



HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
MAY 2006 BE HAPPY, SAFE, AND PROSPEROUS FOR ALL!

JANUARY 6, 2006

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COMMITTEE NEWS:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

January 17, 2006 2:30-4:00 pm

Where: **TBA**

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

Executive Committee Meeting is open to all



**HOLD THE DATE:**

**The Watsonian Society is sponsoring a  
Public Health Recruitment Conference**

Saturday, March 25, 2006 at 9 a.m.

Marriott Century Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Plan to attend if you are retired or planning retirement. Or, you may just be interested in exploring the exciting and rewarding opportunities that are available to skilled professionals seeking a career change.

There will be approximately 12 consultant companies on-site who would like to discuss full/part-time positions and project-specific consultant opportunities with you.

Information about registration will be available soon.



**BREAKING NEWS:**

**Minority Health Community Leader Award**

Late Breaker: Our crack beat reporters have just learned that our valiant Tick Team has been selected by HHS Secretary. Leavitt as the winner of a 2005 HHS Office of Minority Health Award for their collaborative work this past Summer for their work on the spotted tick campaign. In addition to our participating Watsonians, other members of the CDC,

IHS, AZ DOH, USDA, and the tribe are being recognized. As we go to press, no more information is available, but expect a full write-up in our next addition.

**Minority Health Community Award – American Indian/Alaska Native**

The Arizona Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) Task Force, composed of individuals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, the Indian Health Service, the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZ DHS), United States Department of Agriculture, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is nominated for an OMH Minority Health Community Award for exemplary work investigating an outbreak of RMSF on the Reservation, and for outstanding collaborative prevention efforts focused on community-based educational campaigns and sustainable prevention efforts by the Tribe.

**Nominee: Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Task Force, 2005**

Indian Health Service, Whiteriver Service

Unit

Marc Traeger, MD  
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Brian Johnson, MPH  
David Yost, MD  
Rudy Ethelbah  
Kathleen Chamberlain, RN  
Chris Duncan, MT  
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Rhonda Tippie, RN  
Melissa Floor, RN  
Hilde Betonte, RN  
Kelly Robinson, RN  
Ben Crookston  
Jon Peabody  
Michael Welch  
Courtney Suggs  
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Bea Narcisco  
Vergilene Velasquez  
Norma Quintero  
Larue Truax  
Bobbie Stover  
Leland Begay  
Darren Nez  
Robert Lupe Jr.  
Regina Cosen  
Kathy Ethelbah



throughout the State of Georgia and was stationed at the Atlanta Headquarters, MEPS, Milledgeville, and Macon. For many years, Gary was the owner/operator of Flip's Cleaners in Decatur and Riverdale, GA. Gary was a member of Glenwood Baptist Church. Gary is survived by his wife, Debbie of Snellville, GA; daughter and son-in-law. Shannon and Jim Lightcap of Loganville, GA; his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Stacy Folds of Snellville, GA; granddaughter, Taylor Lightcap of Loganville, GA; grandsons, Devin Folds of Snellville, GA; and Peyton Lightcap of Loganville, GA; parents, Bobby and Eloise Folds of Eatonton, GA; sister, Brenda Storey of Sugar Hill, GA; nephew and his wife, Kevin and Jenny Storey and their daughters Amber and Zoe; niece and her husband, Kipley and Charles Morrow and their daughter, Ansley, aunts, Joe Ann Wright of Atlanta, GA; and Trisha Cox of Loganville, GA; and several cousins. A Memorial Service will be held at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel of on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 11 AM. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Wages Snellville Chapel. Moore's Funeral 301 S. Wayne, Milledgeville, GA will conduct graveside services at Memory Hills Cemetery at 3 PM on Monday. (478)452-3024. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, Inc., Snellville Chapel. 770-979-3200. www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on 12/18/2005.

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**Dan Harrah's brother** has passed away

Robert Lawrence Harrah, 71, passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2005. Mr. Harrah was a native of Charleston, W.VA and had lived in Jacksonville for the past 21 years, moving here from Milwaukee, WS.

