


~~~~~  
From the INTRANET *CDC CONNECTS* article:  
*CDC Immersed in Massive Hurricane Relief Efforts 9/8/2005*

Roaring winds. Deadly waters. Desperate people. CDC began its response efforts even before Hurricane Katrina hit landfall. As early as Friday, August 26, 2005, the Director's Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) was fully staffed to monitor and track the storm progress and began daily communications with the Secretary's Operation Center at the Department of Health and Human Services.

On Monday, August 29, after Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast, CDC went into full activation for response, with the newly-appointed COTPER Director, Rich Besser, MD, as the lead for incident management of the CDC response and relief activities.

"I'm so proud of the tremendous outpouring of support from my colleagues all across our agency, representing the much-needed subject matter expertise to respond to an emergency of this magnitude," said Besser. "It is really incredible to be part of this team."

Co-lead for public health and science for this incident in the DEOC, Tom Sinks, PhD, echoed that sentiment saying, "This is the most complex humanitarian effort that CDC has responded to in the U.S. The interest among staff from across CDC to contribute in any way necessary to this response effort has been overwhelming."

#### CDC's Various Roles

CDC has been responding to the multitude of requests from states for clinicians, public health assessments, environmental health screenings, epidemiologic surveillance, occupational health screenings, and vector control. As of today (Sept. 8) 202 CDC staff had been deployed to provide this support in seven states.

CDC's Strategic National Stockpile's first Technical Advisory Response Unit (TARU) team of four people left Atlanta on Sunday, Aug. 28 and were on the ground in Baton Rouge, LA, that night ready to receive its first supply truck with 30 pallets of materials for Federal Medical Contingency Stations (FMCS). The FMCS are 250-bed mobile units intended to provide basic non-acute care in emergency situations. The SNS has just this past year begun to establish and supply these necessary units and geared up to respond to the need of the evacuees. Each mobile FMCS has a variety of medicines, and can treat 250 patients for three days. TARU received its first shipment of material that Monday morning, about 40 minutes after the hurricane made landfall!

By Friday, Sept. 2, the SNS established FMCS units in LA and MS. Two US Marshalls accompany each TARU team to provide the needed security. Steve Bice, Director of the SNS says, "Many people at CDC are working very hard to mitigate the suffering and pain we all see on the nightly news. Stockpile teams were on the ground quickly but unlike some of the disasters and terrorist incidents we've responded to over the years, Hurricane Katrina literally devastated the infrastructure that we are trained to work with. We are working with brave people in state and local areas who have very little to fall back on except their courage and inner strength. We'll get through, but the tough road lies ahead and the only way to walk it is to walk it together."

In addition to the CDC staff deployed to the affected region, CDC has sent hundreds of thousands of doses of antibiotics, maintenance medications for chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, pain, anxiety, and diarrhea and other conditions to the affected areas. Also included were IV supplies, adult diapers, insulin syringes and other related items. Many of the basic pharmaceuticals were in place within hours of the hurricane's passage.

## How You Can Help

CDC's Operations Center has been fully activated in response mode at least 22 times since 9/11/01, explains CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH. "With each operation, our ability to support the urgent mission and still retain our other work has improved, but challenges remain. We will be staffing and managing Operation Katrina as a 'marathon' and not a 'sprint'.

"CDC's call for employee volunteers for Operation Katrina has overwhelmed us with offers to assist and offers of donations of money and goods to help the hurricane survivors and their communities," she continues. "Such a generous response from the CDC family is heartening – and typical! – and very much appreciated. To help us triage offers to volunteer, please send your request for consideration to [eoctrainestaffing@cdc.gov](mailto:eoctrainestaffing@cdc.gov)."

### The CDC Foundation

Last week, the CDC Foundation began seeking funds for their Emergency Preparedness & Response Fund which they will make available to CDC and its partners at the state and local level to immediately obtain equipment, supplies and services that may not be readily available or that are difficult for governments to purchase quickly. On Sept. 2, Kaiser Permanente generously contributed \$2 million to support public health response to Katrina.

For those employees who aren't volunteering time, but would like to donate cash to help, the American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) is one information resource. The American Red Cross may also post options for those who wish to donate goods. Also, the CDC Foundation has activated their Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund to support this public health response ([www.cdcfoundation.org](http://www.cdcfoundation.org)).

Joe W. Ellis, HHS Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, "We understand that employees have inquired about how they can make contributions to assist relief efforts. The OPM has established a mechanism for giving to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). These funds may be directed to one or more of the organizations identified as providing relief services.

The Hurricane Katrina response and recovery efforts are well underway, he asserts. "The Federal Government, including HHS, and State and Local governments, are providing the services needed by the people so terribly affected by this disaster. HHS employees are already in the disaster and relief areas – the Commissioned Corps has been deployed, non-Corps clinicians have been deployed, and other HHS employees are in the field providing medical care and social services. More HHS employees will be called on to fulfill the mission of the Department in the weeks and months ahead. The mission of this Department has never been more clear. We are making a positive difference in the lives of countless people."

### CDC Response

CDC's involvement includes the following specialties: medical, epidemiologist, sanitation, environmental health, assessment, disease surveillance, public information and health risk communication.

CDC has sent 3,500 beds and critical medications including for conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, pain, anxiety, and diarrhea to the affected

areas. Many of the basic pharmaceuticals were in place within hours of the hurricane's passage.

CDC deployed from its Strategic National Stockpile a 12-hour Push Package to Mississippi. A 12-hour Push Package is designed for rapid deployment and delivery, and contains a broad spectrum of medical supplies: Each 12-hour Push Package includes: oral and intravenous drugs to provide post-exposure prophylaxis and therapeutic treatment. The package also includes: catheters, IV administration sets, antiseptics, and other supplies needed to provide IV therapy and emergency medications.

CDC delivered the following vaccines to Louisiana:

90,000 vials of tetanus/diphtheria – treats 90,000 people

10,000 vials of hepatitis A vaccine – treats 22,000 people

10,000 vials of hepatitis B vaccine – treats 36,000 people

CDC delivered 10,000 vials of insulin to Mississippi and 20,000 vials of insulin to Louisiana.

CDC launched a special flight on September 1, 2005, for rapid delivery of prescription pain medications to Louisiana. A shipment of 28 ventilator kits was also delivered to the airport in New Orleans, to aid in evacuation of patients with critical health concerns.

#### Disaster Area Tour

Over the weekend, Gerberding and top health officials, including HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt, Surgeon General Richard Carmona, MD, and others, took a tour of the major evacuation centers and shelters in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and parts of Mississippi.

Leavitt, praised the massive health efforts underway, "led in large measure by local communities. They have responded in a remarkable way, but the extent of the crisis is draining resources." Hundreds of hospital organizations and thousands of health care professionals are standing by to help relieve those who have been working so hard for so long. CDC staff are expected to be deployed on a rotating basis, to provide assistance. "We're working on a six-month plan," said Besser.

A joint task force, including CDC, EPA, the Defense Department, the Department of Energy, the State of Louisiana and New Orleans public health officials are working together to monitor public health in the area, he explained, not only to assess public health issues but to determine when it will be safe for people to re-inhabit the area.  
Commissioned Corps

Uniformed public health officers from the Commissioned Corps have been embedded in all major evacuation centers, announced Leavitt. "Their purpose is to be sure the medical needs of the evacuees are ascertained."

"We have probably never been involved in anything that has made the Corps so visible to the public," said Gerberding, at a special meeting of CDC's Executive Leadership Board, Management Council and Division Directors Tuesday.

#### DEOC Organization

To handle the massive mission facing CDC, DEOC is sharing leadership. Rich Besser, MD, is overall lead for incident management of the CDC response, Phil Navin is in charge of the Operational side, while the Public Health Science side is co-led by Tom Sinks, PhD. from NCEH, and Lisa Rotz, MD, MPH, (CAPT USPHS) from NCID during the day and Tim Mastro, MD, (CAPT USPHS) from NCHSTP and Scott Deitchman, MD,

MPH (CAPT USPHS) from NCEH during the evening. The DEOC is now organized by desks related to functions.

Some of those people will be working from CDC's new headquarters building, building 21. In fact, scores have already moved in, the first residents of a building not expected to be occupied this early.

#### Humanitarian Assistance Team

Residents of the gulf coast states face desperate hardship in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. "People in the region, including 22 CDC employees have suffered significant personal losses. All CDC staff have been accounted for. CDC is making every effort to assist them during this trying time," said Chief Operating Officer Bill Gimson. "To address the immediate needs of our fellow employees, CDC activated the Humanitarian Assistance Team (HAT), including a hotline."

The HAT group was originally created to handle internal emergency and casualties, but its scope has been expanded. The HAT is working in coordination with the ongoing resiliency efforts underway in the DEOC. This team was established two years ago to address the needs of CDC employees who have been deployed or are working long hours on emergency situations.

"We will be letting you know in the near future how you can help these employees by donating your leave," Gimson added. "Please continue to keep our fellow employees and all the victims of this disaster in your thoughts and prayers."

#### Health Issues

CDC is tasked with the lead responsibility for public health, said Gerberding. "We are preparing for the possibility of infectious diseases that could spread due to the overcrowding in the shelters, diseases such as the common cold, influenza as the season approaches, and also diarrheal diseases. The shelters are doing an amazing job of supplying hand hygiene products. We are also checking to make sure that children's immunizations are up to date. We're concentrating on tetanus immunizations for adults who may have been injured and could be at risk of infection. The biggest challenge is going to be maintaining chronic care for the people who had chronic problems before the hurricane hit. Services and support will require major investments."

CDC's public health response is urgently focused on infection control in evacuation centers, mosquito and other vector control in communities, and medical resupply to affected states from the Strategic National Stockpile.

"I'm worried about measles. I'm worried about pertussis (whooping cough)," said Marty Cetron, the quarantine chief who accompanied Gerberding on her weekend tour. "Imagine the effect in one of those shelters of one patient with multi-drug resistant TB." HHS has committed to medical care, both urgent and ongoing, mental health services, public health, and human services. There is growing emphasis on mental health and coping strategies for individuals, community resilience, and injuries as people return to damaged communities.

While the situation is improving, the tragedy is heart-wrenching, said Gerberding. "One woman in a shelter told me it's as if all the evil people could hold was suddenly let loose at one moment."

"Our work is cut out for us," she continued. "It's unprecedented in the history of CDC. We're providing public health assessments and environmental health assessments and

determining what personnel and materials are needed to get the job done. What are the threats and what can we do to mitigate and prevent disease outbreak? Our overall philosophy is that speed is crucial. Local and state governments have performed miracles, but there's more work to be done. I'm tremendously proud of CDC and how much good has been accomplished.

"And as we work to help out during this national disaster, our regular public health work can't fall by the wayside," she added. "It will take the commitment of everyone at CDC."

This Inside Story by CDC Connects reporter Kathy Nellis, with contributions from Sharon Katz and Barbara Reynolds.

\*\*\*\*\*

## COMMITTEE NEWS:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

August 20, 2005 2:30-4:00 pm

Where: CORPORATE SQUARE, building 11, Room 2105 (Phil's office)

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

Executive Committee Meeting- open to all

WATSONIAN SOCIAL THURSDAY 9/22

At Fuzzy's Place 2015 North Druid Hills

