

CONDOLENCES:

I am cc'ing the Watsonian Society folks to get the information out to our PHA network; and, also am sending to Jack Friel who handles the newsletter for the CDC NARFE chapter. Below is information which I pulled from a website. Jerry

Mr. David P. Hammond, 80, a resident of Quincy United Methodist Home, Quincy, PA, and formerly of Cottage 303B, Quincy Village, died at 1:10 P.M., Tuesday, August 22, 2006, in the nursing home. He had been in failing health for the past three years and critically ill for the past 10 days.

Born June 6, 1926, in Cerro Gordo, NC, he was the son of the late James P and Theo (Early) Hammond. He lived his early life in the Cerro Gordo area. Mr. Hammond graduated from West Columbus High School, Cerro Gordo, with the class of 1944. He later graduated from Duke University with the class of 1949. He served with the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He and his wife of over 28 years, Elizabeth (Parker) Hammond, were married on June 10, 1978 in Olney, MD. They have lived at Quincy for the past 12 years.

Following his service in the military, Mr. Hammond worked as a civilian for the U.S. Public Health Service, as a Health Advisor for the Center for Disease Control, from 1952 until his retirement in 1980. He later wrote columns for The News Reporter, Columbus County, NC, and The Record Herald for five years each, respectively. He later had some of these columns published in a book.

Mr. Hammond was a member of Quincy United Methodist Church, American Legion, V.F.W., and the Duke Alumni Association. He enjoyed gardening and writing.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Holly V. Hammond of Seneca, SC; two sons, Richard M. Hammond of Duluth, GA, and John B. Hammond of Dahlonga, GA; four grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Moore of Boston, MA; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Hammond; and one brother, Phillip Hammond. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Melba Hammond and his second wife, Dorothy Hammond.

A memorial service was held August 28, 2006, in the Bryson Room at Quincy United Methodist Home, Orphanage Road, Quincy, with Pastor Ruth A. Hollister and Rev. John A. Ile officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Quincy United Methodist Home Benevolent Care Fund, P.O. Box 128, Quincy, PA, 17247 or Quincy United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 218, Quincy, PA, 17247.

p.s. according to my [J. Naehr] records he e.o.d. was 06/01/50

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**Louise Fabinski** passed away on December 19, 2006 . Her brother, Dick, and his wife were there for her last moments and he reports that she went peacefully.

We are going to have a memorial service in Wisconsin on December 26, then later that month we will have an open house at Louise's home in La Grange. We have been

working to finish the remodeling she started, and are cleaning and decorating the house so her friends and neighbors can see the results of the project she was so excited about. Louise spent almost three years in Harrisburg as the Assistant State Rep. and spent her time so well -- she lived in Paxton Township -- had great holiday parties, loved the Amish country, traveled to so many VD/STD sites in PA, worked with the Planned Parenthood contract clinics and staff, loved a party -- and was a friend - she left Harrisburg for Newark (and had so many riotous stories of her adventures there)- then later ended her career with CDC/EPA in Chicago in ATSDR...Superfund . she always told me she had a life before CDC - if things went wrong she could always get a job at the Five and Dime...her sewing group now is known as the "Stitch and Bitch> crew. Sorry to give you this sad news - will you please share this information with people who knew Louise - Thanks

Ed Powers

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It with sincere sadness that I share with you that our dear friend and devoted colleague, **Denae Ottmann**, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Denae was a leader for communications with the National Office of Public Health Genomics. She was responsible for a wide array of accomplishments for public health genomics and for CDC's communications efforts. Denae served as the Chair of the PHEP-Net working group, was an active member of the CDC Communicator's Roundtable, and most recently, made significant contributions to the success of the CoCHP Conference as a member of the planning group.

Denae was the consummate professional who applied her knowledge and skills in the communications field to promote health and prevent disease.

Inside and outside of work, Denae gave much of her time to helping others. She combined energy, creativity, wit, and compassion to provide support for breast cancer patients and survivors while working to advance the fight against breast cancer. She will be greatly missed.

Denae is survived by her husband, David, and her infant daughter, Bailey.

If you would like to contribute to a compilation of memories to send to Denae's family, please send your poems, thoughts, memories, or photos to Sara Bedrosian. Denae's obituary and funeral arrangements are posted in the Tampa Tribune at <http://legacy.com/TBO/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=20277542> . You may sign and view the guest book on this page, as there will be no services to attend in Atlanta.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the college fund that has been established for Bailey. If you wish to make a contribution, please contact Lori Durand for more information.

Please make check out to Bailey Grace Ottmann with "For Deposit Only" on the back.

