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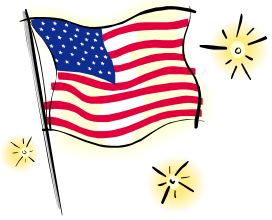

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Tran, Cuc "Daisy" Associate
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Green, Vernard FULL
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Hennessy, Robin R FULL

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WELCOME BACK! WE MISSED YOU…
Darrow, Bill PhD FULL
Rother, Dotie Associate
Escudero, Eddie FULL
Mecurio, Mike FULL
Paffel, John FULL
Hunt, Ken FULL
Voigt, Rich FULL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGE OF DATE & DAY change
JULY 20, 3-4:30. Then we can go for the Watsonian Social directly from the meeting

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Another year gone by so soon…once again, it's time to submit your nominations for Outstanding PHA! Please use the attached form to submit your nominations for a PHA deserving of this honor.
Keep in mind this must be an individual (no teams) and the justification must be 250 words or less. In past years, there have been several superb nominations that were not considered because of these conditions.

E-mail your nomination to **Marcia Brooks** or mail to her at: CDC, 1600 Clifton Rd, NE, **Mailstop E-10,** Atlanta, GA 30333.

All nominations will be held in strictest confidence. Nominations must be received no later than July 31, 2006. The award will be presented during the annual Watsonian Banquet later this year, and the winner's name will be included on the "group plaque" displayed at the Roybal campus.
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60th CELEBRATION

For retirees:

On behalf of all of us at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I would like to thank you for your service to the United States government and for your outstanding contribution to this agency. The celebration of CDC's 60th Anniversary is an opportunity to honor you, CDC's Alumni, and your commitment to public health.

On Friday, July 14, 2006 special events will be held at the Roybal Campus to commemorate CDC's 60th Anniversary. We hope you will attend the celebration! There will be many activities to choose from and opportunities for you to participate.
Campuses located outside of metropolitan Atlanta are in the process of planning their celebrations. More specifics will be forthcoming.

<u>Outline of Celebration Activities Events</u>

As July 14 approaches, more details of activities and schedule of events will be made available, as will more details of celebratory activities at campuses outside Atlanta.

- 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. An **Employee Recognition and Dedication ceremony** will be held at the Employee Memorial on the Roybal campus
- 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon A **"History of Science at CDC"** program that will include recognition of our former CDC Directors, information from the 1958 time capsule removed from Building 2, and the establishment of the new time capsule will occur in Building 19, Auditorium B.
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- 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A ***CDC at the Movies*** Program beginning with the movie *Outbreak* at 8 a.m. followed by historical video clips of a 1960 Building dedication; "CDC Story"; "CDC 40 Years of Prevention"; "CDC History, Mission and Vision"; "Here's to Life"; "CDC History Timeline"; ending with a video of Dr. Thacker's "History of CDC" will be held in Building 19, Roybal campus, Auditorium A.
- · 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Games** will be offered at the Roybal campus.
- · 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Lunch**, Roybal campus. (See details below about reserving lunch.)
- · 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. An employee **talent show** will be held in Building 19, Auditorium B.
- · Other entertainment will include a DJ playing a variety of music on the grounds and cultural song and dance ensembles

Mementos of CDC's 60th Anniversary

There will be t-shirts, posters, and new bricks available for purchase through the CDC SHARE store. For more information about ordering 60th Anniversary commemorative merchandise, please visit: http://www.cdc.gov/od/60thanniv/60YearsOrderForm.pdf. Advance orders are strongly encouraged as limited supplies will be available on the day of the event.

Historic bricks taken from the historical CDC Building 2 (currently being demolished) will be available for purchase through the CDC Foundation. Details about the old bricks can be found at http://www.cdcfoundation.org/bricks/.

Share Your CDC Memories:

Think about your most memorable experience at CDC, or memories you want to share, along with related pictures and send it to us at StayinginTouch@cdc.gov. Your entry should not exceed 150 characters, and please note that your submission will be reviewed and possibly edited. We are unable to guarantee all submissions and attachments will be published, but we are eager to hear from you. We will share published memories through the Staying in Touch Newsletter.

For Atlanta campuses make your reservations for July 14, 2006:

In order to plan appropriately and assure we have adequate resources for the day, we will need you to RSVP (and spouse if applicable), reserve lunch and make requests for special needs assistance. Please fill out the attached form and email to stayingintouch@cdc.gov.

Please email this ticket to StayinginTouch@cdc.gov by July 1.
Please print this ticket and bring on July 14, 2006. It will serve as your lunch ticket.

Please print your lunch ticket and bring it with you on July 14. It is important that you keep up with your lunch ticket, since you will be allowed to print one only. For planning purposes, reservations must be made by **July 1.**

We hope you will join us in celebrating CDC's First 60 Years. If you have any questions, please email us at stayingintouch@cdc.gov.