~~~~~  
The Ballot for the next EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be out soon-
Please remember to vote.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE



Hands On Atlanta (HOA) Day

Saturday, October 01, 2005 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: 1035 Donnelly Ave, Atlanta, GA 30310

Join fellow WATSONIAN members and other Atlantans, for the nation's largest city-wide day of service! This is the 8th year that the Watsonians have participated. Notable volunteers over the most recent years have been, **Bob Kingon, Russ Havlak, Jerry Naehr, Anne-Renee Heningburg, Bob Keegan, Bill Boyd, Angela Banks-Spain, Lauren Lambert, Bill Boyd, Paula Casillas, Michele Thomas, Philip Baptiste, Sharon Moore, Kathryn Koski, Boyd Browning** (and many others), plus members of their families. This year we will spend quality time volunteering, at the Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry and Homeless Foundation, a human service provider serving homeless, elderly individuals, working poor and at-risk youth to improve their quality of life and learning during transition from below poverty level to self sufficiency.

If you are interested in joining our Watsonian/CDC team, please email Hope King OR Angela Banks Spain on/before 09/05/05. We need at least 25 volunteers to: paint main offices, install drywall, replace carpet and sealing tiles, build outdoor picnic tables, enhance outdoor beautification, create a garden vegetable bed and take part in a warehouse sort.

The Celebration of Service Party will start at Piedmont Park at 1 pm and will have live music, kids' activities, free beverages and lots of fun

The Celebration of Service Party is free to volunteers who wear their Hands On Atlanta Day name tag

Please feel free to bring friends and family. (However, due to the nature of the responsibilities at the foundation, it is not recommended that children under age 15 attend, please.)