Cordially,
Pat Thomas and Patricia Jones

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It is with sadness that we mark the passing of a lifelong public servant and former CDC employee, **Sara Virginia Craig**, on December 25. Ms. Craig, who grew up in Monroe, Louisiana, was a 1941 graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in political science. She began her distinguished public service as a caseworker with the Fulton County Welfare Department. Recruited during World War II to work as a supervisor and

inspector for the War Department, Sara eventually worked for the War Food Administration, the Red Cross, and Lockheed's employee welfare program.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, Ms. Craig met and began a lifelong friendship with Congressman Charles Weltner, for whom she worked during his two Congressional terms. After Congressman Weltner's departure from Congress, Sara worked for the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Department of Commerce. When the Office of Economic Opportunity was disbanded, Sara was appointed Regional Administrator of the Atlanta Region of the Department of Health Education and Welfare. Subsequently, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the position of Chairperson of the Federal Regional Council.

Ms. Craig later served as Deputy Assistant Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration until she retired at age 70 in 1991. However, she was not ready to retire from public service just yet, so in 1991, she began a new career in the Chronic Disease Center at the Centers for Disease Control as a public information officer and public health analyst, until her second retirement in 1996 at age 75. Sara Virginia Craig, who was also an amateur photographer; a great reader of history, politics, religion, and art; and an avid traveler, is survived by scores of relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held for Sara Craig at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta on Friday, December 29, 2006. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the Cathedral (2722 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30305), to St. Anne's Terrace (3100 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30327), or to the Center for the Visually Impaired (739 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30308).

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Sad News: The obituary is for the daughter of **Ferd Tedesco**, long time CDC PHA who retired some time ago to the Charleston, SC area. The funeral is Thursday.
Family-Placed Death Notice

SHERIE DENISE TEDESCO WATKINS October 19, 1956 - December 9, 2006. Anything we say about her is going to sound like an exaggeration - Renaissance woman, artist, poetry lover, chef, traveler, gardener, and host extraordinaire. But it's true. Sherie Watkins was three people in one tiny body and the party started when Sherie walked in. She could put a crab to sleep by rubbing its belly, coax a dead rosebush back to life, talk her many friends, believers and unbelievers alike, into praying for a sick bird named Figaro, and she knew all the words to "Mack, the Knife." Sherie Watkins and her husband, Wade, worked long and hard to bring their adopted son, Alex, now 14, home from Russia by his second birthday. They missed it by a month, but when the three of them arrived in triumph in April, 1993, their house was covered with yellow ribbons. She called Wade and Alex "my guys." Besides the people and animals in her life, her great love was all things Italian. Sherie had her own graphics business, Sherie Watkins Design, for over 20 years and a travel business, Tuscan Adventures, for seven years. She led and coordinated all types of trips to Italy and beyond - church groups, friends, single women, gardeners, children, celebrities and even a bishop. She was devoted to her church, St. Patrick's Episcopal, in Dunwoody, Ga., and volunteered for Malachi's Storehouse, an emergency food program, served as a chalice bearer, did the graphics for publications and brochures and worked as a fund-raiser for the youth group. Most recently, she was on the church's search committee for a new rector. Sherie was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Tedesco, of California. Besides her son and husband, she is survived by her mother, Margaret Cronin Tedesco of South Carolina,

father, Ferdinand, and stepmother, Nancy Caldwell Tedesco, of Charleston, S.C., as well as siblings: Joseph, of South Carolina, Michael from Germany, Susie Cump of South Carolina, and Dr. Laurie Tedesco LeGrand of New York. Also surviving are: grandmother, Ann Cronin and two great aunts, Rose Russo McMahon and Marie Russo Urban, all of New Jersey. The funeral will be at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dunwoody, Ga., on Thursday at 11:00am. A.S. Turner and Sons are in charge of funeral arrangements. Gifts may be made to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and designated in Sherie's memory. It may be true that nobody is irreplaceable, but it is hard to imagine any one person giving the world - Atlanta, Ireland, Italy, New Jersey - all the passion, energy, love, enthusiasm and sunshine that Sherie Watkins gave. Those of us who knew her are the grateful ones.

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### **SICK BAY**

**Melanie King** has been on extended leave after a bad fall. However, she called Stacy to let me know that she has had surgery, and although she's having a difficult recovery, she is making progress.

Notes of cheer can be sent to her at:  
PO Box 941701, Atlanta, GA 31141

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LEAVE NEEDED

WHO: Denise Freeman
Lead Public Health Advisor, NCHSTP
REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: January 15, 2007 through April 18, 2007

DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through May 18, 2007)

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, 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 Tiffany Carter

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

WHERE ARE THEY?

My name is **Donald Wassum** and I was in the VD program for many years. I am now retired from the government and have been trying to locate several old friends that I worked with while with CDC. I would like to have locating information on the following people:

Donald O'Kean
Joe Morris
Tom Visman
Max Dem'chex

Any leads that you could provide me would be most appreciated.

