projects directed at program development and strengthening partnerships. During the past two years, she worked in the office of Science Policy and Technology Transfer, developing structure for the new office of Public Health Research and the 2004 Health Protection Research Initiative. Her experience of computerized systems, operational management and process analysis, have allowed Heidi to make significant contributions.

Retirement will include serving as President of the Kennesaw State University MBA Investment Partners and traveling to Central America, Europe and the western USA.

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After more than 37 years of distinguished service, **Ms. Thena M. Durham**, Deputy Director for Policy in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, is retiring from the CDC, effective February 3, 2005. A retirement celebration will be held on Friday, January 28, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in Building 8 at Corporate Square.

Thena began her career at CDC in 1968 as a research microbiologist, and served in a wide variety of laboratory assignments in the communicable diseases organization that evolved into the National Center for Infectious Diseases. From 1986 to 1988, Thena was a senior program analyst in the Office of the Director, Center for Health Promotion and Education. In 1988, she became Associate Director for Programs in the Office of the Director of the National Center for Prevention Services. From 1996 to 2001, she headed the Executive Secretariat of the CDC and ATSDR. Since 2001, Thena has served as the Deputy Director for Policy in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. Thena's future plans include but are not limited to volunteering in service to others, travel, and just enjoying life everyday.

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After 36 years of service, **Barbara Boyett**, Visual Information Specialist in the Management Information Systems Branch of NCPHI, is retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, effective February 3, 2005.

Barbara began her career at Eglin AFB, Florida, where she worked for about 9 years, until her husband was transferred to Atlanta. After a break to stay at home with her daughter, she returned to Federal service in the National Medical Audiovisual Center (NMAC) – which was located in Building 3, Clifton Road (until the Center was relocated to Bethesda, MD in 1980). She accepted a position with NCID at that time, then EPO, and joined IRMO (now NCPHI) at its inception in 1985.

Barbara looks forward to spending more time with her family and friends, on painting (art), gardening (water and otherwise) and other home projects, then perhaps doing some traveling.

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After more than 36 years of dedicated service, **Peggy Taylor**, IT Specialist with the IRMO Support Helpdesk in the Management Information's Systems Branch(MISB), is retiring from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, effective February 3, 2005. Although Peggy plans to do some traveling she will spend most of her time in her new position as first time grandma to a new little baby girl.

Peggy began her career at CDC February 15, 1965, but had a 3 ½ year break in service. She states "when she was a teenager, we had a neighbor that worked at CDC and she always spoke so highly of CDC that I decided that is where I wanted to work." After graduating high school, Peggy took the Civil Service test and applied at CDC. According to Peggy that is a decision she has never regretted. She began her career at CDC as a clerk-stenographer and then changed her career path to Information Technology. Peggy has worked in User Support for the past 12 years and has had the opportunity to work with CDCers from all the CIO's.

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After 30 years of service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **Kathryn Rauch** will retire February 3, 2005.

Kathy is retiring to Hilton Head, South Carolina to cook, travel, learn French and Spanish, fish, spend time in her boat, and travel the Intercostal Waterway, among other activities. In retirement, as at work, Kathy plans to keep very busy.

Kathy joined CDC in 1972 as the 15th female public health advisor hired by CDC. Her first assignments were as an STD investigator, first in Los Angeles and then in Denver before becoming Assistant Coordinator for the Colorado swine flu project. Following that experience, Kathy left CDC and moved to Spokane Washington to work with the school system, followed by the Washington state immunization program. Kathy rejoined CDC two years later. In 1983, she transferred to Puerto Rico to work with the immunization program, where she designed and implemented Puerto Rico's first comprehensive immunization law and developed regulations, policies, and procedures to implement the law.

Always seeking new challenges, Kathy moved to San Francisco as the AIDS Surveillance Program Director in 1984. In this position, she designed and implemented the first HIV partner notification program in the country and developed comprehensive surveillance policies and procedures manuals for her successors. Moving to Atlanta in 1986, she assisted in developing national surveillance and serosurveillance surveys with the AIDS Program. Kathy co-developed and administered the national Sentinel Hospital Surveillance System for HIV Infection, expanding the system from seven hospitals in 1986 to 40 in 1988. After five years working as Assistant Section Chief, and then as Deputy Branch Chief for HIV/AIDS, Kathy was ready for new challenges. In Bangkok, Thailand, she directed the operations of the CDC HIV research center. She directed the rapidly growing CDC research project at seven sites.