Directions

From East Atlanta: Take I-20 West toward Downtown Atlanta/Birmingham. Take the Lee Street/Univeristy/FT. Pherson Exit on the right (Exit#55B). At the top of the ramp at the traffic light, turn left onto Lee Street. Crossover the I-20 West Overpass. Travel through three traffic lights. Pass the MARTA station on the left & Bank of America on the right. Move into the far right lane and bear right/yield at the fork on the street on Lee St. Travel to the second traffic light. Turn right onto Donnelly Ave. Travel to the third building on the right. Turn right into the gate into the Hosea Feed the Hungry Parking Lot.

From West Atlanta Take I 20-E toward Downtown Atlanta/Augusta. Take the Joseph E. Lowery Exit on the right. At the top of the ramp turn right onto Ashby St. Travel to the dead end of the street. Turn left at the dead end and travel to Lee St. Turn right on Lee St. Go straight for approx. one block. Turn right on Donnelly Ave. Travel to the third building on the right. Turn right into the fenced gate into the Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless Parking Lot.

From North of Atlanta:

Take I75/85 South toward Downtown Atlanta/Macon Take the I-20 West Exit. Take the Lee Street/Univeristy/FT. Pherson Exit on the right (Exit#55B) At the top of the ramp at the traffic light, turn; left onto Lee Street. Crossover the I-20 West Overpass. Travel through three traffic lights. Pass the MARTA station on the left & Bank of America on the right. Move into the far Right lane and bear right/yield at the fork on the street on Lee Str. Travel to the second traffic light. Turn right onto Donnelly Ave. Travel to the third building on the right. Turn right into the gate into the Hosea Feed the Hungry Parking Lot.

From South of Atlanta

Take I75/85 North toward downtown Atlanta. Take I 20 W Take the Lee Street/Univeristy/FT. Pherson Exit on the right (Exit#55B) At the top of the ramp at the traffic light, turn; left onto Lee Street. Crossover the I-20 West Overpass. Travel through three traffic lights. Pass the MARTA station on the left & Bank of America on the right. Move into the far right lane and bear right/yield at the fork on the street on Lee Str. Travel to the second traffic light. Turn right onto Donnelly Ave. Travel to the third building on the right. Turn right into the gate into the Hosea Feed the Hungry Parking Lot.

Who is Hands On Atlanta

Hands On Atlanta is a non-profit organization that helps individuals, families and corporate and community groups find flexible volunteer opportunities at more than 400 service organizations and schools. Hands On Atlanta volunteers, now 25,000 strong, are at work every day of the year building community and meeting critical needs in schools, parks, senior homes, food banks, pet shelters, low-income neighborhoods and more. Hands On Atlanta is an affiliate of the Hands

On Network, an umbrella association of "Cares" and "Hands On" organizations across the United States, U.K. and other countries.

Charitable Donations

HOA will also accept donations for Watsonian members that are unable to attend. This would be a way for our PHAs in the field to participate! You may make a check payable to HOA and send to Angela Banks (MS K-60) or Hope King Lewis (MS G-37) who will forward on to HOA. Or if you would prefer, their website is: <http://www.handsonatlanta.org/>

Remember, investing in our community is more important than ever. We must continue to extend helping hands to those around us - continue to provide meals to those who are homeless, to work with children in our schools and to reach out to seniors who are lonely and isolated. We ask that you help Hands On Atlanta continue to do this important work by remembering Hands On Atlanta in your individual giving

Your tax-deductible check can be sent to:

Hands On Atlanta
600 Means Street, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30318
Phone: 404-979-2800
Fax: 404-979-2801
E-mail: Info@HandsOnAtlanta.com

Hope King, MSPH
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention NCID/Division of Viral Hepatitis
1600 Clifton Road, MS G37, Atlanta, GA 30333

2005 Get Ticked-Off Tick Eradication Campaign's pictures are posted—see what the activities were like on site. Also note the letter of "THANKS" to Dr. Gerberding from the White Mountain Apache Division of Health Programs Executive Director.
<http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/2005tickedoff.htm>

~~~~~



*Learn and Live™*

Join the Watsonian Society on November 5, 2005 for the Atlanta Heart Walk.

Everyone knows someone affected by heart disease or stroke. The Watsonian Society will be walking in this year's Heart Walk. We have set a personal goal of \$1, 500 to raise funds for the American Heart Association and we need your help to reach our donation goal. We are raising critical dollars for heart disease and stroke research and education.

You can help us reach our goal by making a donation online and joining our team for the Heart Walk. Click on the link below and you will be taken to our personal donation page where you can make a secure online credit card donation and register to walk. The American Heart Association's online fundraising website has a minimum donation amount of \$25.00. If you prefer to donate less, you can do so by sending a check directly to Hope King.

Your donation will help fight our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers—heart disease and stroke. You are making a difference. Thank you for your support.

**JOIN the TEAM and walk**

Free: No Fees

Event Location: Centennial Olympic Park

<http://atlantaheartwalk.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=93221&team=1070216>

Since 1924 the American Heart Association has helped protect people of all ages and ethnicities from the ravages of heart disease and stroke. These diseases, the Nation's No.1 and No.3 killers, claim more than 949,000 American lives a year. The association invested more than \$364.3 million in fiscal year 2003-04 for research, professional and public education, and advocacy so people across America can live stronger, longer lives.

-----

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The Watsonian Society is delighted to announce that we are now receiving nominations for the **annual Outstanding Public Health Advisor Award**. This award is open to **all PHAs**, both active duty and retirees, and is not limited to Watsonian Society members. The Outstanding Public Health Advisor Award is the only award solely dedicated to the recognition of PHAs. This award is intended to recognize exemplary service by a PHA, which may include mentorship, service during crisis, front line leadership, having a positive impact on a program or the PHA series, etc.

Nominations will be due to the Watsonian Society by **September 23, 2005**. Please return the nomination form to [Jim Rifenburg](#) by e-mail or fax

The winner of this award will be recognized in numerous ways, including being presented with the award at the annual Watsonian Society Banquet and having their name displayed on a plaque at CDC's Clifton Road headquarters.

If need a copy of the form or the instructions (sent in a previous email) Please contact Rita Varga

~~~~~

WATSONIAN HONORARY PHA AWARD NOMINATION PHASE - **SUBMIT BY 9/23/05**

All Watsonian Members:

This is your opportunity to make a nomination for HONORARY PHA.