Thank you!
Send responses to: Donald Wassum

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**MEMBER NEWS**



Guess which out-going WS President is sporting a new rock on her third finger following the Christmas holiday???? **Stacy Harper** {the – tie-the-knot date some time in late 2007....} Way to go STACY! We'll have the beer cold and ready....

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE.)

FELLOW WATSONIANS

If you are planning to retire soon, then you should join CDC Chapter 1419 of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE.) Yes, NARFE is for currently employed (and retired) federal employees. For current federal employees, there is a special rate of \$60 for a 3-year membership, a savings of \$20. Take advantage of this opportunity.

The many benefits of membership in the CDC NARFE Chapter 1419 are:

- * Monthly friendship with other retired CDC employees at the Chapter meetings with special monthly Chapter programs of educational interest. The CDC NARFE Chapter also holds an annual picnic and Holiday luncheon.
- * Monthly CDC Chapter newsletter with lots of info about members and how to contact them.
- * NARFE maintains a special team of experts (Service Officers) to assist retired employees with issues and questions about their retirement concerns.
- * The NARFE monthly magazine is filled with many important issues for currently employed and retired members. Especially interesting is the "Q&A" section where retired employees send in questions about retirement issues and the NARFE staff provides the answers.
- * Special discounts (NARFE "Perks") with hotels, auto rental agencies, moving companies, travel packages, investments, etc.
- * An annual CDC Chapter booklet with street addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of members.
- * Access to the NARFE website that will allow you to readily reach your Congressional representatives via email and provides you access to other "inside" NARFE data and information valuable for you.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Fred Martich for a membership application.

Fred Martich
CDC NARFE Chapter 1419
Recruitment Representative

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

I am pleased to report that **Debra Bostick** has been selected to serve as the Acting Business Analyst for the Travel Strategic Business Unit (SBU). The Business Analyst position in the SBU will be responsible for developing and monitoring the SBU's Key Performance Indicators, managing the SBU's budget, and working with the Financial Management Office on GovTrip systems issues and reports. This position is critical to the SBU's ability to monitor its performance to ensure that we are getting the job done. I reluctantly agreed to Debbie's request for this opportunity. She has done an outstanding job in helping CCID transition to GovTrip and the stand-up of the SBU. I wish to thank Debbie for serving as the Acting Manager of the SBU since May.

I am also pleased to announce that **Beverly Gibson** has agreed to serve as the Acting Manager of the Travel SBU. Beverly has served as one of the Acting Team Leaders in the Travel SBU since May. Beverly has over 10 years experience in coordinating travel for the Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases and for the National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Please join me in congratulating Debbie and Beverly on their new roles.  
Mike Melneck

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TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS - CATCHING UP WITH THE NCHSTP/STDP:

Alan Locke has accepted a position with the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, effective October 15, 2006.

Laura Shelby has been reassigned to Atlanta, GA, effective September 3, 2006.

Emmanuel Puplampu has accepted a transfer, with promotion, to Washington, DC, effective August 20, 2006.

Sheri White has accepted a transfer to Frankfort, KY, effective August 20, 2006.

Jeff Pagan has accepted a transfer to Columbia, SC, effective August 8, 2006.

Keith Wells has accepted a transfer to Washington, DC, effective August 8, 2006.

Dorann Richardson has accepted a transfer to Miami, FL, effective August 8, 2006.

Reynaldo Grant has accepted a transfer to New Orleans, LA, effective August 8, 2006.

Dawne Rekas has accepted a transfer to Indianapolis, IN, effective July 23, 2006.

Dr. Elizabeth Ortis-Rios has accepted a transfer to HRSA, Rockville, MD, effective July 10, 2006.

Christina Ramsey has accepted a transfer with promotion to West Palm Beach, FL, effective July 9, 2006.

Retirements

Dennis Sayers of Columbus, OH, effective September 29, 2006.
Ralph Carbone of South Carolina, effective July 31, 2006.

New Hires

Jacqueline Cardona has accepted a position with the Program Development and Support Branch, Philadelphia, PA, effective August, 7, 2006.