He had retired from the State of Florida Child Support Enforcement Office and the National Centers for Disease Control as Senior Public Health Advisor with assignments to the State Health Departments of W. VA, Iowa, and health departments in the cities of Milwaukee, WS and Jacksonville.

Mr. Harrah was preceded in death by his father, Robert Leslie Harrah and brother, Joseph Harrah, both of W. VA. Survivors include his wife, Nancy J. Harrah; his mother, Bertha Harrah of Charleston, W.VA; sons, Matthew Harrah of Dunedin, FL and Steven Harrah of Seminole, FL; step daughters: Janet Easter of Osceola, IA, Cindy Sue Sullivan of W. Des Moines, IA and Sheila Ackerman of Kenny Lake, AK; step son, Michael Jeffers of Omaha, NE; a sister, Mary Ellen Marino of Charleston, W. VA; a brother, **Daniel Harrah** of Hickman, NE; 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Mr. Harrah was a member of Arlington Congregational Church where a Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2005, with Dr. Bruce Haven, officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made in his name to Community Hospice Foundation, 4114 Sunbeam Road, Suite 101, Jack. FL. 32257 or Arlington Congregational Church, 431 North University Blvd. N. Jack. FL. 32211 . Arrangements by COREY-KERLIN FUNERAL HOME, 940 Cesery Blvd. Please Sign the Guestbook @ Jacksonville.com

Published in the Florida Times-Union on 12/27/2005

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**MEMBER NEEDS LEAVE HOURS**

WHO: **BARBARA PETERS**  
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR  
NCHSTP

REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: NOVEMBER 28, 2005 through JANUARY 6, 2006

DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through FEBRUARY 5, 2006)

HOW:  
Submit an approved OPM-71 to your timekeeper and latest earning and leave statement. Indicate the name of recipient and the number of annual leave hours you wish to donate.

Have your timekeeper send them to the payroll office, MSK-15, so that a record of donated hours can be maintained. Then enter the number of hours you wish to donate in TAS Net.

FOR QUESTIONS,  
CONTACT **DEBORA COLLIER**  
404-639-8521

NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary.  
Thank you in advance for your participation.

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Dee Brugonone  
Payroll Liaison Office  
Leave Donor Coordinator

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

**Dr. Ed Thompson**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Chief of Public Health Practice, has announced that he will step down to serve as Acting Director of the CDC Coordinating Center for Health Promotion. I am pleased to announce that **Anthony D. Moulton, Ph.D.**, has accepted my invitation to serve as CDC's Acting Chief of Public Health Practice, effective immediately. Since April 2000, Dr. Moulton has been Co-Director of CDC's Public Health Law Program along with Richard A. Goodman, M.D., J.D. Dr. Moulton will also continue to serve in this role.

Dr. Moulton received his B.A. degree in Government from Dartmouth College and his Ph.D. in Political Science, with specialization in public policy, from The University of Chicago. He joined CDC in 1993 and has served as Acting Deputy Director of the Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO) and as Associate Director for Policy, Evaluation and Academic Affairs and Special Assistant for Information and Communications Policy, also in PHPPO. Earlier he served as Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning, State of Missouri, where he directed the technical staff responsible for analysis and development of legislative, budgetary, and intergovernmental policy for the Office of the Governor, and, before that, as the agency's Assistant Director for Planning. Dr. Moulton consulted with the Georgia Department of Human Resources in developing the Georgia Initiative for Children and Families and also served a six-month assignment to the Georgia Division of Public Health. He has authored and co-authored peer-reviewed publications on public health policy, law, and finance and is a reviewer for several public health journals. Dr. Moulton served as lead CDC technical liaison to the Institute of Medicine committee that developed the 2003 report "The Future of the Public's Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and has served as CDC liaison to public health practice and academic partners. He has taught courses in Political Science and International Relations and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Gujarat, India.

Work is underway to fill the critical position of Chief of Public Health Practice on a permanent basis. While I cannot yet predict the recruitment timeline, I am hopeful that the process will be completed by late spring.

I extend a very special thank you to Dr. Ed Thompson for the outstanding work he has done as CDC's Chief of Public Health Practice. His dedication and numerous contributions have been vital and critical, and will leave a lasting impact on CDC.