Nominations are due **September 23rd**. **Please send to the President-elect Stacy Harper**

Here are the criteria for the nominees:

1. Must be someone who has never been a PHA;
2. The person shall have made one or more major contributions to the PHA series;
3. Have a record of making a difference on the ability of a significant number PHAs to have a positive impact;
4. 1-page justification

~~~~~  
When submitting the nomination keep in mind:

- § The criteria for HONORARY PHA and relate your nomination to the criteria;
- § Be as specific as you can on why the individual deserves to be an HONORARY PHA;
- § Get as many Watsonian Members a possible to sign on to the nomination; and
- § Encourage members to vote for your candidate.

Here is the link for the listing of all the past HONORARY PHAs.

<http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/HonoraryPHAs.HTM>

Feel free to resubmit nominations that have been submitted in the past.  
Some previous candidates were very close to being selected.

The Executive Committee reviews all nominations and determines which six nominees will be sent to the general membership for consideration for this year's Honorary PHA. Two individuals can be chosen per year.

**GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN TODAY!!**  
**Please send to the President-elect Stacy Harper.**

~~~~~  
SPECIAL EVENTS:

"FELLOW WATSONIANS! WILL YOU SOON RETIRE?
HAVE YOU RECENTLY RETIRED?"

JOIN the National Association of ACTIVE and Retired Federal Employees[NARFE]
FOR A PICNIC!

If you have just retired, or are planning to retire soon (or have been retired for some time,) then you should join the CDC Chapter 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 reduced rate of

\$60 for a 3-year membership, a savings of \$20.

NARFE is your only agency that can lobby Congress for you and your benefits. Take advantage of this opportunity.

There are many benefits of NARFE membership.

- Monthly friendship with other retired CDC employees at the Chapter meetings and other special events with special monthly Chapter programs of educational interest.
- Monthly CDC Chapter newsletter with lots of info re members and how to reach them.
- NARFE maintains a special team of experts (Service Officers) located around the country to assist retired employees with issues and questions about their retirement concerns.
- The NARFE monthly magazine is filled with many important issues regarding retirement. Especially interesting is the "Q&A" section where currently employed and retired members 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.

If you are interested in becoming a member (whether currently employed at CDC or already retired), contact Fred Martich for a membership application.

Fred Martich
CDC NARFE Chapter 1419
Membership Committee

ANNUAL NARFE CDC CHAPTER PICNIC
ON SEPTEMBER ON SEPTEMBER 21

Fellow Watsonians, the annual CDC Chapter NARFE picnic will be held on September 21, 2005 at Mason Mill Park beginning at 10:45 am for the "social hour" with lunch beginning at 11:45 am. You are welcome to attend. It will give you an opportunity to renew friendships with many retired CDC employees and get an delicious lunch.

The menu will be fried and baked chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, iced tea, etc. The cost is \$10 per person.

To make your reservation, please complete the form below. You may mail your reservation and check to: Fred Martich, 4056 White Oak Lane. Lilburn, GA 30047. Make checks payable to NARFE.

Make your reservations NOW so we can plan the amount of food to have available.

If you wish, you can notify Fred of your intent to attend via email, however your reservation will not be final until you pay for it. Thank you

Reservation Form
NARFE CDC Chapter 1419 Picnic
Mason Mill Park,
Wed., Sept. 21 10:45 A.M.
Cost \$10 per person
(Make checks payable to NARFE)

(Name)

(Guests)

_____ \$ _____
(# people) (amt. enclosed)

~~~~~

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**Federal Managers Association**  
**CDC Federal Credit Union**  
**FEEA Scholarship**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2004**

## Country Club of Gwinnett Snellville, Georgia

For a decade, this event has been the "driving" force behind college scholarships for CDC /ATSDR employees or their relatives. The scholarships are awarded through the Federal Employees Education Assistance Fund, which is a Combined Federal Campaign recognized fund.

Some notes on the tournament and scholarships:

- the sole purpose of the tournament is to raise money for scholarships, and **all** CDC employees and their families (not just FMA members) are eligible to apply for the scholarships.
- We've given out over \$40,000 so far, including five \$1,000 scholarships this year. The more players and sponsors we get, the more scholarships we can award. Our goal is to give ten \$1,000 scholarships next year. And finally, **Dick Conlon** is still in charge of the tournament. **Dan Riedford** -who is a Watsonian member - is the current chapter president.

### Tournament Information

Advance Entry Fee \$75.00 per golfer includes: - Greens Fees  
- Cart Fees  
- Driving Range Privileges  
- Lunch

After September 30, 2005 Entry Fee is \$85.00

### Tournament Schedule

8:30 a.m.....Registration  
9:30 a.m.....Shotgun Start  
2:00 p.m.....Lunch  
2:30 p.m.....Prizes and Awards

### Tournament Location

Country Club of Gwinnett  
3254 Clubside View Court  
Snellville, Georgia 30039  
[www.countryclubofgwinnett.com](http://www.countryclubofgwinnett.com)

~~~~~  
CONDOLENCES:

FORMER CDC EMPLOYEE

Northside Chapel web site Obituary:

Robert H. Willson, Jr. (Bob) passed away peacefully on August 18, 2005 from complications of multiple myeloma. He is survived by his loving wife, Lyneve (Eve) Callaway Willson and step-son Casey Smith of Roswell. Other survivors include sister, Beverly Willson of Bronx, NY; brother, Richard Willson of Boca Raton, FL; nephews, Damon and Gregory Willson and niece, Danielle Willson all of New York. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert H. Willson and Mary Magdelene White Willson and beloved daughter Nicole Willson.

Bob was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 1, 1945. He attended All Saints School and Rice High School in New York. He earned the B.A. degree in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice of The City University of New York and the MPA degree from New York University. He served in the U.S. Army and was a

Vietnam veteran. He worked as a police officer for the City of New York City Transit Police Department from which he retired after 20 years. He then moved to Atlanta where he began a second career in public health. He worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and then for the State of Georgia Department of Human Resources Public Health District 3 (Cobb and Douglas counties) for over 13 years. He fought a long and courageous battle against multiple myeloma. He died with grace and dignity in the same manner in which he lived his life. He touched many, many lives and will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. The family wishes to thank all the dear friends who surrounded Bob with care and comfort. Much appreciation is extended to the kind and caring staff of Emory University Hospital and Winship Cancer Center. ...In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Winship Cancer Center for multiple myeloma research or to the Winship Cancer Center Healing Garden fund, Development Office, Winship Cancer Institute, 1365 Clifton Road, Ste. 4100, Atlanta, GA 30322...

~~~~~

#### Death of Colleague and Friend

It is with great sadness that the Division of Viral Hepatitis announces the death of **Dr. Omana V. Nainan**, Chief, Molecular Epidemiology Laboratory. Dr Nainan died on Saturday, September 3, 2005 after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Nainan worked for CDC for 22 years and was an outstanding molecular epidemiologist. Her work included nucleic acid sequencing and analysis of Hepatitis A, B and C viruses. Her work on each of these viruses led to publications and presentations in both national and international forums.

In lieu of flowers, the family is planning to start a Breast Cancer Research Fund in memory of Omana Nainan.