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A MEMBER IN NEED:

From: AHRC Leave Donations Mailbox (CDC)
WHO: **KENNETH BELL**
ASSOC DIRECTOR /NCHSTP
REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY
ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: **HAS BEEN EXTENDED THRU AUGUST 15, 2006**
DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through SEPTEMBER 14, 2006)
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,
NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary. Thank you in advance for your participation.
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A PHA IN NEED

WHO: ELIZABETH WEIRICH
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR / NCID

REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY
ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: HAS BEEN EXTENDED THRU AUGUST 11, 2006
DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through SEPTEMBER 10, 2006)

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.

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

Chris Hayden's father , Henry Hayden, died in Hanover, NH at age 91 on June 7th,. He had a long and fulfilling life and thankfully had relatively gentle death. Fortunately, my sister and brother and I were able to be there near the end to comfort my mother and one another. A memorial service will be held sometime in August.

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Dan Ruggiero's dad, Giovanni Ruggiero, passed away on June 13, 2006 in New York. After a long illness. Services were conducted in New York City area .
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A note from DAN for the flowers sent:

Dear Stacy,
On behalf of my mother and family would like to express our thanks to you, Heather, and the Watsonian Society for the expression of sympathy and the beautiful floral arrangement that was sent to funeral home in New York for my father Giovanni Ruggiero.

My father who was 86 year old spent the last five months of his life suffering on a ventilator as a result of medical complications. My mother was at his bedside every day.

I am truly blessed to have such great friends and colleagues.

With deep appreciation, Dan

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Nicole Liddon's father, Dr. Sim Liddon, passed away yesterday morning after a long illness. The service will be tomorrow in Hunstville, Alabama, where he was a well respected physician and where he raised his family. I've attached a link to Dr. Liddon's obituary, which ran today in the Huntsville Times.

In lieu of flowers, Nicole's family has requested donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Steve Middlekauff has kindly agreed to be the collection point for a donation from BIRB and for anyone who would like to contribute.

http://www.legacy.com/huntsville/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=18187474

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An obituary notice in Monday June 12th issue of the AJC about the death of a **Casimer "Chuck" Pietrosewicz, Jr.** age 59. No other details were given...only the short notice under Dekalb County listing. No services were planned for him. I believe this must be the PHA Chuck Pietrosewicz that was at one time detailed from CDC to EPA. Do you recall him?
… Chuck was a TB rep in the early years and served as senior rep in Kentucky for a while. I even visited then in their home in downtown Frankfort many years ago. They moved to Lilburn when Chuck was transferred to CDC. I talked to his wife a few years ago while we met in different directions while jogging. She mentioned that he was into car restorations and had an old Studebaker that he took a lot of pride in

He began in 1968 w/VD in Atlanta and then took a military furlough for about a year and a half before returning to Atlanta. In '72 he went to Jackson, MS and later that year went to NYC; he went to TB in '74 in Pa. and then to KY and MS before coming to HQ.
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FELLOW CDC/ATSDR WATSONIANS!
WILL YOU SOON RETIRE?

(OR ARE YOU RETIRED?)
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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 also for currently employed (as well as 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 great opportunity. Tell your non-Watsonian friends about this also.

The many benefits of membership in the CDC NARFE Chapter 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.
* A special team of experts (Service Officers) to assist retired employees (and those who will soon retire) with issues and questions about their retirement concerns.
* The NARFE monthly magazine filled with many important issues for currently employed and retired members. Especially interesting is the "Q&A" section where employed and 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.
* An agency that constantly and frequently reaches out to members of Congress to support issues and legislation that benefits current and retired federal employees.
* Access to the NARFE website that allows you to readily reach your Congressional representatives via email and access to other "inside" NARFE data and information valuable for you.

If you are interested in becoming a member (whether currently employed at CDC or already retired), **contact Fred Martich** at for a membership application. Thank you.
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Finalists for 2006 public service medals lauded
By Amelia Gruber
Thirty federal employees were recognized at a breakfast on Capitol Hill Tuesday as finalists for an annual public service award, for exceptional accomplishments in areas ranging from delivery of benefits to Hurricane Katrina victims to international humanitarian assistance.
The finalists stood out from among nearly 500 employees nominated for the 2006 Service to America Medals, which honor achievements in homeland security, international affairs, justice and law enforcement, science and environment, national security, service to citizens and several more general categories. The Partnership for Public Service, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, and the Atlantic Media Co., publisher of Government Executive, established the awards in 2002.
The 30 finalists help put a human face on the good work within the federal bureaucracy, which is often criticized but rarely noted for what is going right, said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., whose parents both worked for the State Department, his father as a Foreign Service officer

Science and Environment Medal

This award recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to science and environment (including biomedicine, economics, energy, information technology, meteorology, resource conservation and space). This medal is accompanied by a $3,000 award.