Dr. Moulton has done tremendous work in co-directing CDC's Public Health Law Program. His dedication and commitment qualify him to take on the additional responsibility of Acting Chief of Public Health Practice. I know that I can count on your enthusiastic support of him in this key position at CDC. Please join me in congratulating him.

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

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I am very pleased to announce the selection of **Steve Shapiro** as the National Program Coordinator of Infertility Prevention within the Program Development and Support Branch, Division of STD Prevention. We had an outstanding slate of candidates and Steve was tops among them. He officially begins his new position on December 26, 2005. Many of you already know Steve as he has been an STD program consultant in Atlanta since 2003, providing consultative services to 6-9 STD project areas and numerous IPP regions.

Prior to joining CDC as an STD field assignee in 1989 with an assignment to the Broward County STD Program, Steve worked as a bench scientist at the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine investigating the bovine immune response to *Brucella abortus*. In 1990, he was reassigned to the Washington DC STD Control Program where he performed traditional DIS field and surveillance work. He coordinated the DC STD training and education unit until his reassignment in 1993 to the Dade County STD Program. While in Miami, Steve served as an STD clinic front-line

supervisor, the Little River (night) clinic manager, and a surveillance unit manager. In May 1999, he was selected for the senior PHA position in Maine, where he was a cross-program public health advisor for the STD, HIV, and TB prevention programs, providing technical assistance and consultation regarding program operations and evaluation. In addition, Steve provided managerial support for the Maine Epidemiology and Bioterrorism Response programs. As you can see, Steve has held a variety of professional positions spanning bench science, surveillance, and cross program field experience. This provides a nice blend of skill and disciplines to move Infertility Prevention to the next phase.

As Steve transitions to his new position, he will continue to serve as program consultant to several project areas until a replacement arrives. That's good news for us and his project areas but will pose a heavy initial work load for Steve as he moves into this very important, high visibility position.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Steve as the National Program Coordinator for Infertility Prevention.

Susan DeLisle, Chief  
Program Development and Support Branch  
Division of STD Prevention

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**WHERE'S OLE/ WHAT'S HIS/HER NAME?**

WANTED:

Whereabouts on **Kathy Tubbs-Mussare**?. She co-oped in Chicago STD 1978, worked in Virginia, STD program and last worked for CDC in New Orleans AIDS program, about 1990. If you have any current information, please let me know.

Frank Meyers

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UPDATE- Katrina impact on **Dennis Dorst**  
I have just now been able to get to my cdc e-mail site. We lost everything due to Katrina too. I went back to Slidell in October and had left knee replacement surgery. We have been on the move since then. Spent the recovery time at **Lee Maggion's** house in Slidell for about seven weeks. Then took leave to visit our daughter and grandchildren in Oklahoma. Spent the holidays up north visiting my parents in Wisconsin and my wife's relatives in Illinois. I was going to retire at the end of the year but that has been on hold for a while. I am in Atlanta now for a week or so to make a final decision on whether to continue working or retiring. We will see. We will definitely not be going back to Louisiana. Thank God for **Cyndi Rilling** here in Atlanta and Lee in Slidell. Without them I am not sure what we would have done. We were not able to save much from the house, but what we did save is at Lee's. I am not sure at this time where we are going to end up but will keep you updated. Thank you all for your prayers and thoughts. Take care.

Dennis

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**LOCATED Mark Long:**

Just wanted to drop a line to the WS gang - thanks for "hunting me down," just like I used to do in STD programs across the country. I left CDC in 2004 to accept a position as the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Director at the Newark campus (HQ) of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Working in academia was an exciting and rewarding experience, and we really enjoyed returning to our NYC "roots" (my first assignment was with the NYCDOH VD program). However, in May of this year, I learned of an interesting job at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and after two intense interviewing trips, they made an "offer I couldn't refuse."

