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NEW Members and re-up members
WELCOME-to our new members

Kate O'Toole - re-joined

NEW-FULL
Mark Miner DTBE
Lynelle Phillips DTBE
Shameer Poonja DTBE

NEW-ASSOCIATES
Ann Cronin DTBE
JoAnn Shoup DTBE

Committee News:

Executive Committee Meeting
Open meeting
When: Tuesday – **July 20, 2:30 - 4 p.m. {NOTE CHANGE of START TIME }**
Where: Corporate Square, Building 8, Room 6B.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
REMINDER TO MEMBERS: When you change your email address, please change your email account for the list serv to ensure you do not miss mail. You can do this two ways--

1. send an email message with your name, original address, and your new email address to: Rita Varga
2. register new email account through the WATSONIAN WEBSITE -- http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/ListServForm.htm

CONDOLENCES:

Death of CDC Employees

Mrs. Mitzi B. Mays passed away on Friday, May 28, 2004. She was a Program Operations Assistant in the Emergency Response and Air Toxicants (ERAT) Branch, Division of Laboratory Sciences at NCEH, where she had worked for nearly two years. Mrs. Mays was recently involved in work with the Integrated Contracts Expert System, a CDC-wide system for management procurement activities. She is remembered by her friends and colleagues at the Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch as always helpful and always doing more than she was asked.

A long-time employee of CDC, Mrs. Mays also worked at NCID from 1983-1997 and at the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention from 2000-2001.

Mrs. Mays is survived by her husband, Richard Mays; a daughter, Mallory Mays; her parents, Robert and Mae Blackwell; a brother, Bob; and a sister Lisa. A memorial service was held on May 30, 2004.

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We are saddened to announce the death of **Dr. Tin Aye** of the Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, NCID on June 22, 2004. Dr. Aye has been with the branch since 1996 working in the special bacteriology reference laboratory on leptospirosis. A funeral service was held on June 26, 2004.

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A friend to many PHAs **Richard Finney** passed away on Friday, June 18th.
Federal STD staff and others who worked in Palm Beach County or South Florida will remember Richard Finney, who began his career in public health with the STD program, October 1985, as a Health Services Representative (DIS). He approached the job as a concerned advocate for the clients, and a dedicated emissary for the Palm Beach County Health Department, STD Program. He had a likeable respectful personality, yet was willing to stand and voice his beliefs. Richard was tenacious in his approach to field work and STD case management. This approach won him great regard by his peers and supervisors. His compassion and straight forward capacity for being genuine in his concerns, touched the hearts of many persons. His clients knew he was "real", and would ask for him by name when they came to the health department.

In 1987 Richard Finney was awarded the statewide, Disease Intervention Specialist of the Year Award, for his efforts to locate and transport a pregnant homeless woman to clinic, for treatment, and prevent a case of congenital syphilis. She came with him to the clinic because he gave her his lunch; he used to brown bag it to work every day.

Richard , was very recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He died June 18th, at Good Samaritan Medical Center, in West Palm Beach, Florida. The funeral service was held on Saturday, June 26th, at the Saint James Missionary Baptist Church, in Riviera Beach.

In accordance with the family's wishes, monetary donations are requested, in lieu of flowers.

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Peter McCumiskey's mother, Julia, passed away on June 9th and , services were held in Pittsfield, Mass. Peter recently retired as the Deputy Administrator of ATSDR.

Julia M. McCumiskey, 88, of Lilburn, Ga., died at the Emory Eastside Medical Center in Snellville, Ga. She had resided with her son, **Peter McCumiskey,** in Lilburn since 1999.
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Besides her son, she leaves a daughter, Martha Frisby of Chicago; a sister, Jennie Oboyski of Lilburn, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mrs. McCumiskey also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Missionaries of The Poor, P.O. Box 29893, Atlanta, GA 30359.