~~~~~

Robert "Bob" Michael Ogle, age 58, died on Thursday, September 1st, 2005. Bob has worked at CDC for many years and was a respected developer who quietly worked in the background to provide valuable operations and support for data management and applications development that were vital to the management of CDC user accounts, staffing, and financial activities. His favorite passions were music and photography. He is survived by his wife, Sherri Cameron Ogle, his brothers Ed and Doug and sister Sheila Ogle and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the To send condolences or sign a guest book in Bob Ogle's memory, select the link below. <http://www.legacy.com/atlanta/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=15013279>

~~~~~

#### HAVE YOU HEARD?

Dear Colleagues;

It is time to say farewell as I begin my new position on August 22 as Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC. It has been a true pleasure and an honor to work with you in achieving the mission of NCHSTP. What has impressed me most about this Center is the outstanding personnel and the incredible commitment you have to your work. It is easy to lead when you are blessed the kind of commitment, energy, and talent that is present in this Center. Your efforts to prevent and control HIV, STD, and TB are making a huge difference in people's lives, not only in the U.S. but around the world. It is with great pride that I speak of my year's time with you.

Dr. Mitch Cohen will soon be making an announcement about a new interim director. He anticipates selecting a permanent director for NCHSTP this Fall.

I want to thank you again for the support you have given me throughout my tenure as Acting Director and I look forward to working with you in my new capacity at CDC. I wish you all the best in your critically important work at NCHSTP.

Sincerely,  
Janet Collins, Ph.D.  
Acting Director, NCHSTP

~~~~~

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Ron Valdiserri has agreed to serve as Acting Director, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention. During his tenure at CDC, Dr. Valdiserri has held several public health leadership positions, including Director of the Division of Public Health Laboratory Systems and Deputy Director for HIV in the former National Center for Prevention Services. Since 1996 he has been Deputy Director in the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention. Prior to joining the CDC in 1989, Dr. Valdiserri was Director of the Falk Clinic Laboratories at the University of Pittsburgh. He held academic appointments in both the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Public Health. While at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as a co-investigator on the first federally funded "natural history" study of AIDS and later, as an investigator on the National Institutes of Health AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

Dr. Valdiserri received his Bachelor's degree in Biology in 1973 from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA, his MD degree in 1977 from the University of West Virginia, and his M.P.H. in health services from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988. Dr. Valdiserri has written numerous scholarly articles on the scientific and policy aspects of HIV/AIDS prevention. He has authored a textbook on the design, implementation, and evaluation of AIDS prevention programs, published in 1989 by Rutgers University Press. In May 1994, Cornell University Press published Dr. Valdiserri's book of essays on AIDS, "Gardening in Clay." Most recently he has edited a text for Oxford University Press on the evolving influence of HIV/AIDS on public health theory and practice.

Please share this information with your staff and join me in thanking Dr. Valdiserri for his willingness undertake these new responsibilities.

Please also join me in thanking Dr. Janet Collins for her outstanding service as Acting Director, NCHSTP, during this last year. Dr. Collins did a truly superb job that greatly facilitated the Center's continued success.

Mitchell L. Cohen, M.D

~~~~~

Leadership Announcement

I would like to inform you of four changes that are taking place at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I am pleased to announce that Richard Besser, M.D., will be replacing Mr. Charles Schable as the Director of the Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. Dr. Besser has been with CDC for nine years. A pediatrician, he most recently served as Acting Chief of Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). He began his career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in the Enteric Diseases Branch, and has served as supervisory medical officer before becoming Chief Medical Officer of the Epidemiology Section of the Respiratory Disease Branch, NCID.

Donna Stroup, Ph.D., will be leaving the position of Director of the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion (CCHP). Dr. Stroup, who started an Office of Science Education at CDC, will be pursuing her interest in working with educators on developing courses, workshops, and curricula in epidemiology and public health. She will be doing this in collaboration with CDC's Office of Workforce and Career Development. I thank Dr. Stroup for her contributions and efforts in helping us develop the CCHP and look forward to the outcomes of her exciting new work.

I will be working with the leaders in CCHP to appoint an Acting Chief in the next few days. In the meantime, management issues should be referred to Mr. Michael Parvin, Chief Management Official at CCHP.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ron Valdiserri will be replacing Dr. Janet Collins as the Acting Director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. During his tenure at CDC, Dr. Valdiserri has held several public health leadership positions, including Director of the Division of Public Health Laboratory Systems and Deputy Director for HIV in the former National Center for Prevention Services. Since 1996, he has been Deputy Director in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention.

I hope you will lend your support to these leaders as they undertake their new responsibilities. I value their expertise, and greatly appreciate their willingness to assist the agency.

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

~~~~~  
I am pleased to name Dr. Tanja Popovic, M.D., Ph.D., as the Associate Director for Science (ADS), Office of the Chief Science Officer, CDC. Dr. Popovic has been acting in that capacity since February 2004.

Dr. Popovic joined CDC in 1989 as a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow. Since then, she has held a number of key positions, including Chief, Epidemiologic Investigations/Anthrax Laboratory, NCID; lead CDC subject matter expert for laboratory aspects of anthrax, brucellosis, glanders, and melioidosis for the national Laboratory Response Network; Chief, U.S. National (Laboratory) Reference Center for Bacterial Meningitis; Chief, U.S. National (Laboratory) Reference Center for Diphtheria; Co-Director, World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Prevention and Control of Epidemic Meningitis; and WHO Consultant for bacterial meningitis and diphtheria.

Dr. Popovic has authored over 130 peer-reviewed scientific publications and book chapters. She is an Associate Editor for *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, and an Associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She has served as the Wachsman Foundation lecturer and received numerous awards for her contributions in the scientific and public health arenas. As Acting ADS, she has chaired the CDC's Excellence in Science Committee and led its activities to ensure and promote scientific excellence at CDC. Dr. Popovic chairs the Intra-governmental Committee on the Strategic National Stockpile. She also was a key contributor in reorganizing the Office of the Chief Science Officer, establishing CDC's presence in the National Interagency Bio-defense Campus, and enhancing CDC's extramural research program.