So, Katie, Ben and the Boyz (our cats, Jake and Elwood) packed up the cars and headed for Memphis at the end of August. We have settled in and are currently living right on the Mississippi on Mud Island (AKA Harbor Town) - the sunsets are beautiful. Katie's science writing/editorial business is thriving, and I'm adjusting quickly to the unique culture at St. Jude (reminds a lot of CDC). Maybe the best part is that we live 2.5 miles from the hospital and my commute takes <10 minutes (in heavy traffic). I'm playing as much tennis as my sore legs will allow, and we enjoy exploring the lively arts & entertainment scene, and have found several nice restaurants. We've also seen the Peabody ducks, Beale Street, and Graceland. To those who remember "little tow-headed Ben" - he spent the summer wandering all over Europe making a grant-funded video documentary, studied at the Glasgow School of Art this fall, and expects to graduate from UNC in May - wow, time flies!

We'd love to hear from colleagues and friends - drop us a line.

**Mark Long, MPA, CIP**

Director, Office of Human Subjects' Protection  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Memphis, Tennessee

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**VACANCY-JOB-OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DTBE Public Health Advisor **GS-0685 -11 Baton Rouge, LA**

This is an internal announcement only.

**CLOSING DATE: 1/16/2006**

<http://www2.cdc.gov/hrmo/viewdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=2-06-4580&QuickHireAnnouncement=Y>

**DUTIES:**

The incumbent of this position will oversee all aspects of a local TB (tuberculosis) control program. This includes assessing programmatic gaps, training needs, and conducting various TB program assessments locally. The incumbent will be responsible for leading specific TB control program assignments and collaborating on other related programmatic activities in support of the overall mission of the local TB control program. The incumbent will have overall responsibility for coordinating the local TB control efforts with responsibility for motivating and directing work for TB program staff. Analyzes TB program data and lend expertise to the local TB program staff in an effort to better



The person selected will function as an assistant to the new TB program manager, Dr. Mitchel Abramsky. They have a great team of health professionals there.

I should mention that Texas does not have a state income tax. Also, the locality pay for Houston is one of the highest at approximately 26%.

If you have questions about this assignment, you can call me or **Greg Andrews**.

Thanks for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

**Vic Tomlinson, Program Consultant**

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Portland, OR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
ANNOUNCES A **COMPETITIVE** RECRUITMENT FOR  
**DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST**  
Health Department

**SALARY: \$17.70 per hour DEADLINE: Open until filled**  
**RECRUITMENT NO.: 6024 - 02**

**THE POSITION**

The Health Department currently has two openings for Disease Intervention Specialist. The purpose of the position is to prevent and reduce reportable sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Multnomah County, in accordance with the MCHD STD Program Mission statement, and CDC guidelines. Prevention and reduction of STDs is accomplished by a range of activities, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- ◆ Identifying, locating, notifying and referring for examination and/or treatment persons infected with sexually transmitted disease(s) and their sex partners, using CDC recommended methods.
- ◆ Individual behavioral risk reduction counseling for those with, or exposed to, STDs, HIV & HCV.
- ◆ Community outreach and education.
- ◆ Coordinating specific STD Program elements in order to reduce the incidence of STDs and their complications in Oregon.

Multnomah County is actively recruiting persons from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, as well as bilingual abilities/competencies, to enhance service to our diverse community. Our commitment to exceptional customer service relies upon a team-oriented workplace and a continuous quality improvement environment.

**HOW TO APPLY**

There are several ways to submit application forms. The standard Multnomah County application form and supplemental form, if applicable, are required and must be received by the closing date, if shown. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application on-line at [www.multcojobs.org](http://www.multcojobs.org). Applicants may also submit applications in person, or by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope (with two stamps), requesting the application materials. Application materials will **not** be sent or received by FAX.

On-line: [www.multcojobs.org](http://www.multcojobs.org)

In Person: Multnomah County Human Resources Division  
1120 SW Fifth Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby, Portland, OR

Mailing Address: 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Ste. 400 Portland OR 97214

Questions about the application process for the hearing impaired: (503) 988-5170  
TTY .

**NOTE:** This announcement is intended as a general descriptive recruitment guide and is subject to change. It does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract.

**Contact Name(s)/Phone(s):** Jim Loeffler

**Department:** Health

**Class Number/Title:** 6024 / Disease Intervention Specialist **Date:** 01/06/2006

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**OPPORTUNITY:**

Contract bid request - Partner Counseling and Referral Services

Hello colleagues,

Please be aware the HIV/AIDS Program at the VT Department of Health has just issued a contract RFP entitled "HIV Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS) Operational Guidelines."