SICK BAY

Walt Page had major back surgery to take care of a problem that has been bothering him for years but very badly in the last year. So bad, that he and Sue had to cancel their long-planned trip in June to Ireland and Scotland.

But Walt came through the 5 hour surgery with flying colors! He was visited by **John Seggerson** who said that he is in good spirits and doing fine.

HELP REQUESTED- LEAVE DONATION
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2004
To: AHRC Ann. Leave Donations
Subject: DONATIONS FOR **ROBERT G. SMALL**

WHO: ROBERT G. SMALL
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR -- NCHSTP
REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY
ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: JUNE 1, 2004 through JULY 2, 2004

DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through AUGUST 2, 2004)
HOW: Submit an approved OPM-71 to your timekeeper and latest earning and leave statement. Indicate name of recipient and the number of annual leave hours you wish to donate.

Have your timekeeper send them to the payroll office,
MS K-19, so that a record of donated hours can be maintained.
FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: HARRIET BLOSSOMGAME 404-639-8391
NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary.
Thank you in advance for your participation.
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A note about a special friend to PHAs from **Ed Powers:**
From 1970 up recently, anyone who called the Pennsylvania VD/STD office in Harrisburg talked to Debbie -- *Debbie Krasevic*, at 717-787-3740 -- where up until the mid 70's she answered "Extension 3740" because of confidentiality, and later at 717-787-3981, where she answered STD because most non-in-the-know callers had no idea what the initials meant.

Debbie taught *Jim Houlihan, Wil Whittington, Ed Powers, Susan Arrowsmith* and is currently teaching *Steve Kowalewski and Dave Sullivan*. She is known nationwide by all the feds who passed through Pennsylvania in the last 34 years (not just the STD crew), and all her ICCR interstate buddies across the US - many more people than I can think of.

Those who know Debbie may want to know that she is in Hershey Medical Center and
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will have open heart surgery today - she may get a Hershey heart-assist pump. Debbie's condition is critical.

The PA STD office staff can be reached at the 3981 # - Communicable Disease Division Director is *Wes Ruhrig*, a former CDC'er. Regan Camuso, Darlene Wilmath and Beth Butler are also in the office.

Prayers are most welcome also.
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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Dr. Glen Nowak Appointed as Acting Director of CDC's Division of Media Relations

I am pleased to announce that beginning June 14, 2004, Dr. Glen Nowak has agreed to serve as Acting Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Media Relations. Ms. Jana Telfer, who served in this capacity since January 2003, has recently accepted the position of Associate Director of Communication at the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Dr. Nowak is currently Associate Director for Communications at CDC's National Immunization Program (NIP), which handles a wide range of communications activities, including websites, media relations, and public information campaigns. In addition, Dr. Nowak has been actively involved in CDC's smallpox and pandemic influenza preparedness planning.

Prior to joining NIP in January 1999, Dr. Nowak was an associate professor of advertising and communication at the University of Georgia. He taught courses in principles of advertising, communication and advertising research, communication and advertising management, social marketing, and health communications. While at the University of Georgia, Dr. Nowak also worked on projects with CDC, primarily as a visiting communication scientist in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. Dr. Nowak has authored or co-authored a number of peer-reviewed journal articles on communications practices, social marketing, and health communications. He received both his doctorate in mass communications and his master's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

In 2003, the CDC/ATSDR Communicators' Roundtable presented Dr. Nowak with its "Excellence in Health Communications Award" for his lifetime achievements in communication and for "excellent vision, exemplary service, and outstanding performance" in using and fostering communications to "further the mission of CDC/ATSDR."

I know I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Novak as he assumes this key position at CDC and ATSDR. Please join me in welcoming him to this new role.
Robert J. Delaney, Chief of Staff
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From: McCray, Eugene [
Subject: New Deputy Director for Management, GAP

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating **Ms. Lynn Mercer** on her recent selection as the Deputy Director for Management, Global AIDS Program. Lynn will be transitioning into this position over the next 2-4 weeks. Her extensive experience in management and operations within HHS and the CDC as well as her energy and commitment to improving CDC's international operations will be great assets to GAP.