I know I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Popovic as she assumes this key position at CDC/ATSDR. Please join me in welcoming her to this new role.

Dixie E. Snider, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.

Chief Science Officer

~~~~~  
**PHA in the NEWS**

May issue of the Reader's digest our own Paula Rosenberg PHA, is featured

The Secrets of Star Wars' Success, By Kenneth Miller

Paula Rosenberg has the kind of job that could make anyone a tad paranoid. She's an administrator for the bioterrorism program at the Centers for Disease Control, a position she landed just before 9/11. She plans responses to potential germ warfare attacks: anthrax letters, aerosol smallpox, crop-dusters spraying plague across the heartland. Watching her outfit her suburban Atlanta basement with drywall, tan carpeting and towers of pine shelving, a visitor might be forgiven for assuming Rosenberg is constructing her own fortified bunker.

Never fear -- she's not bracing for The Big One. In fact, she stays cool, calm and collected precisely because of what she's moving into her cellar: some 22,000 pieces of Star Wars memorabilia. Rosenberg has been amassing the collection since 1977, the year George Lucas released the first installment of his six-film space opera, when Rosenberg turned nine. Although her parents initially banned the movie as too violent, she spent the summer buying Star Wars bubblegum cards from the local convenience store and devouring the movie novelization....

For those interested in the full text check it out at:

<http://www.rd.com/content/openContent.do?contentId=14906>

© 2005 The Reader's Digest Association, Inc.  
~~~~~

MEMBER NEWS

Ted Misselbeck, Ted Misselbeck, DTBE, was recognized as the CDC Employee of the month by Dr. Julie Gerberding. Ted was recognized for his outstanding coordination of the response to a TB outbreak in a St. Louis homeless shelter in 2003. Please join me in congratulating Ted and DTBE for their excellent public health effort.

Jimmy R. Keller, Public Health Advisor, North Carolina Tuberculosis Program, completed the requirements for the Doctor of Health Science (DHSc) degree, conferred June 30, 2005.

John Hill sends in this message: Date: Wed, 17 Aug 2005

Dear Folks;

My daughter Carolyn Hill Sharp became a grandmother Monday at 2:45 PM when her daughter Melissa gave birth to, 8.1 lbs, 21 ½ in. long, Connor R. Touchton arrived.

Mother and Connor are doing fine and are scheduled to go home today.

Thank the Lord Roberta and I are still around and in good health for 71 year olds. We are looking forward to becoming Great Great Grand Parents in about 25 years.

Hope everyone is good.

JOHN

Sorry that ol' **Del Carvell** will not be in the Atlanta area for the get together (monthly social). We will be at the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) Rally in Minot, ND. We have bought a home in Wilton, ND and live there in the Summer months and drive the motor home to Mesa, AZ for November to March. We do plan to head for FL and GA sometime in March and hope to see some of the PHA's at that time.

Tell everyone hello for me and drink a cold one for me.

As ever, Del
~~~~~

## **TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS AND TDYS**

**Jan Hiland** has accepted reassignment with promotion to the Office of Workforce and Career Development (OWCD), Career Development Division (CDD) to serve as senior advisor to the director, Dr. Denise Koo. Congratulations to Jan

**Carol "Lyn" Trotter** has accepted a transfer to Harrisburg, PA as of September 4th from D.C. STD.

**Michelle Amar** was transferred to Baton Rouge, LA August 21st also from D.C. STD.

**Tameeka Johnson** has been re-assigned to Chicago as of 8/7/05

**Susan Spieldenner, BS, RN** has been selected for the Berkley California Public Health Advisor position in DTBE. Susan comes to DTBE from the state of Michigan Public Health institute where she worked as the state TB Program coordinator since 2001.

~~~~~

RETIREMENTS:

William (Bill) Bibb retired on September 3, 2005, after 30 years of combined federal service. Bill joined CDC in 1978 and has spent the past 27 years working within the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, to improve methods for diagnosing and subtyping a diverse group of bacterial pathogens. He played a key role in improving CDC's capacity to diagnose and investigate outbreaks of disease through state-of-the-art assays he established with the panels of monoclonal antibodies he developed against Legionella spp., Brucella spp., Bacillus anthracis, the agents of Cat Scratch Disease (Bartonella henselae) and Brazilian purpuric fever (Haemophilus influenzae biogroup aegyptius), Listeria, and Neisseria meningitidis. Bill was also instrumental at instituting the use of multilocus enzyme electrophoresis (MEE) at CDC for subtyping bacteria and worked tirelessly to establish an extensive data base for the MEE subtyping of Listeria monocytogenes.

In retirement, Bill plans to spend a lot of time directing his art gallery (The Seen Art Gallery) and conducting workshops through his photography business Danse Luminaire.

A retirement celebration will be held in Bill's honor on Friday, **September 30th** from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at The Seen Art Gallery, 321 West Hill Street, Suite 7A, Decatur, GA 30030 (www.theseengallery.com).

~~~~~

**Lu Schneider** will be retiring on September 2, 2005 after 28 years of government service. Lu began her government career working with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lincoln, Nebraska. Working for the federal government, she was able to move around the country with her husband who had decided to return to the Army in 1981. Lu had an adventurous career that journeyed to places such as Fort Rucker, Alabama; Fort Hood, Texas; Darmstadt, Germany; Fort Irwin, California and back to Fort Rucker, Alabama where her husband retired from the military. They then moved to Atlanta where Lu worked for the VA Medical Center before accepting a position with CDC. Lu began her career at CDC in 1996 in the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Statistics and Data Management Branch. Her contribution to any position held in this Division has always been distinguished by a selfless degree of professionalism and

team work. Her cheerful personality and willingness to get the job done will be missed by all.

Lu has thoroughly enjoyed her nine years at CDC and is very grateful for the wonderful opportunities afforded to her. The lasting relationships she has developed while working here will always be valued in her heart. Her next journey will eventually take Lu, husband Irwin, and dog Tipper to Columbia, Missouri where her son, his wife and new grandson reside.