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**RETIREMENTS**

After 38 years of government service (35 with CDC), **John H. Glover**, Unit Chief in the Program and Training Branch, Division of STD has decided to close his pouch and retire from federal service effective January 3, 2007. John, a former Captain in the Army who was awarded two Bronze Star (one for valor) and the Purple Heart for service in Vietnam, began his CDC career in November 1971, four months after leaving the US Army. His first assignment was Pine Bluff, Arkansas. John's later field assignments included Tucson, Arizona, Fresno, California, and Dallas, Texas. After more than four years in Dallas, John transferred to Black Mountain, NC in September 1983 where he served as the Regional Supervisor for 42 counties in Western North Carolina. After three years in NC, John was reassigned to Dallas in July of 1986 where he worked as Co-City Manager for the Dallas STD Program. In 1989, John accepted reassignment from Dallas to CDC Headquarters in Atlanta, GA. During his first five years at headquarters, John, along with Shaunette Crawford, Venus Medina, Renee Saunders, Wayne Nidifer, and George Ann Stokes, served as the first Project Officers for directly funded HIV CBOs. When the STD Program and HIV Program separated, John stayed with the Division of STD as a Program Consultant. He was promoted to Unit Chief in 2000 in the Program Branch and presently remains in that position. Following retirement, John, a graduate of South Carolina State University, with a teaching degree in Social Studies, plans to work as a substitute teacher, complete a list of "Honey Do" projects at his home in Stone Mountain, travel some with Harriette, his wife of 40 years, and enjoy his seven grandchildren.

NOTE: A special RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT listing was sent out to all on 12/28/2006 due to the quantity of retirees throughout the agency -- If you need another copy please notify Rita Varga.

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Job Posting

Executive Director, State & Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA)

The State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) is seeking a full-time Executive Director to provide overall management and administration to lead the member organization in implementing its mission. STIPDA is a national non-profit organization (501(c)3) comprised of public health injury and violence prevention professionals representing the U.S. states and territories.

The successful candidate will have a minimum of a Masters degree in Public Administration or related field, and at least two, preferably more, years experience managing a non-profit health organization or in other public health administration Equivalent related experience may substitute for education. Preference will be given to experience in organizational management and program planning, fiscal management, contract preparation and management, budget control, personnel management, and

- Secure funding for STIPDA and work closely with the Assistant Director as stewards of the association's funds

Primary Duties: Work with the Assistant Director (AD) to support the work of the organization as detailed below:

- Support the volunteer officers and Board as STIPDA's chief executive officer, while providing leadership for the organization and reporting regularly to the Management Team and Executive Committee;
- Develop and support a dynamic and engaged Board by advising, informing and training as needed, and acting as an interface between the board and staff;
- Work closely with the Board to review, update and implement the STIPDA strategic plan, leveraging resources to achieve strategic priorities;
- Work with the Board, staff, and contractors to carry out policies and activities authorized by the Board;
- Oversee all STIPDA contracts to ensure timely and appropriate completion of contract deliverables;
- Coordinate the work of headquarters and field staff, as well as key association contractors, to build and nurture a strong, professional and passionate team in all areas of STIPDA's work;
- Oversee the development, delivery and evaluation of quality programs and services that meet the identified needs of STIPDA members and constituents;
- Develop and manage new business development with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Community Based Organization's Foundations, and all other organizations
- Provide fundraising leadership and expertise to staff, consultants, and the Executive Committee
- Ensure necessary resources to fulfill STIPDA's mission and vision; oversee resource development and funding diversification; provide leadership in developing strategies to cultivate support from individuals, organizations, foundation, and government entities;
- Ensure that STIPDA and its mission, program and services are consistently presented in a strong, positive image to relevant stakeholders; maintain and enhance STIPDA's reputation in the public health community;
- Engage other public health organizations through dialogue, programs, events, and other opportunities for partnership and collaboration;
- Communicate regularly with existing and potential funders, partners, members and other constituents;
- Assure completion of STIPDA's annual application for CDC cooperative agreement, as well as other requests for funding to support STIPDA's activities;
- Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in public health, especially injury prevention and control;
- When requested by the President, serve as a liaison or represent STIPDA to other organizations and associations; and
- Travel as needed to accomplish the above duties.

Desired Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of injury prevention and control, public health networks, emerging issues, and major challenges and opportunities in the field;

- Ability to be attuned to the needs of members, stakeholders and other constituents, with a keen sense of potential opportunities as well as problems;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively develop, manage, and administer grants, contracts and cooperative agreements;
- Proven visionary leadership and effective management of a complex, multidisciplinary organization;
- Excellence in problem-solving and leading effective change;
- Demonstrated ability in fundraising, grant writing, and development of resources from diverse entities;
- Convincing and inspiring communicator, externally and internally, formally and informally; outstanding oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to establish rapport, trust and confidence with senior decision-makers based on professional excellence, credibility and integrity;
- Demonstrated ability to recruit, motivate, engage and retain volunteers;
- Proven ability to collaborate effectively and to convene leaders and organizations around issues and opportunities of common interest;
- Knowledge about budget preparation, analysis and monitoring, as well as nonprofit accounting.
- Ability to work independently, with effective and efficient use of technology, including personal computer, fax, telephonic conferencing and other tools for telecommuting.

Desired Education:

- Masters degree in Public Health Administration or related field, and at least two years experience administering a non-profit health organization or in other public health administration including management of a state injury prevention and control program. Equivalent related experience may substitute for education.

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