Ms. Mercer began her career at CDC 13 years ago in the Procurement and Grants Office as a Grant Management Specialist. She later joined the Division of Tuberculosis as a Program Analyst. From early 1996 to late 1997, she worked in Washington, D.C. as a Budget Analyst for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Budget. In late 1997, she returned to Atlanta and to serve as Administrative Officer and later the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Operations for the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP). In this role, she assisted with many of the early aspects of establishing GAP. Most recently, she has served as CDC's section chief for the Budget Execution Team in the Financial Management Office (FMO) and since October 2003 served as the Associate Director for Management and Operations, GAP.

Ms. Mercer has a Masters of Public Health degree from Tulane University and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Georgia. She also received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia.
Eugene
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AWARD WINNERS:

At the 2004 Charles C. Shepard Science Awards ceremony held on June 21, the following winners were announced:

Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award (joint winners)

Harold W. Jaffe, M.D.
National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention

Walter A. Orenstein, M.D.
National Immunization Program

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Bill Gimson, CDC's Chief Operating Officer, has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. The National Academy of Public Administration is a non-profit organization chartered by Congress to provide expert advice and analysis to government leaders on issues of governance and management.

After a 29-year career at the CDC, Gimson is now Chief Operating Officer responsible for the overall management of information technology, financial management, security, facilities, health and safety, procurement and grants, and human resources for the agency. Gimson has played a key leadership role in the plan to upgrade CDC's response capabilities through state-of-the-art laboratory, communications and training. In addition, he led the team responsible for the time-sensitive design, construction and operation of the agency's new emergency

operations center, which played a critical role in the nation's SARS and monkey pox response.

Academy Fellows provide leadership, analysis and recommendations on projects commissioned by Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments, and the private sector. Current and recent Academy panels have recommended strategies for containing wildfire costs, advised top FBI leadership on the FBI's reorganization efforts, and offered recommendations for promoting environmental justice.

The Academy's 550 Fellows include current and former public managers, scholars, Cabinet officers, members of Congress, business executives, labor leaders, governors, mayors, state legislators and diplomats. The principal criterion for selection as a Fellow is a sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration.

The National Academy of Public Administration is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan corporation founded in 1967. The Academy works closely with all three branches of government at the federal, state and local levels; with nongovernmental organizations; and with foreign and international institutions that request advice or assistance. For more information, visit www.napawash.org.

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PHA WORK SUPPORTED

For the past two years, the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination has compiled brief reports from their PHAs in the field. Each year, PHAs are requested to describe how their role has impacted TB elimination in their assigned area. DTBE uses this summary report to highlight the contribution of PHAs to TB elimination, advocate for PHA positions in the field, and highlight innovative approaches.

The Watsonian Society extends kudos to DTBE for acknowledging the accomplishments of PHAs through a very creative approach.

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MEMBER NEWS

Bill Gallo, (Nairobi) I miss all my Watsonian friends, please tell them hello. Things in Kenya are going along very well. I enjoyed our Spring Break with a trip to Egypt with the family.

PROMOTIONS/ TRANSFERS/TDYS and other changes:

Kate Ruck (DTBE) has transferred w./ promotion to Trenton, NJ TB Program.
Frank Romano (DTBE) will be transferring w./ promotion to OHIO TB Program., July 11th.
Vincent Fears (DTBE) will be transferring w./ promotion to DETROIT , MI TB Program., July 11th.
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susceptible persons, new technologies, global commerce and travel, newly recognized and drug-resistant microorganisms, population growth, and failing public health infrastructures are some of the changes that have led to new or reemerging infectious diseases. The last few years have seen the escalating rate of this emergence with West Nile, monkey pox, and SARS.