Name: **Dr. Nancy Cox and CDC's Influenza Division**
Position: **Director, Influenza Division**
Agency: **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
Location: **Atlanta, GA**
Residence: **Atlanta, GA**
Achievement: **Leading domestic and international efforts to prepare for a flu pandemic.**

For more on the awards, see www.servicetoamericamedals.org.

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NEW ADDRESS

We learned that **Bill Watson** made the tough decision to move his wife, **Marge**, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, to Arbor Terrace, an assisted living center and that Bill has moved in with his daughter [Information provided in the recent NARFE newsletter by editor **Jack Friel** (retired PHA).]

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I came to CDC 18 years ago because I wanted to be more directly involved in the nation's efforts to combat HIV. For all but two of those 18 years, I have worked in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)--and it's predecessor organization, the National Center for Prevention Services (NCPS). For the last ten years, it has been my privilege to serve as the Deputy Director of NCHSTP.

Now the time has come for a change. In early September, I will leave CDC to assume the position of Chief Consultant for the Public Health Strategic Health Care Group at the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, D.C.

Although I'm not leaving yet, I did want to take this opportunity to share my news and to let you know that it has been a great professional and personal experience to be able to interact with such knowledgeable and caring colleagues. As my new position entails responsibilities in HIV and Hepatitis C, I expect to continue strong working relationships with many of you.

I hope you will wish me well.

Best,
Ron Valdiserri, 6/16/06
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I am pleased to announce the selection of James W. Stephens, Ph.D., as the Acting Associate Director for Science (ADS), Office of the Chief Science Officer (OCSO), CDC. Dr. Stephens will begin in this assignment, July 3, 2006, working with Dr. Tanja Popovic, Acting Director, OCSO.
Dr. Stephens received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Georgia in 1984 and a Doctorate of Philosophy in chemistry from Rice University in 1989. He joined CDC in 1992 as a research chemist at NIOSH in Morgantown, WV, where he conducted research on the physical and chemical characterization of respirable particles and their role in occupational disease. In 1999, he became a senior scientist in NIOSH's Office of the Director in Atlanta, and in 2004 he was appointed as the NIOSH ADS.
Dr. Stephens has represented NIOSH on the CDC Excellence in Science Committee since 1999 and has participated in developing many CDC science policies. He has collaborated on peer reviews, science awards, research agenda planning, and scientific quality of evidence reviews. In 2002, he cochaired the CDC Extramural Research Working Group and in 2003, he was instrumental in planning for the CDC Office of Public Health Research. In NIOSH, he helped coordinate review and quality assurance activities in support of the National Occupational Research Agenda, and helped develop NIOSH's current framework for stakeholder-based, outcome-oriented goals. In 2005, he chaired a workgroup that developed the first draft of the CDC Healthy Workplaces Goal. Dr. Stephens continues to be involved in CDC planning goals.
I know I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Stephens as he assumes this key position at CDC/ATSDR. Please join me in welcoming him to this new role.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.
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TDY/ PROMOTION/ TRANSFERS

Update from **Cyndi Rilling, MPH**

Hi everyone. Just wanted to share some news in case you have heard rumors about me around the water cooler.

Last week and this week, I am on leave moving my household.

CDC/OD has asked me to serve on a detail assignment as the Emergency Preparedness Director for the Dekalb Co Health Dept. Their director, Dr. Sandi Bouchelion has requested that CDC/OD provide an assignee to serve for a period of 120 days while they conduct a search for a permanent county assignee. NCEH and COTPER support this detail because of the important link we share with Dekalb.

I have accepted and am excited to serve because I have deep roots in county public health. This detail will give me the opportunity to continue to serve in an emergency response capacity but dig deeper into the "front lines" where public health emergencies begin.

During my detail, I will report to the county 4 days per week and to my office one day per week. I will maintain close involvement with NCEH during the detail. I will be available to serve as needed if there is an emergency (assuming it does not involve DeKalb County).

I will try my best to keep up with you and keep the great things we have started working on in our office moving along well. I will work on a transition plan for the projects I currently have underway and let you know who will be the new POC while I am gone.
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Effective June 23, 2006 I'll leave my position as Project Leader for the NEDSS TB Surveillance PAM with the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) .

I've been selected with promotion as the Team Leader for the Public Health Information Network (PHIN) Support Section of the Alliance Management and Consultation Division of the National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI), and will begin my new role on June 26, 2006.

I truly appreciate the career enhancing activities and opportunities that DTBE has provided, and will miss the collegial relationships I've established during my stay.