Kathy has worked in the Office of the Director, Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention for the last nine years of her career. She has served as a liaison between DHAP and senior officials of the Health Resources and Services Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on national policy issues, including an interagency project to blend Federal funding streams to integrate prevention, care, and support services. Most recently, Kathy formulated strategies and policies for integrating HIV prevention into primary care.

Kathy is perhaps best known for her organizational skills, and throughout her career, she has continually demonstrated perseverance - to do what had to be done, until all the work was done. Kathy is well known for her clear and concise writing, particularly in developing policy issues, papers and manuals, and assuring program continuity. Her friends and acquaintances appreciate her dry, understated humor that brings a lift of spirits no matter how stressful the situation. She has provided mentoring to the public health advisors following in her footsteps. We wish Kathy continued happiness and success in the future.

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**Olivia Spruill**, NCEH/ATSDR, Office of the Director, Office of Financial and Administrative Services, will be retiring on January 31 with over 20 years of Federal service.

Olivia started her Federal career in 1984 working with the records of the Agent Orange Program which, at that time, was under the Division of Chronic Disease, Center for Environmental Health. In 1988 she took an administrative position with the Center for Prevention Services (now NCHSTP) working for the Division of STD Prevention, and in 1989 she transferred to the Division of Injury Control in the Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control. Then in 1991 she moved to the Office of the Director in the National Center for Environmental Health working in various administrative positions for the last 13 years. During her tenure here she also served as a S.H.A.R.E. representative on the new member committee.

Everyone who has worked with Olivia knows she is a truly dedicated team player who is always willing to assist others in order to make their jobs a little easier. Because of her willingness to go the extra mile with such a cheerful attitude, she will be greatly missed.

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**Willie (Bill) Browning** is retiring February 3, 2005, after 39 years of Federal service. Bill began work June 1, 1969 at CDC. He became the Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity April 3, 2002. He has had an illustrious career in the area of

equal employment opportunity. Bill has helped CDC management officials in eliminating barriers to the recruitment and retention of minorities, women and persons with disabilities. He has been a proactive force in attempting to eliminate employment discrimination by providing advice and assistance to the CDC workforce.

His future plans include spending time with his wife and daughter. He will also enjoy healthy lifestyle activities (exercise, etc.)

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**Drucilla Johnson** is retiring February 3, 2005, after over 34 years of Federal service. Drucilla began her Federal career in 1970 as a Dictaphone transcriber with the Office of Veterans Affairs. In May 1971 she became a part of the DHHS family. She has worked for various agencies within DHHS i.e. the Administration on Aging, Administration for Children & Families, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare, Public Health Service, and the Regional Director, Office of the Secretary. In August, 2003 she came to CDC as an Administrative Specialist in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Her future plans include working as a Realtor and spending time traveling with her husband of 35 years. She will also enjoy time with her 87 year old mother who is in excellent physical condition and her two grandchildren.

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After more than 22 years of dedicated federal service, **Maxine Troxel** is retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP), effective February 3, 2005. Maxine's future plans include pursuing her hobbies of antique collecting, decorating and crafts, in addition to spending quality time with her grandson, Ryan.

Maxine began her federal career in 1982 with the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia. She moved to Atlanta in 1986 and worked for the Army Audit Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1994, she relocated to Washington, DC, to work as a Research Assistant with the Bureau of Reclamation. She received a national award for her work on Vice President Gore's Clean Water Action Plan. In April 2001, Maxine returned to Atlanta for the position of Secretary to the Director of DSTDP. She also worked for several months in the Statistics and Data Management Branch (SDMB).