“To address these challenges, I want to focus on three general areas: science, service and staff. With respect to science, we need to do and support the best in cutting-edge science while maintaining those parts of CDC that are unique global resources. We would like to enhance both internal and extramural science. Expanding our extramural research programs is a great way to increase CDC’s science base by engaging other scientists outside the agency.

“Service relates to what we are providing to and how we are interacting with our partners and customers. With the synergy of these three CIOs, we have a great opportunity to enhance what we provide. We also need to make it easier for partners and customers to get services and information. People often say it is difficult to figure out where to go to CDC for something. Our infectious disease activities have to be more transparent and readily accessible. Both our science and our service have to be aligned with CDC’s goals and priorities.

“From a staff perspective, we’re recognized as an incredible public health organization because of the people who work here. We need to make major efforts to retain and recruit the very best. One way to do that is to provide people with the resources they need to get their jobs done. Another is to provide training and clear career paths for employees so that there are opportunities for them to grow and progress.

“Staffing is not just an internal issue; it's national and international. We need to enhance the public health workforce both nationally and globally. This is important because infectious diseases are global problems. A disease that emerges in some distant part of the world can rapidly be here. The stronger the global public health infrastructure, the better prepared all of us will be to detect and respond to infectious diseases.”

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CDC Leadership Profiles: *CDC CONNECTS*: June 23, 2004
Meet Charles Schable, M.S.
Title: Director, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (May 2004)

Responsibilities: The Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (OTPER), established in the summer of 2002 and employing more than 250 people, oversees terrorism preparedness and emergency response capacity for CDC. OTPER oversees a budget of $1.6 billion annually, much of which is disbursed to state and local health departments. OTPER is focused on 11 strategic imperatives, including timely, effective and integrated detection and investigation; coordinated public health and emergency preparedness response; qualified and equipped integrated laboratories; and timely, accurate and coordinated communication.

First job at CDC: Microbiologist, Hepatitis Laboratory, CDC in Phoenix, Arizona. (May 1967)

Path to public health: “I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Arizona State University in 1967. A movie about the U.S. Public Health Service called
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"Panic in the Streets" starring Richard Widmark stimulated my interest in microbiology and a public health career. Widmark, who played an infectious disease physician, was trying to track down a person who had plague. I was so intrigued by this movie that I wanted to learn more about infectious disease agents and their public health significance.
“When I graduated from college I saw in the yellow pages a listing for CDC in Phoenix. It was a field station primarily working on hepatitis on the Indian Reservations. I accepted a position as a microbiologist in May 1967. I earned my Master’s degree in microbiology from ASU (1976) while working at CDC.
“In September 1983 the field station was moved to Atlanta and became a part of the Division of Viral Diseases. A year later I moved to the newly established AIDS Activity as Chief of the HIV Diagnostics Laboratory. In 1998 I became the Deputy Director of the Division of AIDS, STD and TB Laboratory Research.

“I participated in the investigation of the 2001 anthrax incidents and was part of the team that investigated spores that were found in a Kansas City, Missouri, mail-sorting facility. In early 2002 I transferred to the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program in NCID and remained there until being named to my new position in OTPER.

“I am extremely committed to doing everything possible to strengthen local, state and national public health capacity to prepare for and respond to growing threats from biological and chemical terrorism. In my 37 years at CDC I’ve had the privilege of working with many people from various Divisions and Centers and I feel that I am able to break down barriers that may hinder how effectively CDC responds and interacts with its various stakeholders. Effective communication and teamwork are critical to our emergency preparedness effort. I have authored or co-authored almost 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications, and as a laboratorian by training, feel that my scientific background is a definite plus in my new position.”

Last book(s) read: *A Soldier's Story* by Omar Bradley; *Lives of the Popes* by Richard McBrien. "My father was in the Air Force for 25 years so I enjoy reading military history. *A Soldier's Story* was written by the last 5-star General who served as the Field Commander under Eisenhower in World War II.”