The physical location of my new office will be Century Center, Building 2500, Room 2116. I'll provide additional contact information to Dr. Jose Becerra in DTBE's Information Technology and Statistics Branch (ITSB) as it becomes available to me.

Regards, **Philip M. J. Baptiste, III, M.Ed.**

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Snider Leaves Legacy of Integrity 6/28/2006

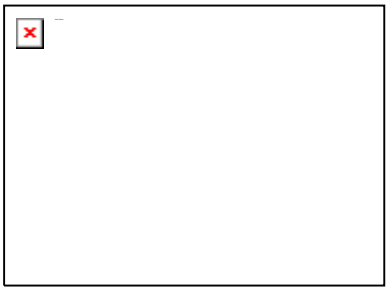

Photo by Greg Knobloch

Dixie Snider, MD, MPH, came to CDC in 1973 as a young doctor interested in pulmonary disease, infectious disease and immunology. He leaves today celebrated for his integrity, wisdom, patience, and compassion, and his commitment to basing judgments on data and to reaching resolution. His legendary ability to help scientists work through issues will live in CDC's history.

"Although we will certainly miss Dr. Snider's extraordinary leadership, we are grateful and fortunate that after retirement, he will continue to provide his wise counsel as a consultant to the CDC scientific leadership team," says CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH.

Family Bonds

Snider, in his usual fashion of taking care of CDC and the people who work here, is concerned about his transition's impact on others. His reasons for leaving say much about him. Snider said in an interview that he has chosen to retire from federal service now because of three things: to spend more time with his wife, Fran, son and daughter, Rick and Ann, and grandchildren, Zachary and Jacob; to pursue his

interest in teaching servant leadership; and to work less and trout fish more.
Very concerned that we understand that these are sincere answers – not "public relations" answers – to the question "Why now?", Snider elaborates with heartfelt explanation of each reason.
"This year will by my 40th wedding anniversary and Fran decided to retire so she could spend more time enjoying our son's children, our two grandchildren, ages 5 and 21 months, who live in Houston. It is very hard in a job as demanding as this to take the time off that I would want to be with them." Regarding servant leadership he says, "A woman named Martha Eschew, who is a career consultant, and I are planning to provide training in servant leadership at two local churches. We met at a servant leadership conference in North Carolina. To get ready to provide this training will require more preparation and study time than I would have doing this job. Also, my daughter Ann's husband Rich, who is a pond builder here in town, is a great trout fisherman. He told me 'you need to work less and go fly fishing more' – and I think that is true."
Clearly, recognizing that he will miss being at CDC as well as be missed himself, he says, "I care deeply about this agency – there is no good time to leave if people think you are contributing – but I had to ask myself some tough questions. Giving seminars on servant leadership and reading to grandchildren may be less grandiose than the things we do at CDC, but we all have to come to grips with our mortality and try to get to some pleasures in life and make contributions in ways other than working."

Drawn to Public Health

"My career at CDC has been a wonderful experience. I have done so many different things than I thought I would do when I was a child or even in medical school – so different," Snider pensively stated.
Snider came to CDC in 1973. "I had completed my internship and first-year residency at Washington University (Barnes Hospital), and the draft was still on so I had applied for a job in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, rather than risk going to Vietnam. I got two calls. One was from NIH recruiting me to be part of the artificial heart program and the other was from Vern Houk (former director of NCEH) asking me to join the TB division."
Much to CDC's long-term benefit, he chose CDC.
"Dr. Houk let me finish a second-year residency rotation at Vanderbilt, where I worked at the VA hospital and learned a lot about caring for patients with TB on the pulmonary ward. In 1973, I came here to the Bureau of State Services under Dr. Millar. At that time you, weren't allowed to be an EIS Officer if you were in the Bureau of State Services, but I was allowed to take the EIS course. One of my closest friends in that class was Bert Petersen, reproductive health expert formerly with CDC.

"I was assigned to Oklahoma's State TB program, under the supervision of **Wilmon Rushing,** a former PHA and management official at CDC. I did several studies and published them. It must have gotten the attention of the people in Atlanta because they brought me back to Atlanta to reestablish the TB R&D division being moved from Bethesda. Most of the Bethesda staff did not move to Atlanta. So, staff needed to be found to complete a number of studies that were in the works."
"After my two-year obligation was up, I went back to Washington University to complete a fellowship in immunology. But I found that I enjoyed public health more than academia."

He returned to CDC in 1976, to head up the Research and Development Branch of the TB Division.

A Legend in the TB Field

Snider worked in the TB division, making major contributions to the science and program activity that allowed the US to transition from sanatoriums to outpatient therapy programs. After becoming the division director, he developed and oversaw the plan to eliminate TB-only to see cases increase after a 30-year decline due to the AIDS epidemic and changes in immigration patterns.