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A retirement celebration will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 for **Howard Green**, Deputy Director for Budget and Management, Financial Management Office, in the Executive Park, Building 12, Conference Room 1002 A & B, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Howard is a native of Huntsville, Alabama. He received his B.S. degree in Business Administration/Management from the Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama in 1971. While in college, Howard worked 3 years as a co-op student in the Personnel Management Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA in Huntsville, Alabama. In July 1971, Howard began his career with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a Budget Analyst in the Budget Branch of the Financial Management Office. During this period, he has served as the financial expert to promote CDC's public health agenda for programs such as the Bureau of Training, Bureau of Smallpox Eradication, Bureau of Tropical Diseases, Building and Facilities,

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Epidemiology Program Office (EPO), International Health Program Office (IHPO), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Office of the Director (OD), Office of Program Support (OPS), Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO), etc. Howard has 34 years of service with CDC which includes budget and finance experience, along with an in-depth knowledge of the total CDC financial management system. He has served as the Deputy Director of the Financial Management Office since July 1995.

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**Charlotte Wilson**, Education Program Specialist, Office of Workforce and Career Development, Training and Curriculum Services Division will soon retire after 24 years of Government service! She has served in many roles including advisor for the CDC/ATSDR College Core Curriculum and the Worker Trainee II Program and curriculum director for computer and statistics training. Most recently she has served as the leader for the School of Public Health Science, Research and Medicine, CDC Corporate University. She has been an active participant on the NCID Science Education Committee and the CDC Statistical Advisory Group, Seminars and Training Committee. No task has been too large or too small for Charlotte to tackle. Her dependability and helpful attitude will be missed by many. She is always willing to assist employees with training and career development questions ranging from business processes to career advice. Charlotte is a member of the Federal Managers Association and the Association for Professional Women.

Charlotte looks forward to doing fun things she didn't have time for before, traveling, and spending more time with her family, especially her two adorable grandsons.

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**Diana Flaherty** is retiring from NIOSH (Cincinnati) on January 31, 2005 after 15 years of Federal service.

Diana began her career with NIOSH in the Division of Training and Manpower Development (DTMD) in June, 1989, as the Branch Secretary for the Educational Resource Development Branch. She became Staff Assistant in 1993 and worked with Training Project Grants, Educational Resource Centers and the Vocational Education (VocEd) Project. This project entailed creating curriculum for VocEd Schools throughout the US with an emphasis on occupational safety and health. She helped in the partnering of NIOSH with two large organizations, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and American Vocational Association. In 1999, Diana was detailed to the Engineering Control Technology Branch in the Division of Physical Sciences and Engineering (currently the Division of Applied Research and Technology – DART). In 2001 she transferred to the Chemical Exposure and Monitoring Branch (CEMB) in DART as a Program Operations Assistant, with administrative responsibility for projects and budgets. During her career, Diana has served as Chairperson of the Federal Women's Program and as an EEO Counselor.

Diana will be relocating to Florida to be with her daughter and grandchildren.

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**LEADERSHIP PROFILES**

As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of **Judy Kenny**, Acting Director, Information Technology Services Office.

December 7, 2004

**Name:** Judy Kenny, MS, MPA

**Title:** Acting Director, Information Technology Services Office (ITSO) since October 2003

**Responsibilities:** “As Acting Director, I oversee CDC’s IT infrastructure. Our specific areas of responsibility are desktop computing support, directory services, email, helpdesk, infrastructure software, IT security, networking, data center services, office automation, remote access, server management, video conferencing, and telecommunications. ITSO has over 200 FTEs and over 300 contractors and worldwide responsibilities.”

**First job at CDC:** “My first job at CDC was in 1971 as a GS-4 clerk stenographer in the Immunization Program. A couple of years later I accepted a position as computer trainee. I wanted to maximize that opportunity so I began to attend night school. It took eight years but I received a BBA from Georgia State University in 1981. Over the years, I also pursued two masters’ degrees from GSU: a master’s in public administration and an MS in computer information systems.”

Ms. Kenny left CDC in 1979 and spent eight years in the private sector, working for several software vendors: SAGA Software, American Software, and HBO & Company. She performed in various management and technical capacities including performance measurement and capacity planning, application development, database administration, and technical support.

In 1987, Ms. Kenny returned to CDC as the Chief of the Information Services (IS) Office, Office of the Director, NCPS (now NCHSTP). In 1995, she went to IRMO as the Chief of the Management Information Systems Branch. She remained in IRMO until becoming the Acting Director of ITSO.