Family: Married 31 years to Barbara, whom he met while in Arizona. She recently retired from CDC as a program management officer in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. The couple resides in Tucker with their pet, Pepper, a British Shorthair cat. “My wife and I enjoy visiting ghost towns in the western United States—places like Rhyolite, Nevada, and Gleeson, Arizona (near Tombstone). Many of these locations were once mining towns."

What are the top priorities you are working on? "We have three key cross-cutting priorities in the short term to make terrorism preparedness at this agency more effective. The first is achieving shared goals through partnerships. This refers to how we execute our work. We need to work closely with our internal and external partners, including the business community, the educational institutions, health care delivery systems and other federal agencies.

“The second is making sure that we have integrated and secure information services. This refers to how we communicate in a rapid and timely fashion throughout the system for emergency preparedness and terrorism in the United States. At times this information

will be confidential, requiring secure systems. Our job is to get this information transmitted to our state partners securely and within minutes.

“The third is building creative and effective management services. How do we mesh with the Futures Initiative to more effectively manage terrorism preparedness across the entire agency? My task is to work with all the Coordinating Centers and Offices to more effectively manage the funds that are available.

“We have to prepare for and respond to terror-related public health emergencies that can cause significant harm to the American population. We are doing everything we can to assist state and local health departments since they are the primary responders—if something happens, it's going to happen at the local level. Our role is to assist them in responding in an efficient and timely manner. We are doing that through cooperative agreements to help them strengthen the public health infrastructure. What we are doing for terrorism preparedness and emergency response allows us to respond more effectively to non-terrorism incidents and events, such as SARS, monkey pox, avian flu, and West Nile virus."

RETIREMENTS:

Al Brasile retired on July 2, 2004, after nearly 33 years of public health work, including 31 years at CDC. Al began his career with CDC in 1971 as a Public Health Advisor in the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program in the Center for Prevention Services assigned to the New York City Health Department. Over the next 12 years he enjoyed a variety of field assignments in State and local health departments in Green Bay, Milwaukee, Chicago, San Jose and Los Angeles. He held positions as a Program Representative, first-line Supervisor, STD clinic manager and Training Officer.

In 1983, Al transferred to STD headquarters in Atlanta and served as a Training Specialist and Training Coordinator in the Training, Education and Consultation Section, Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (DSTD). There he was responsible for overseeing PHA training and the STD clinical training program in the division’s STD Prevention Training Centers. Most noteworthy was Al’s contribution to training hundreds of Public Health Advisors at the Federal, State and local level in STD interviewing, first line supervision, and clinic management.

In 1987, Al joined the Division of Injury Control, National Center for Environmental Health as the Assistant Chief, Epidemiology Branch. After attending long-term training he returned to the National Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control where he assisted in establishing the organization structure of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). Al later served as the Deputy in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Legislation, NCIPC, before becoming the Deputy Director, Division of Acute Care, Rehabilitation Research and Disability Prevention, NCIPC. His leadership contributed to the development of a nationwide toll-free 800 number for poison control center services and a grant program for the surveillance of traumatic brain injury. Al also had an opportunity to provide support for CDC’s response to bombing of the Albert P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City, and he worked on NCIPC’s first scientific oversight review.

Al was the Acting, Associate Director for Management and Operations, NCIPC, before he moved on to the National Center of Infectious Diseases. From June 2000 through November 2001 he held the position of Acting Deputy Director for Management in the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases (DVRD). In addition to strengthening the DVRD's fiscal management practices, Al handled much of the foot work that led to the division's reorganization.

Since December 2001, Al has been the Chief, Program Services Branch and Deputy Associate Director for Program Operations, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion where he oversees personnel, budget and procurement operations for NCCDPHP. Al also had an interim assignment as the Acting Associate Director for Program Operations, NCCDPHP. Under his leadership PSB continued to be recognized for providing services beyond customer expectations and a balanced scorecard was implemented.