~~~~~  
Elizabeth A. Cochran (Liz) will retire on September 3rd after 28 years of government service. She began her government career in 1978 with CDC as a dental hygienist in the Employees Health Clinic. She completed her art and computer science training at Dekalb College and the Georgia Institute of Technology, receiving certificates in engineering graphics and multimedia. In 1985, Liz accepted a computer programming position with the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), where her main focus was the Agent Orange Study. In 1988, Liz accepted the supervisor position for the first Visual Information Area at NCEH. Currently, she is the acting team lead for the merged NCEH/ATSDR Visual Information Center, Office of Communication, Office of the Director.

Liz would like for everyone to know that she has enjoyed working with the NCEH/ATSDR staff tremendously, and she will greatly miss the daily interaction with her staff.

Liz's future plans include spending much more time with her family. She loves going to soccer games to watch her grandson play. She is a member of the homeowners' association in her community, where she canvases the neighborhood for the most beautiful "yard of the month." Liz loves beautiful, well-maintained yards, and now she will enjoy spending more time working in her own yard. She also will pursue classes in interior decorating and art.

~~~~~  
After 35 years of exemplary federal service, **Kay Riley** will be retiring from CDC on September 3, 2005.

Kay joined CDC in 1975. She worked on the Survey of the Efficacy of Nosocomial Infection Control (SENIC) project in the Bureau of Epidemiology (BOE), managing the administrative team. Kay next worked for the Family Planning Evaluation Division in BOE, now the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). Her first task was to train the data collectors on the administrative procedures for the U.S./Mexico Border Survey. When CDC reorganized from Bureaus into Centers in 1981, Kay was reassigned to the Center for Health Promotion and Education (CHPE). She served as the budget supervisor and quickly became a Senior Administrator for the Center. She implemented monthly administrative meetings and training programs and served as the CHPE Budget Officer. Among her many accomplishments, Kay is most known for her budget and management expertise and her willingness to be at the cutting edge for developing new fiscal accounting and reporting systems. She was always willing to share these systems with other CIOs. After CHPE became the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1989, Kay served as Deputy Administrative Officer and Deputy Chief, Administrative Services Branch (ASB) for the new center. She worked closely with the CDC Facilities Management Office to select and design the NCCDPHP space in the Koger/Rhodes Building and organized the Center-wide move from the Clifton Road and Chamblee campuses to the Koger/Rhodes building. Kay was also instrumental in the Office of Smoking and Health (OSH) move from Washington to Atlanta in 1992.

Kay has won many awards, including the DHHS Assistant Secretary for Health Special Citation for Fiscal Accounting in recognition of her outstanding contributions to budgeting and accounting. She also received the CDC Honor Award for Administrative Services

and numerous other individual and group awards for her outstanding service in NCCDPHP.

Kay was always interested in leveraging information technology to automate business processes. She was also concerned that staff keep abreast of new technologies. Therefore, in 1999 she joined the Office of Informatics and Information Resources Management, NCCDPHP, where she has managed the center's computer training program.

A lifelong interest of Kay's has been teaching. During the years that her children attended school, she worked closely with the faculty to teach computer skills to the students. She currently teaches Sunday School and tutors her own grandchildren. She is looking forward to continuing her work with other children in the school system.

~~~~~  
Tanya W. Pitts, Medical Classification Specialist/Instructor, National Center for Health Statistics is retiring on September 2, 2005 after 38 years of service.

Tanya began her Federal career as an Underlying Cause of Death coder and has spent her entire career as a Medical Classification Specialist/Instructor. She has been involved with classifying underlying cause and multiple causes of death applying rules and guidelines provided by the International Classification of Diseases for the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth revisions.

Although Tanya admits she will miss her friends and coworkers, many of whom she has worked with for most of her career she looks forward to retirement. She plans to spend more time with a special niece, other family members and friends and hopes to renew some favorite past times, such as cross stitching, reading and gardening.

~~~~~  
**Elizabeth R. Puckett** will be retiring on September 2<sup>nd</sup> after 30 years of government service. She began her career in 1973 at the Veterans Administration here in Atlanta. In 1988 she accepted a position with CDC's Incentive Awards Program. Currently she is an Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Services Office, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, NCHSTP. We will miss Elizabeth's welcoming smile and quick wit she shared with everyone she encountered.

Elizabeth's future plans include residing here in Georgia, continuing friendships with old friends and pursuing the art classes she so much enjoys.

~~~~~  
Jackie A. Ward will be retiring on August 31th after 30 years of government service. She began her government career by serving her country as a soldier in the United States Army. Upon completing her obligated service commitment, she was honorably discharged and began a new career as a mother of twins and a supporter of her spouse in his military career. Able to obtain federal status, she continued to work for the federal government and had an illustrious career that journeyed to places such as Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Lewis, Washington, Bad Tolz, Germany, Wuerzberg, Germany, Navy Office of Information, Atlanta, Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson GA, and finally CDC.

Jackie began her career at the CDC in 2001 in the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine serving as a Program Specialist in the Surveillance and Epidemiology Branch and most recently as a Management and Program Analyst for the Office of the Director. Her contribution to any position held in this Division has always been distinguished by a selfless degree of professionalism and team work.

Jackie says that she has thoroughly enjoyed her career here at CDC and is grateful for the wonderful opportunities afforded to her. The lasting relationships she has developed while working here will always be valued in her heart. Her journey will now take her home to Montgomery, AL where her and her husband resides.

~~~~~

On September 2, 2005, **Judy Powers** is retiring after over 38 years of government service. Ms. Powers started her federal career in July of 1963 as a Clerk Dictating Machine Transcriber with the U. S. Civil Service Commission (CSC) Regional Office, now known as the U. S. Office of Personnel Management. At that time background investigations were required on all Federal employees and OPM had the investigative and reporting responsibilities. In 1965 she moved to the CSC Budget Office as a Budget Analyst. During this period she also assisted in the coordination of the Voter Rights Program, sending Federal Pole Watchers into the field to register voters and monitor elections.

In late 1968 Judy transferred to the Regional Office of IRS as a Budget Analyst. She left IRS in July of 1970 to stay at home with her new baby.

Returning to work with the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, (USAEC), now the U.S. Regulatory Commission, in 1972, she served as Special Assistant to the Administrative Officer. She left that position in January of 1974 with the birth of her second daughter. Ms. Powers' career with CDC began in 1975 with the Bureau of Epidemiology. In 1976 she began work with the Bureau of Health Education, now the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Ms. Powers worked on both the Health Risk Appraisal and Chap Programs before moving to the Office of School Health in April of 1985. With the reorganization of the Bureau to a Center, the Office and School Health became the Division of Adolescent and School Health. During her time with the DASH, she worked in the positions of Administrative Officer, Sr. Meeting and Exhibits Coordinator, and a Program Analyst. Upon her retirement Judy plans to travel and spend more time with family and friends.