Sanatoria, Refampin, DOT. "In 1976," reminisces Snider, "I met Marian Zierski, a TB expert in Poland. We collaborated on a multi-year clinical trial that demonstrated that rifampin-containing regimens were an effective short-course treatment for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Prior to the mid 1970's, treatment regimens of 18-24 months were required to cure TB. Along with other investors, we showed that shorter courses of therapy were effective especially if DOT (directly observed therapy) was used. Similar studies we did in the US helped get physicians and patients in the US comfortable with short-course therapy and DOT.

The Laboratory Component. Snider built a strong relationship with Bob Goode in the TB lab. Together they expanded its work from being primarily a reference lab to one that also engaged in research. Jack Crawford, PhD, and Tom Shinick, PhD, helped move the laboratory science forward on TB. Conventional wisdom at the time was that drug-resistant organisms could not be transmitted easily from person to person. "In the 1980's, we investigated an outbreak at a high school in Mississippi and found that drug-resistant organisms transmitted as easily as susceptible organisms. It was a harbinger of things to come later with HIV/AIDS."

Let's Eliminate TB. In 1985, "Dr. Jim Mason, then CDC Director, came to our TB national conference, disregarded the talking points that we had given him and said that TB should not exist and the division should not exist unless it was committed to eliminating TB in the US. So, after the shock, we went to work on a plan to do that. We also set up an Advisory Committee for the Elimination of TB as a formal FACA committee. Although it came close to extinction, the TB division still exists."

TB Makes a Comeback

"Unfortunately, after declining for 30 years, concomitantly with the HIV epidemic and changing immigration patterns in the mid-1980's, TB rates in the US began to level off and then increase. Multi-drug resistant TB also became a problem, thus causing CDC to develop new plans to combat MDRTB."

Ken Castro, MD, current director of the Division of TB Elimination, writes to Snider, "A concerted response to the tuberculosis pandemic is an opportunity to address issues related to social justice and public health improvements globally. At the same time, we experience and benefit from the intellectual excitement associated with the design and implementation of programmatically-relevant research and enjoy translation of findings into new and updated policies and programs. You provided the template for this comprehensive approach, thanks for bequeathing us such an awesome legacy!"

Lee Reichman, MD, MPH, Professor and Executive Director of the New Jersey Medical School's Global TB institute and former president of the American Lung Association, says to Snider, "I consider you the consummate public health physician who has made remarkable and immeasurable contributions to TB control and public health."

Chief Science Officer – Indispensable Insight, Integrity and Inspiration

Whether he was called the Associate Director for Science (1993 to 2003), Acting Deputy Director for Public Health Science (2003 to 2004) or Chief Science Officer (2004-2006), Snider worked diligently and dedicatedly to preserve and enhance the quality and integrity of science at CDC and to improve the science infrastructure. He has been CDC's resident scientific sage full of wisdom, a beacon of insight, integrity and inspiration.

Bill Roper, MD, MPH, former CDC Director, says, "I fondly remember Dixie for his good humor and for his deep dedication to CDC and its mission. We have had the privilege to work together on many issues, and I want to wish him well in this new phase of his accomplished career. He is a real public health leader – and he is also a great human being. I am proud to be among those who are friends of Dixie's."

Claire Broome, MD, MPH, former Deputy Director and Acting Director of CDC, says, "I think the real measure of Dixie's indispensability lies in the confidence we all had that he would always have the insight and willingness to do the right thing; and to inspire others, in his immediate office, and throughout the agency and the department, to do likewise—the true meaning of leadership."

"One of the things I remember most about Dixie is that he was always walking around his office reading a paper or manuscript. He has read thousands of papers and manuscripts and gave each one his attention and thoughtful edits. He is a fountain of knowledge and was always willing to share it," reminisces **Kathy Cahill, MPH,** former CDC Senior Advisor for Strategy and Innovation currently with the Gates Foundation. "Dixie was always calm even when others around him were falling apart. Dixie's legacy, like other CDC scientists before him, is to always put science first at CDC. He was not driven by politics or the day's latest crisis. It was important to get the best answer to problems based on the evidence."

"During my time at CDC, Dixie Snider has provided continuous leadership, wisdom, thoughtfulness and patience. Dixie’s ethical standards should serve as a model for all of us," says Larry Pickering, MD, NIP.