The link to that RFP is

<http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/Bid.asp?s=Detail&BidID=3565&Popup=False>

Please feel free to forward this link to anyone who may be interested and qualified. We hope to get high quality applications and are eager to get this important work underway.

Sincerely,  
Susanna

POC

Susanna Weller, MPH

HIV Prevention Supervisor

HIV/AIDS Program

Vermont Department of Health

Agency of Human Services  
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**RETIREMENTS**

**Mark Scally** is retiring from CDC after nearly 34 years of outstanding management and leadership that spanned the agency. His distinguished public health career with CDC began in 1972 in Miami, Florida as a "VD investigator." Two years later he was promoted to senior program manager in Louisville, Kentucky where he accomplished many firsts for the STD program there, including staffing the STD clinic with dermatology residents, an initiative to remodel the county STD clinic, and implementing a confidential testing/counseling program at the largest gay and lesbian nightclub in the city.

Transferred to CDC headquarters in the late 1970s, Mark spent much of the next 2 years detailed to special task forces on influenza, conducting field investigations of the outbreaks of swine flu and Russian flu and following up on adverse reactions to flu vaccine. During that time he co-authored two important scientific publications on community wide surveillance and epidemiology of Influenza. In 1978 he was selected as an Assistant Branch Chief in the Family Planning Division and served as the senior project manager for two major epidemiologic studies on reproductive health—a multicenter study on the safety and efficacy of tubal sterilizations and the largest-to-date case-control study on the association of oral contraceptives and the risk of breast, ovarian, and endometrial cancers. He was also the first author on 2 CDC Surveillance Reports on Hysterectomy in the U.S. and co-authored 3 peer-reviewed journal publications. In 1981, Mark was sent on long term training to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and upon returning was promoted to Deputy Division Director.

Perhaps Mark's greatest leadership accomplishment was as the Acting and then permanent Director of CDC's Agent Orange Program. Politically sensitive and scientifically complex, these Congressionally mandated studies on the health of Vietnam veterans were in jeopardy following the resignation or reassignment of three project directors within the first two years. Despite low staff morale and seemingly insurmountable scientific and management barriers, Mark was able to resolve major issues and get the studies back on schedule within the first few months, regaining the approval of three different Executive Branch and Congressional oversight committees. Less than 6 months later, the CDC Director granted an exception to merit promotion policies and appointed Mark as the permanent Director of CDC's Agent Orange Projects without competition. With that appointment, he became the first non-scientist to direct a major epidemiological program at CDC.

During his career Mark also served as Assistant Deputy Director of NIOSH where he oversaw the completion and approval of congressionally mandated guidelines for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and HBV in emergency response and public safety workers. He also had a lead in forming the new National Center for Injury Prevention and Control following the Secretary's approval of the new center at CDC in June 1992. In just 3 months, NCIPC was functioning as a self-sufficient organization to begin the new fiscal year in October 1993. Mark has served in his current position as NCID's Associate Director for Management and Operations since July 1999. He has continued his exceptional leadership and management in helping NCID/CDC respond to unprecedented events such as the 2001 anthrax attacks and outbreaks of West Nile virus, SARS, monkeypox and avian influenza. Mark will be greatly missed at CDC, but won't be far away. Beginning on January 3, 2006, he will start a new chapter in his career as a Program Director in the Infectious Diseases Division in the Department of Medicine at Emory University. An informal reception was held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Janelle Dixon**

After 33 years, 5 months and 11 days of working for CDC in the Division of STD, I have retired today, January 3, 2006. I started working for CDC as the first female VD investigator in the state of SC on July 23, 1972. The first half of my career was "in the field" -working in SC, Philadelphia, NC, DC, Nashville, and the state of MD. I met many fine people during that time, in federal service and in state and local health departments, who understood what public health delivery is really all about. I thank them for the

knowledge and experience they shared with me and all the "feds" who came through their doors. I am also grateful for the many friendships made that have endured all the moves and time passed.