Al has requested not to have an official retirement event and his last day on official duty is July 2, 2004

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Cliff Dunaway has retired after 23+ years of government service, the first 11 of which were spent with the US Navy. Cliff started his CDC career in August of 1990 with the Center for Prevention Services, Division of Tuberculosis Control, as their LAN Administrator. From there, Cliff went to the Center for Injury Prevention and Control in November of 1992, becoming the new center's first LAN Administrator. In December 1994, Cliff became Acting Information Resources Management Coordinator. In January 2000, Cliff transferred to the Office of Statistics and Programming, where he worked as a SAS programmer until retirement. Since Cliff's actual retirement occurred March 30, 2003, there will not be a retirement event.

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Gaynell Jones, Management and Program Assistant, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, retired on June 3, 2004, after 27 years of service with CDC.

Gaynell began her public health career as a clerk typist with the Procurement and Grants Office in 1980. She then took a job with the Office of Public Affairs in 1983. In 1987 she came to the National Center for Environmental Health, where she remained until her retirement date. Throughout Gaynell's public health career she always performed her duties in a professional manner, displaying a positive, helpful attitude, and providing outstanding service to everyone she assisted. Her dedication and loyalty to CDC will be greatly missed. A retirement celebration for Gaynell was held on June 25.

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Lee Entrekin retired July 2, 2004 after 35 years of federal service. Lee began his career as a GS-2 seasonal Data Transcriber with the IRS. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Lee returned to federal service in 1972. Lee served as a webmaster for ATSDR. Lee would like to tell all his friends and co-workers "So long, and thanks for all the paper

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Farewell to **Dr. Harold Jaffe,** A Leader in the Public Health Battle Against HIV/AIDS

Dr. Harold Jaffe retired in June from CDC. And though he may be gone, he won't be forgotten, co-workers say. "Over the past 25 years, Dr. Jaffe has become known as a

national and international leader of one of the largest and most sustained disease investigations ever conducted by CDC and the U.S. Public Health Service," says Dr. Andrew Vernon, Associate Director for Science, NCHSTP. "His work has had a profound influence on the body of scientific knowledge about HIV/AIDS, affecting both national and international approaches to prevention and control. A prolific researcher and writer, Dr. Jaffe has authored or coauthored more than 130 scientific publications."

But he's done more than publish-he's been active and vital in the field. He served as principal investigator for the first national case-control study of AIDS, which strongly suggested that AIDS was caused by a sexually-transmitted infectious agent. He quickly became a recognized scientific spokesman for CDC's AIDS activities, publishing in 1983 on "the first 1,000 cases." "Upon discovery of HIV in 1983, Dr. Jaffe led one of the first cohort studies to define the natural history of HIV," continues Dr. Vernon. "He was a key figure in effectively redirecting CDC's epidemiologic priorities in AIDS investigations to clarify the etiologic role of HIV in AIDS and rapidly to enhance our knowledge of specific risk factors. His work was critical in defining the epidemiology of transfusion-related AIDS, and in laying the foundation for protection of blood supplies nationally and internationally. He published early on the appearance of AIDS in children and infants. He helped guide efforts to establish what is now recognized as the world's most effective AIDS surveillance system and attended early to the persistent and worrisome problem of AIDS cases lacking previously identified risk factors."

"In concert with other senior staff, he led efforts to recruit and retain a group of nationally recognized experts in diverse areas of HIV research, including behavioral effects on prevention and transmission, the safety of transfused blood and blood products, and the natural history of HIV infection in children. Many of these early colleagues have gone on to assume prominent positions in public health nationally and internationally."

From 1989 to 1992 Dr. Jaffe served as the Deputy Director for Science, Division of HIV/AIDS, NCID. In 1990, he was asked to coordinate CDC's investigation of possible HIV transmission in a dental practice. "This highly complex and nationally visible investigation, which combined traditional epidemiologic methods with state-of-the-art molecular biology techniques, established the first instance of HIV transmission from an infected health-care worker to his patients, explains Dr. Vernon. "During this investigation, Dr. Jaffe served as CDC's primary spokesperson. His calm and rational approach, even on highly visible and intensely emotional issues, was a major asset to CDC and the Public Health Service."