Took on Hard Issues

Snider has never shied away from tough issues or problems, be they related to making public policy based on scientific evidence, refereeing scientific disagreements – even disputes, correcting mistakes made in published work, apologizing for the agency or charting a course for CDC's future related to scientific integrity and ethics. Each situation is a story in itself. Just to mention a few:

- Switch from OPV to IPV to eliminate any vaccine-related cases.
- First rotavirus vaccine and intussusception in some children who received it.
- Use of anthrax vaccine, under an IND, during the 2001 post 9/11 event.
- ACIP and smallpox vaccine issues.
- Ethics, policy and protocols for use of human subjects in scientific studies.
- Challenges to blinded HIV sero surveys.
- Challenges to the ethics of CDC’s international studies.
- Introducing new vaccines and the VFC program.
- Criticism of the EZ Measles study.
- Adopting the National Vaccine Program Office after a PHS downsize.
- Review of CDC's position on *Stachybotrys atra* and lung disease in children.
- Presidential apology for the Tuskegee syphilis study.
- Drug resistant TB.
- Specimen data bank at CDC (CASPIR).
- Transition and orientation of five CDC Directors and seven HHS administrations.

"I have always been impressed by your scientific acumen. But you are much more than a great scientist. You bring integrity, outstanding people skills, passion and foresight as well. Time after time, you helped move the ACIP through some very difficult situations," writes Walter Orenstein, MD, former director of CDC's NIP, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and Director, Emory Vaccine Policy and Development.

"It is difficult to visualize meetings at which you would not be sitting the table providing us your thoughtful, judicious, comments and opinions. When discussions sometimes became too heated, yours was the voice of reason that brought us back to thoughtful, amicable debate," comments Sam Katz, MD, former long-time chair of the ACIP and Duke's Department of Pediatrics.

"Your knowledge, wisdom and integrity have helped build the respect that CDC enjoys with clinicians, organized medicine, public health communities and the general public," writes Louis Cooper, MD, former President American Academy of Pediatrics and professor emeritus, Columbia University.

When asked what were his high points, Snider thinks a minute, but not too long, before mentioning the Advisory Committee to Eliminate TB, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Tuskegee apology.

Treats Everyone with Respect and Patience

Whether it was a renowned scientist, bio-ethics icon, first year EIS officer, press officer, administrative assistant, PMF or reporter, Snider is known to treat all with respect and patience and sincerely appreciate what they bring to the table.

"For the past year I have had the wonderful opportunity of working closely with Dr. Snider as his 'special assistant'", says former PMF Cecelia Curry, MPH. I was at first continually astounded that someone of his stature took the time to talk with me, to explain background and history of events, and to ask my opinion or thoughts on issues. I of course also quickly realized that he treated everyone – in every position – with the same care and thoughtfulness. On top of his incredible skill, knowledge, and intelligence, he is so amazing because of his sincerity, gentle honesty, patience, reserve, timing, electiveness, and his calm demeanor."

According to Ron Valdiserri, MD, MPH, Deputy Director, NCHHSTP, Snider is a "gentleman and a scholar." He urges him to remember that "hundreds of your colleagues at CDC think of you as a truly outstanding scientific leader and an extraordinarily kind and empathic human being."

Barbara Bowman, PhD, reminisces about Snider's lengthy leadership navigating the many hurdles to setting, implementing, and evaluating the national policy on the folic acid fortification levels. She says, "As acting ADS for NCCDPHP, when tough situations arise, I often ask myself, 'How would Dixie handle this?' Your constant focus on what's best for science, for public health and for CDC has set the standard very high."

Advice to Staff at CDC

Reorganization. As his blackberry continues to buzz as if begging him to stay, Snider again turns to thinking about what's good for employees here at CDC. "This transition is a very challenging time but CDC had to change for a number of reasons. Have we laid out the perfect course? Well, that never happens. There have also been a number of complicating factors like the Commissioned Corps' "transformation," the President's management agenda and A-76 and consolidations, budget cuts and baby boomers retiring. But CDC has faced challenging times before and I feel confident that CDC will find its way."

Scientific Leadership. "As co-chair of the Center Leadership Council, I am proud

of how they have come together in a number of different ways. Recently, they quickly developed eight budget initiatives and decided on three to put forward – all in one week! Now that is no small task – but they did it as a group and did it well. I am encouraged by new scientific leadership that I have observed it emerging as well. You cannot help but be optimistic when you hear about great jobs being done by people you never knew before."

Making a Contribution. When asked what advice he would give to people considering coming to CDC or whether to stay, he says, "If your main focus in life is not on making a lot of money but instead having an impact on the health of a large number of people, then this is the place to work. I have had an amazing career. I never thought in med school that I would have

traveled to more than 30 countries,
met Presidents,
established international TB programs,
rescued domestic ones,
had a major impact on the scientific enterprise at CDC, or
done clinic work in prisons and homeless shelters
– and helped make national policy about these things."