Last book(s) read: Ms. Kenny loves to read but her busy schedule leaves her little time for this activity. She just finished reading several books about the crusades and the history of the popes, a subject that piqued her interest after reading Dan Brown’s DaVinci Code.

**Family and Leisure:** Ms. Kenny has been married for four years to Ron Utterback, a Software Sales Executive with a local company. Ms. Kenny has one daughter and two stepsons. Her daughter Janice and her husband Mark own an Italian restaurant at Roswell Road and Wieuca called Marcos. They adopted adorable twin boys from Cambodia, Jack and Alex who are now three and a half years of age. “Getting them out of Cambodia was an ordeal but well worth it,” says Ms. Kenny. In addition, one of Ms. Kenny’s stepsons and his wife now have a new baby girl, Taylor, who is four months old. The Kenny/Utterback household is also home to two Pomeranians, aptly named Prince and Cinnamon, who were adopted from a Florida Dog Rescue League.

Ms. Kenny’s real passion is international travel. “I try to do one or two trips a year,” she says. “Most of them are with my husband, but I have also started taking an occasional trip with my mother and sometimes my daughter. My mother wanted to see Scottish

castles so this past year we traveled the Castle Road near Aberdeen, it was beautiful.” Ms. Kenny has also developed an interest in genealogy; she hopes to have some time this winter to do some in-depth research in this area. She says that “I have traced the Kenny’s to Durham county England but can’t seem to find the trail back to Ireland.”

**What are the top priorities you are working on?** “This past year was focused on designing the organization structure and moving all of our staff into this new structure. In FY 2005, my priority for ITSO is to develop standards and processes so that we can achieve the reductions required as a result of the IT infrastructure consolidation. In addition, CDC has submitted a Deviation Request to OMB seeking designation for ITSO as a high-performing organization (HPO). An HPO is an outcome-oriented organization focused on results, stakeholder commitment, and performance monitoring, and would exempt ITSO from a standard or streamlined competition for a period of five years (FY 2005–FY 2009). We are optimistic that the HPO will be approved in the near future. ITSO has also become involved in global activities with the Office of Global Health as part of the Global Disease Detection Initiative.”

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As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of CDC:  
**Blake Caldwell** , December 14, 2004

**Name:** M. Blake Caldwell, MD, MPH

**Title:** Acting Co-Director (along with Ed Sondik), Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service (November 2004)

**Responsibilities:** Help manage the day-to-day operations of the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service, formed from three centers: the new Health Marketing Center, the National Center for Health Statistics and the newly created National Center for Public Health Informatics. Caldwell foresees that Sondik, who is nationally known and located in the Washington D.C. area, will be the “external” face of the Coordinating Center with key partners, while she will be more involved in the day-to-day operational issues from her base in Atlanta. Caldwell feels that she and Dr. Sondik have complementary skills for the job but will be working closely together for the first several months until they work out which areas naturally fall to one or the other.

Accepting this acting co-director position from retirement, Caldwell describes her motivation for coming back to CDC: “I am passionate about these issues and I really believe in what CDC is trying to do with the Futures Initiative. When asked to come back and help get this going, the answer was yes. It helps that I have recovered from my burnout and that this position is temporary—I am going back to paradise when my work is over and the permanent director is named.”

**First job at CDC:** Project Director, Pediatric Spectrum of HIV Disease (1989)

Path to public health: “After my pediatric residency, I joined the Navy to do diarrhea research. Diarrhea is a major killer of children internationally. I ended up at the Bethesda Research Naval Institute and Walter Reed Army Institute of Research doing diarrhea research. It was there that I got interested in tropical public health, and I completed my MPH at the Uniformed Services University, also in Bethesda. In doing that my husband, Joel Rosenstock, and I together taught the Navy School for Tropical Medicine housed at the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Panama. He taught the clinical infectious diseases and I taught the public health curriculum. When we made the decision to leave the Navy

in 1989, CDC was just a natural place to go. I vowed I wasn't going to leave a CDC office until somebody at CDC hired me.