In 1992 Dr. Jaffe became Director, Division of HIV/AIDS, NCID, a role he filled until 1995. From 1995 until 2001 Dr. Jaffe served in a dual appointment in NCID as the Director of the Division of AIDS, STD, and TB Laboratory Research and as the Associate Director for HIV/AIDS. In 1998, Dr. Jaffe was promoted to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS.

Since 2001, Dr. Jaffe has served as Director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. "In this context, he has guided the implementation of a major new national initiative, Advancing HIV Prevention (AHP), which has greatly expanded CDC's emphasis on HIV testing through use of rapid HIV testing technologies and adoption of wider testing in medical and in non-traditional settings. He has at the same time overseen extraordinary expansion of CDC's role in international HIV prevention and control efforts, through exponential growth of the Center's Global AIDS Program (GAP).

The steadiness of his scientific vision has been a critical asset in shaping CDC's measured response to mounting political pressures surrounding the HIV/AIDS prevention agenda and activities," says Dr. Vernon.

Dr. Jaffe has served as a consultant on AIDS-related issues for many international and domestic organizations and agencies, including the World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.K. Medical Research Council, the Infectious Disease Society of America and the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Jaffe is Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and has been a Visiting Professor at the Chester Beatty Laboratories, Institute of Cancer Research and the Department of Medicine at Hammersmith Hospital in London. Dr. Jaffe leaves CDC, but not public health. In confirmation of the esteem with which he is viewed by the international scientific community, Dr. Jaffe will in July become a fellow of St. Cross College and Professor of Public Health at the University of Oxford, England.

On the day of his retirement party, Dr. Jaffe gave a talk: "Twenty Years of AIDS: Dim Memories." Before he began he was introduced by Dr. Vernon, who said, "I have 3 things to say about Harold. The first concerns the fact that many people have commented on Harold's uncanny ability to recognize and discard what is lacking in value (others phrase it more colorfully), in his pursuit of what is important and meaningful—scientifically, politically, personally. I envision this in the way a one-time English major might, as what Samuel Johnson referred to as freedom from "cant", from insincere or stock phrases that have become meaningless through endless repetition: Johnson to Boswell: "My dear friend, clear your mind of cant. You may talk as other people do: you may say to a man, 'Sir, I am your most humble servant. You are not his most humble servant. You may say, 'These are sad times; it is a melancholy thing to be reserved to such times." You don't mind the times. You tell a man, "I am sorry you had such bad weather the last day of your journey, and were so much wet." You don't care six-pence whether he was wet or dry. You may talk in this manner; it is a mode of talking in Society; but don't think foolishly."

"This feature captures for me his exceptional scientific expertise, his professional honesty, and his unwillingness to accept less than our best efforts to recognize scientific truth and to achieve our public health goals."

"The second and third concern two photographs that hang in his office, and that led me to accept his offer of a job 18 months ago. One photograph is that of Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl whose diaries (written while in hiding in the Netherlands) were found after her death in a Nazi concentration camp. For me, the presence of that photo spoke to Harold's concern about vulnerable persons, his respect for ethical principles, and his defiant optimism in the face of challenges to health and equity and simple decency."

"The second photograph is one of Franklin Roosevelt. This photo has personal echoes for me, since Roosevelt's presidency presided over and allowed the immigration of that portion of my family that survived World War II. Roosevelt of course led the nation out of the Great Depression in the 1930's, and initiated many programs that addressed concerns of common persons most affected by the economic disaster, before he guided the nation through the second great war. That picture captured for me what Harold

respects and seeks to emulate as a leader: concern for the many, attention to what is fair, willingness and even eagerness to take on the large challenges. I never spoke with Dr. Jaffe directly about these things, but they were never far from my consciousness in every interaction I have had with him."