Maintain the Quality of the Science. "This is very different work than I thought I would be in as a doctor. Clinical work can be very important to an individual and satisfying to a doctor. But this is a different kind of work. The impact you can have at CDC is so much greater. That is why it is so important to maintain and enhance the quality of our science. We can have an impact only as long as we are seen as credible. Our science must be performed and reviewed rigorously.

"We must resist threats to our science such as carelessness, politics or advocacy. If we continue to place a high value on excellence in science, we will come through any trials and tribulations just fine."

Snider received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1965 from Western Kentucky University. He graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1969 with highest honors. He served his internship in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, and was a resident in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital, and at Vanderbilt University. He received a Masters of Public Health degree from Emory University in 1984. Dr. Snider is board-certified in internal medicine, allergy and clinical immunology, and preventive medicine.

This ***Inside Story*** by Kay Golan, director of ***CDC Connects***.

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On June 30, **Sandy Smith** is retiring from her position as Associate Director for Communications Science at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). For forty years, Sandy has been the heart and soul of NCHS. The mission of NCHS is to provide data that will "guide actions and policies to improve the health of the American people," and Sandy has been instrumental in advancing that mission through her leadership role in public affairs and media relations. Sandy's tireless work ethic, firm grasp of the vast array of NCHS data programs, and high degree of professionalism in handling media relations have made certain that CDC’s health statistics data always have a consistent place in the newspapers and magazines we read, the radio programs we listen to, and the television news we watch.
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Because of Sandy's efforts as Associate Director for Communications Science, millions of Americans have learned through our data about public health success stories such as the amazing reduction in blood lead levels in the U.S. population, the remarkable decline in teen birth rates, and the dramatic reversal in AIDS mortality rates. Her hard work in communicating to the media has also alerted millions to more troubling trends, such as the rapid increase in the prevalence of obesity and the emergence of Alzheimer's disease as a leading cause of death. Sandy's versatility and stature as a communicator also came into play during the anthrax crisis of October 2001, when she was called upon to handle media relations at the Brentwood Postal Facility that had contaminated by the attack.

Over the years, Sandy has held key leadership positions in the Federal statistical community and in Federal public information/public affairs forums. Her colleagues throughout Government selected her over and over again to lead their efforts to ensure that the information activities of the Federal government were responsive to the needs of American citizens. Sandy served as President of the National Association of Government Communicators, head of the interagency Public Affairs Forum, and Vice Chair of the Federal Publishers Committee. In these roles, Sandy guided the exponential changes that occurred in the world of dissemination of Government information, with the advent of the internet and other technologies, and the concomitant issues of how to ensure public access while protecting the confidentiality and privacy of our citizens. In all of these efforts, Sandy never lost sight of the responsibility of Federal agencies to provide accurate and reliable information to the American people.

Sandy also provided international leadership in the field of public affairs and media relations. She actively participated in a number of international forums to share information about best practices for meeting information needs.

Sandy has received virtually ever honor that could be bestowed upon a Federal employee for their service. She has been recognized with several NCHS Director's Awards, the Public Health Service Superior Service Award and the CDC Honors Award.

Sandy began her Federal service in 1966, following graduation from the American University and a stint in VISTA as a teacher in the South Bronx. In 1982, she received a Masters degree in Public Health from the University of Texas. During her career at NCHS, she held a variety of leadership positions in the area of public affairs and media relations, culminating in her selection as the Associate Director for Communications Science.

Sandy lives with her husband Ray and two cats in Greenbelt, Maryland. Her immediate post-retirement plans call for hanging around the Greenbelt pool and catching a lot of movies.
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In June 2006, **Captain John A. Steward** concludes a 30-year career in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service. After completing his Bachelor of Science degree in 1976, he accepted an appointment with Indian Health Service (IHS), Navajo Area. As an Environmental Health Officer in Chinle, Winslow, and Tuba City, AZ and as a District Sanitarian, CAPT Steward was responsible for a comprehensive environmental health programs for the Navajo. His work ranged from helping Indian communities provide safe water and waste disposal systems to
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investigating outbreaks of bubonic plague. Steward transferred to California in 1984 where he served as IHS' District Sanitarian for the Central California Area and as state-wide Injury Control Coordinator. He was part of the pioneering efforts of the IHS to develop and implement community-based injury prevention programs as an integral part of the Indian Health program.

In 1986, he joined CDC's Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control, Division of Injury Epidemiology and Control, as an environmental health consultant, to develop programs, work with external partners and strengthen CDC's position as a leader in the injury prevention movement. In 1989, CAPT Steward joined the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's Cardiovascular Health Branch. As Deputy Branch Chief, he assisted in developing the cardiovascular health program and the initiative that became the CDC physical activity program.