"Martha Rogers (MD, MPH, former A.D. for science, Division HIV/AIDS Prevention, NCHSTP) hired me to work as project officer for the Pediatric Spectrum for HIV Disease. I worked there for 5 years—it was a great job. I left HIV to join what was then called the Office of Managed Care and went on to be called the Office of Healthcare Partnerships. It was in OHCP where I worked across CDC and externally with both traditional and non-traditional partners that I became so impassioned about the issues of how we present ourselves both internally and externally."

Dr. Caldwell with Atticus, an agility champion.

**Last book(s) read:** Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. "I belong to two book clubs—a couples' book club that tends to read a lot of non-fiction and a women's book club that tends to read mostly fiction."

**Family:** "I live with my husband in a golfing community on a marsh in Savannah, Georgia." She divides her time between Savannah and Atlanta with her husband of 28 years, Joel Rosenstock, who works part-time as an infectious disease clinician at Piedmont Hospital. She helped raise two stepsons, Scott, a landscape architect, and Todd, a PhD student at UC-Davis. They have an agility-trained dog, Atticus, named for Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. "I also am an avid gardener."

**What are the top priorities you are working on?** "First of all, I want to acknowledge that this has been a tough year for our employees who work in our Coordinating Center, with the dissolution of offices and divisions resulting in the break up of comfortable, long-standing working relationships. Further, it brings together rather different cultures at CDC. There's also the normal chaos, anxiety and confusion that always comes when you do a major shuffle in an organization. Therefore, it's a time of high anxiety for the employees. For this reason, one of my biggest priorities from day one is to concern myself with leadership and morale. The way we do that is to get moving on implementing the Futures Initiative, get our offices up and functioning, and get everybody pulling together, focused and productive."

"I buy into the vision of the Coordinating Center, which is to empower people so that the science and program work gets done. Our job is to look across the Centers that comprise the Coordinating Center and then across the agency at CDC and find expertise we need or share our expertise and make synergies happen. Our job is to add value."

"There are three centers coming together. The first is the new center—the Health Marketing Center. This is the external and internal face of CDC. This is where our graphics and a lot of our creative people are located. It's also the place where our traditional partnerships in state and local public health, as well as our less traditional partnerships such as business entities, are housed. Their mission is to both frame and communicate the CDC message, internally and externally. The second center is the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), located in Hyattsville, Maryland, outside Washington, D.C., and in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This Center is least affected of the three by the reorganization. One of the benefits of having Ed Sondik as my co-director is that a lot of us feel, including Ed, that much of CDC has never realized the potential of this center. They have both data and expertise there that isn't duplicated

in Atlanta or anywhere else outside of NCHS, and because we haven't gotten to know each other as well as we might because of geography, I think we have missed some major opportunities. Having NCHS be part of this Coordinating Center, we already have seen spontaneous collaboration taking place. There is excitement about making better use of that resource. The third is the National Center for Public Health Informatics. This Center is where all of our technical expertise in informatics is located, which is what drives our surveillance activities and much of our science at CDC. This is a new center and it is still in its planning stages—the pieces are there but we are still working on the blueprint.

“A final priority is supporting the divisions and allowing them to continue their long history of excellence. I can't stress enough how talented and gifted CDC people are—I have worked with a lot of them—so a real priority is to support the science and program work that is ongoing here.

“There is no doubt that CDC has made a difference in the lives of this country's populations—and that we could do even more. We have such incredible information and we have the talent to put that information out there in ways so that both the general public and health professionals can access it more readily. We just need to make our information more accessible so that the whole population comes to us for information on public health topics.

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- Assist in developing, implementing, and evaluating grant proposals, funding and memorandum of agreements, cooperative agreements, and work group actions to enhance preparedness and emergency response
- Plan and carry out assignments independently or as a team member dedicated to the protection and health of our communities through the rapid deployment of life saving pharmaceuticals, supplies, and equipment

- Gather and convey information, making oral presentations, preparing reports, correspondence and other written materials
- Work with partners to obtain accurate information such as area readiness, strengths and challenges
- Coordinate and conduct site surveys with state and local representatives to ensure communities are prepared

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

- Ensure diplomacy, professional appearance, strong relationship building, and good working relationships are established and maintained
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