In 1988, I was transferred to headquarters here in Atlanta, where again there were really good people who cared about science and program and I learned about public health from the scientific side of things. It has been my special pleasure to work as the Deputy Chief for the Health Services Research and Evaluation Branch for the last 10 years because of the very special and wonderful group of people in the Branch.

It has been a privilege to work in federal service of the United States and I hope that I have been worthy of it.

However, as Yogi Berra supposedly said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."  
Janelle Dixon

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**Tom Stukas**

Could you pass along that I will be retiring on 1/3/06.

I am proud to say that I have been a Public Health Advisor for my entire career which began with New York City's VD program on 6/16/68. **Marty Goldberg** (STD Philadelphia) and I were in the same training class at that time. I have had assignments in VD, TB, the PHS/CDC Regional Office (with **Joe Carter**) and lastly with ATSDR. I am also proud to say that I am a charter member of the Watsonian Society. I truly believe that public health advisors play a crucial role at CDC/ATSDR and wish all PHA's and the

Society the best for the future. Tom

6/16/68 Entered federal service with the NYC VD Program **Marty Goldberg** (STD Philadelphia) was in the same class of 17 individuals. **Jim Andersen** and later **Norm Scherzer** were the program directors. **John Heath** was my supervisor when I was assigned to the Bedford VD Clinic

5/72 Transferred to the NYC TB program. During my tenure there, worked with **Bob Schultz**, **George Buynoski**. I worked my way up to Assistant Director for TB Clinical Services.

1/77 Transferred to the Philadelphia TB program as Senior Public Health Advisor. Other reps in the Philadelphia DOH over time were **Ted Connell**, **Joe Beaver**, **Marty Goldberg**, **Monnie Macadoo**, **Jerry Shirah**, and many others

1/80-6/82 Major auto accident out of work back to Phila. TB 6/82

5/85 Transferred back to NYC TB program as Senior Public Health Advisor. **Dave Sencer** was Health Commissioner **Dan Ruggiero** was the TB manager

6/87 Transferred to the PHS/CDC Regional Office as Regional Program Consultant. Worked with **Joe Carter** (Director) ,**Jerry Naehr** (CPS) , **Dean Mason**, **Louis Salinas Orlando Blancato**, **Steve Rubin**, **Karen White** ,**Olga**

**Joglar** and many others

7/94 Transferred to ATSDR Philadelphia Regional Office **Bucky Walters**  
was the Senior Regional Rep

1/06 Retired

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**Roz Dewart**

December 22, 2005

Dear CDC friends,

After a 30 year career that was always intellectually stimulating and occasionally challenging but always a lot of fun, I am about to retire from CDC. I will miss the camaraderie of "VD" investigators sharing our successes and failures. I will miss the inspiring medical giants who came to lecture and share their insights on important health issues. I will miss especially contact with the public health patient. Whether counseling an STD patient who is experiencing a betrayal, a traveler about to go on an African safari or a suspected SARS patient at Los Angeles airport, it was a privilege and a pleasure. I hope that my counsel led them to practice behaviors that would safeguard their future health. I will miss the work-related travel that took me all over the world to settings I could never have imagined myself, meeting fascinating colleagues and making friends around the world. I will miss working with the dedicated CDC colleagues and local partners who give tirelessly of themselves during quiet times as well as challenging times.

The years have flown by because of the fun and friendships from "y' all". I wish each of you all the best in your future work and play. I hope I will continue to be counted among your friends and always be a member of the CDC family. To all who have made this such an enjoyable journey, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Affectionately,  
Roz.

P.S. I look forward to a fun party with you in mid to late February.

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**Brenda A. Good Miller**, Procurement Analyst, in the Office of Procurement and Grants, will retire on December 31, 2005 with 35 years of dedicated government service.

Brenda started her government career in 1969 as a United States Marine. She graduated Marine Corps Boot Camp as "Molly Marine", an award voted on by fellow recruits and Drill Sergeants. Brenda started her career in Acquisition at her first duty station, Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, Georgia and served eight of nine years as a member of an elite group of Marines who were Contract Specialist/Contracting Officers. Brenda interrupted her acquisition career in 1973 to serve as a Human Relations Specialist at the Marine Corps CINC PAC Headquarters in Camp Smith, Hawaii.