He returned to environmental health as Petition Coordinator for the Division of Health Assessment and Consultation in the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in 1991. He held this position for 12 years, contributing to the responses of over 500 petitions for evaluations of toxic substances exposures in communities nationwide. The originators of the petitions ranged from concerned community residents to congressmen to federal agencies. Many resulted in full health assessments, health studies, and health interventions.

In 2003, CAPT Steward was requested to serve as Deputy Director and Understudy to the Director of the Office of Commissioned Corps Personnel, CDC. He has been active in the Commissioned Corps throughout his career. He held leadership positions in two Commissioned Officers Association branches and at the national level and served several deployments. In 2002, he was appointed by the Surgeon General as the first Senior Advisor to the national Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) and served three years in the position. He has mentored many officers and helped establish the categorical mentoring program. He also served as a mentor in CDC's mentoring program. In 2004, Steward was named an instructor for the Commissioned Officer Training Academy and taught several Basic Officer Training Courses. He has been recognized with several Corps, CDC, and non-government awards.

In 2006, CAPT Steward was selected as CDC Healthy Communities Goal Team Leader, assigned to the Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention. In addition, he currently serves as the Regional Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of the National Environmental Health Association and has also been a CDC leader for the American Heart Association Heart Walk for the past 5 years.

CAPT Steward has accepted an appointment to Georgia State University's Institute for Public Health beginning in July 2006, where he plans to work with the University's Masters of Public Health program and the GSU Urban Health Research initiative.

Please join us in celebrating CAPT Steward's distinguished career on **Thursday, July 13, 2006 from 3:30 – 5:00 at 1825 Century Center, conference room 1 A/B.**

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James M. Smith, Ph.D. of the National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects will be retiring on June 30, 2006. Trained as an experimental physicist at West Virginia University, Jim began his public health career
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as a member of the research faculty at the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1974. He was recruited by Dr. Barry Johnson in 1983 to become Chief of the Physical Agents Effects Branch at NIOSH in Cincinnati and in 1990 by Dr. Henry Falk at NCEH to develop a radiation health effects program. Jim then became the first Chief of the Center's newly established Radiation Studies Branch.

Following the events of 9/11, Jim moved to Associate Director for Radiation in NCEH's Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects where he has participated in a number of national and international working groups on nuclear and radiological terrorism response, including those for the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary's Global Health Security Action Group, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Jim is a recipient of the PHS Superior Service Award and was appointed a CDC Distinguished Consultant in 2001. He plans to continue pursuit of his professional interests at a "slightly slower pace" as an Adjunct Professor in Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Jim and his wife, June, will reside in Braselton, GA. Jim and June will be taking some well deserved time off during the month of July. A belated farewell reception honoring Jim will take place in August and a subsequent announcement will be sent.
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Herbert A. Thompson, PhD, Chief of the Viral and Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch (VRZB), Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, is retiring from government service on June 30. Dr. Thompson joined CDC in July 2000 as head of the new Q fever laboratory group, Rickettsial Section, VRZB, and undertook the co-role of Acting Branch Chief in late January 2003. He was officially named VRZB Chief in October, 2003. In addition to his positions at CDC, he is an adjunct professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Biology at West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, where he was professor and associate chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology before joining CDC. Herb started as an assistant professor at WVU in 1976.

Herb earned his Bachelor and Masters degrees in biology at Drake University and a Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Kansas. He then switched gears and did postdoctoral work in biochemistry (enzymology) in the Department of Biological Chemistry at the University of California, Irvine. In 1976 he started a Q fever research program in Morgantown, and began a 26 year career of research, teaching and service in West Virginia. He was a visiting fellow in the Airborne Diseases Division, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, in the late 1980's. Herb has received several honors, including the MacLachlan Award from the West Virginia University School of Medicine for excellence in teaching of medical students (award 1995, nominated again in 1996), the Outstanding Teacher Award from West Virginia University (1982–1983), and the Graduate Fellows Award (1971) and the Cassandra Ritter Award at the University of Kansas (1972). During his career, Herb has authored or coauthored papers in biochemical mechanisms of protein synthesis, in microbial biochemistry, on mechanisms of growth and pathogenesis of *Coxiella burnetii*, and on diagnostics and epidemiology of Q fever. In 1996, his lab group reported breakthrough experiments concerning stable genetic transformation of *Coxiella,* the first established for any obligate intracellular bacterial agent.
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Herb and his wife Donna plan a few months of travel, and then plan to complete construction of a retirement home on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, near Sequim. There he plans to finish his professional writing obligations, and return, with his wife, to active efforts in conservation of coldwater ecosystems.
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Description: Understanding of the health and behavioral impact of adverse childhood experiences; Will assist with a research epidemiologic study to examine risk factors for adult health and behavioral outcomes.
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Title: **Project Director (Prevention, Care, and Treatment)**
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