Dr. Vernon's glowing introduction gave way to a fascinating, colorful and inspiring talk by Dr. Jaffe, who spoke of the early days of AIDS. "It was obviously a terrible disease. Very healthy young men were wasting away before our eyes. Despite that, it was an exciting disease to work on. It was new, a mystery, you couldn't look in the back of the book for the answers." The public was panicked and transfixed. The media was in a frenzy. CDC was working at fever pitch.

"We were working hard to try to figure out what this terrible thing that was going on was… once the epidemic became known as the gay plague the mainstream media lost interest. We all knew we were working on something important but it took awhile to realize just how important." The early hypotheses, he said, were that it was either environmental or infectious. Much attention was focused on the bathhouses used by the gay community.

Soon enough they were tracking heterosexual cases and pediatric cases, cases involving hemophiliacs. It wasn't until 1983 that there was proof that a virus causes AIDS. "When it became clear it was sexually transmitted, we knew it would not be an easy fix."

The paranoia of the time was catching—and tragic. "Ryan White could not attend school. Ricky Ray's house was burned down. When a CDC study found casual contact did not cause AIDS, public anxiety gradually subsided."
Above all, Dr. Jaffe urged his audience to avoid making moral judgments on public health issues. Too often, he said, people separate AIDS into two epidemics, the "bad one" which includes gay men and drug users, and the "good one" which includes orphans in Africa, for example.

His talk, which ended with a standing ovation from the crowd, was a testament to his strong values, scientific excellence, and his dedication to public health.
Colleagues have high praise for this renowned doctor. "He is an outstanding colleague with a sharp scientific mind and a great sense of humor," says Ron Valdiserri, Deputy Director, NCHSTP.

"I always found him to be an excellent leader in that although extremely smart and authoritative he did not let that go to his head and was a down-to-earth person that listened to others that had problems," says Charles Schable, Director, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. "One of HJ's best quotes is 'So What!' He used this to mean what is the basis for the research question, be it an epi, surveillance or lab issue. Is the expected outcome something that will have public health impact."

"Harold is a terrific colleague and leader in the public health battle against HIV," says Jim Curran, Dean of the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University and former Associate Director, HIV/AIDS, CDC. "He is committed to science and to the people who suffer and those who toil so hard to alleviate the burden. He has a razor sharp mind and a razor sharp sense of humor."

Dr. Vernon sums it up. “Dr. Jaffe’s departure is very much Oxford’s gain and CDC’s loss.”

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SHARE NEWS:

Services to Help All Regular Employees

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Location: Fox Theatre - August 26, 8pm - Tickets $49

From: 08:00 PM To: 11:00 PM

Thursday, August 26, 8pm Tics $49 Reservations must be sent via email to Tony McDonald. Payments must be sent via interoffice mail to Tony at M/S E85. This will surely be a great evening of entertainment to remember! Just a great event planned by SHARE! Contact: Anthony Mcdonald - 404-498-3155

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SHARE offers the Broadway Production of **Chicago**

Location: Fox Theatre - Sunday, October 10, 6:30 pm - Tickets $47

Sunday, October 10, 2004, From: 6:30 PM To: 9:00 PM

Don't miss the Broadway production of CHICAGO, the musical exploration of all those things that we hold dear to our hearts. Featuring great songs written by Tony Award winners Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse with music by John Kander. Email Tony McDonald to secure a spot, and send to E85. 10/11 is a Holiday!

Contact: Anthony Mcdonald

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SHARE Offers **The Color Purple**

Location: Alliance Theatre - Woodruff Arts Center - $38

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

The ***Color Purple*** (a new musical) is a family saga of hope, inspiration and triumph as the Walker's diverse unforgettable characters come vividly to life. Tickets are $38 for great seating and no processing charge. Send reservations via email to Tony McDonald and payments to him at E85. Don' t miss this show.

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