After being honorably discharged, Brenda took a job as Head of Procurement at Russell Williams Ltd., in Columbia, Maryland. Later she took an acquisition policy position at the U.S. Army Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) Headquarters in Washington, DC. While at NAF Headquarters, Brenda negotiated the first NAF Consolidated Central Banking Contract, taught their first Simplified Acquisition class, and negotiated and awarded

contracts that supported their re-invented, multi-million dollar, Recreational Machine Program. She negotiated contracts and developed acquisition policy to support Army installations worldwide.

Brenda's next move was to U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia. At Fort McPherson, her primary responsibility was NAF acquisition policy. Brenda drafted the first NAF guide book for acquisition compliance. It addressed compliance for both appropriated fund entities and non-appropriated fund entities when obligating non-appropriated funds. She co-developed and coordinated annual acquisition conferences that hosted the Army and Department of Defense top acquisition and management leaders. Brenda supported and served as an acquisition mentor for twenty-three of the Army's largest installations.

Brenda joined the CDC Procurement and Grants Office in April 2002 as a Procurement Analyst and later served as one of the Acting Chiefs of Policy. She drafted several PGO operating policies and served on several CDC and HHS committees. During her last year at CDC, Brenda supported the National Immunization Program (NIP) as a Contract Specialist.

During her career, Brenda has received the Atlanta Federal Executive Board Certificate of Commendation for Outstanding Public Service, The Department of The Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service for Exceptional Service, The Navy Achievement Medal for Professional Achievement, many Letters of Commendation for Outstanding Performance of Duty, Certificates of Achievement in recognition of efforts, assistance and personal initiative on accomplishment of various procurement projects, and Letters of Appreciation for loyal support and consistently high standards of performance.

Brenda and her husband will retire to St. Cloud, Florida less than a mile from their son and his family. She plans to devote time to fishing, reading, volunteering, traveling with her husband, and helping small businesses to successfully compete for government contracts.

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**Elliott Churchill** is retiring from CDC after nearly 37 years of outstanding management and leadership that spanned the agency. Her distinguished public health career with CDC began in 1968, when she came to CDC on loan from the University of Kansas to assist in planning for the largest study on nosocomial infection control that had ever been conducted in the United States (the SENIC Project). She returned to the university for two years, and then came back to CDC in 1975 to join the SENIC staff as a quality control officer.

Elliott transferred to the Bureau of Laboratories in 1976, and worked as an author's editor and information officer there until CDC's reorganization placed her in the Bureau of Epidemiology and then in the newly created Epidemiology Program Office (1980-1981). She was appointed Chief of the new publishing office that EPO set up to house the *MMWR* series of publications, as well as scientific publications and administrative reports from the EIS Program and other components of EPO's organization. Elliott continued in this post until she gradually assumed more and more duties in a CDC Director's Office project to work with health officials in the failing Soviet Union's Ministry of Health (1989 and following).

That project began a whole new career for Elliott. She went to Russia for the winter and stayed on for the spring. In all, she had 7 months of intensive learning about how things could be accomplished in a system that was as strange to her as the language in which it was conducted. She met and worked with some wonderful people, although many were convinced initially that she was an agent from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency sent to cause them grief. That international assignment taught her a level of patience she had never before enjoyed; taught her to view surprises as possible benefits; taught her to take every easing of a task as a huge gift; and taught her to value her taken-for-granted Western freedoms of movement and speech as she never had before.

The Russian Adventure, in which Elliott assisted the Ministry of Health staff to set up a publishing office to disseminate public health information to multiple target audiences, opened the door for similar assignments in 27 other countries. This in turn led to requests to do other types of training, and Elliott joined the staff in the Division of International Health, EPO, when it was created in the fall of 1997. Since that time, as the division's Senior Communications Officer, she has traveled to and worked in 93 countries for CDC. Much of the public health world recognizes the name "Mama Elliott," and welcomes her back to visit with open arms.

An informal reception will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, from 2-4 pm in Building 19, Room 232, Auditorium B2. Friends and colleagues interested in sending donations for a gift, cards, letters, or pictures can direct them to Juliette Mannie, MS E93.

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