~~~~~  
Ms. Lisa Daily, Branch Chief, Budget Formulation Public Health Policy Branch, Financial Management Office, is retiring on September 2, 2005 after 25 years of truly exemplary federal service. Throughout these years of service, Lisa has been consistently recognized as a stellar public servant. Lisa began her public health career working on the refugee resettlement efforts in South Florida. Her talent was quickly recognized, and she was recruited to join CDC in 1983 as a Disease Intervention Specialist in the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program, Miami, Florida. In 1985, Lisa came to CDC headquarters as one of the first two public health advisors hired to launch the School Health Education to Prevent the Spread of AIDS program within the Center for Health Education and Health Promotion, Division of Adolescent and School Health. As the principal architect of this program, she expanded the program's activities into a nationwide school education program within a few short years. When CDC's HIV/AIDS grants faced significant challenge from new HOPE legislation, Lisa was chosen to work full-time on identifying the true impact of this legislation. In good part, as a result of her efforts, the CDC HIV/AIDS program was able to continue to provide high quality primary prevention programs throughout the country.

Lisa was selected as the Associate Director for Policy, Evaluation and Legislation in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) in 1995. She led with a broad and creative approach that included policy interventions, developing partnerships and collaborations and strategic planning. This pioneering work was and remains critical to successful public health strategies, not only in chronic disease prevention but throughout public health. Lisa quickly recruited and trained a cadre of excellent staff who became policy experts. And, she demonstrated a unique gift for supervision and the development of young talent. Under her leadership, the office grew in size and stature and served as the training ground for a large number of policy analysts who came to make contributions throughout CDC. Lisa was recognized by NCCDPHP for her outstanding supervisor skills in 1995 when she received the Supervisor of the Year award. Throughout her career, Lisa has supported staff professional development opportunities and has served as a mentor for many

Presidential Management Fellows, Public Health Prevention Specialists and Emerging Leaders. Her commitment to invest in the Agency's future via human resource development will result in CDC continuing to receive ongoing benefits after her retirement.

Lisa earned a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Georgia in 2002 and then joined FMO where she has managed budget formulation, performance integration and Congressional affairs. In this position, Lisa serves in a critical role for the agency, forging and strengthening exceptional relationships with HHS, OMB and Members of Congress, their staff, congressional committees, and partners which have furthered CDC's reputation for scientific and programmatic excellence.

Throughout her remarkable public service career, Lisa has been recognized repeatedly for her commitment to advancing the public health mission of the agency through programmatic innovations. In 2004, Lisa received a CDC Honor Award for her leadership and contributions around implementing a CDC Smoke-free Campus policy. She continues to be sought after by decision-makers for her programmatic insights and creative approaches to management and communication. In every capacity in which she has served, Lisa brought credit and credibility to the agency. She has brought a deep sense of humanity to her work and professional relationships. Her dignity and diligence were the hallmarks of her work. Her colleagues and co-workers will miss her, but wish her well in the future.

Lisa cherishes her CDC friends and colleagues and is grateful for all she has learned from them. She will remain in Atlanta with her family, husband Jim and son Jimmy, and plans to fully enjoy herself doing volunteer work and watching her son experience middle school and high school.

~~~~~  
**Doug Altman** will retire September 3 after more than 39 years of combined government service. After more than six years with the U.S. Navy and more than seven years as a civil service lab tech in the Portsmouth Naval Regional Medical Center's blood bank in Portsmouth, Virginia, Doug and his family moved to Atlanta in the fall of 1979. His career culminates at CDC in Atlanta, where he's worked as Team Leader in the Clifton Road Data and Specimen Handling Section (DASH), Specimen Management Branch, Scientific Resources Program, NCID.

Doug plans to fully enjoy his retirement. An avid gardener and wood-worker, his future plans encompass a wide range of landscaping and building projects at his home in Grayson. He and his wife, Jo, will pursue a quest along the Eastern seaboard for the ultimate and, thus far illusive, scallops, crab, and shrimp feast.

Doug would like to thank all the wonderful and dedicated employees with whom he has had the pleasure of serving and working with over the years.

~~~~~  
Dr. Tim Johnson is retiring on August 31, 2005 after 23 years of federal service. Tim came to the Division of Reproductive Health at CDC from the University of Michigan, where he had been a professor of population studies. Tim led DRH's contraceptive logistics activities, whereby he and his team helped staff at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to deliver appropriate quantities of donated contraceptives to family planning programs in developing countries, and to improve the management of their contraceptive logistics systems. In the early 1990s, Tim became the director of all the DRH activities funded by USAID through a Participating Agency Service Agreement (PASA), and has remained at the helm of this multi-million dollar activity ever since.

~~~~~

The National Immunization Program's Record Management Officer for the past seven years, **Tom Love** is retiring August 31<sup>st</sup>. He served as a file room supervisor at ATSDR before coming to the National Immunization Program, and also worked as a Records Management contractor for the Environmental Protection Agency. He has 25 years experience in records management and received the status of Certified Records Manager in 1984.

Many folks at CDC may have seen Tom at Records Management Classes as he was called upon to share his thorough knowledge of records management with all CDC employees. Tom kept NIP's records in line with policy and procedure, and helped many with file establishment and retirements to the Federal Record Center. His expertise and willingness to help everyone will most certainly be missed.

Tom is looking forward to traveling around the country for a while and hopes to decide during these journeys just where he would like to settle down in the future.

~~~~~  
Dora Rainey is retiring from the Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, on August 31, after 20 years of government service to pursue other interests. Dora began her Federal career with the U.S. Army as a civilian employee. She started her career at CDC with the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Reproductive Health and has held various other assignments and positions within CDC before joining the Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects.

Ms. Rainey received numerous awards for her contributions to CDC and has always distinguished herself by a high degree of professionalism and team work. She has enjoyed her career at CDC and is grateful for the wonderful opportunities afforded to her. In retirement, Dora looks forward to more time for her granddaughters and church activities in her community. She greatly values the lasting relationships she has developed while working at CDC.

~~~~~  
**Dr. Francis "Bud" Spierto** is retiring on September 2, 2005 after 35 years of government service at CDC. All of Bud's 35 years of government service have been in the laboratories of the Division of Laboratory Sciences, NCEH. Early in Bud's career he worked on developing techniques for optimizing immunoassay procedures for clinical analytes such as digoxin, thyroxine, and cortisol. He also developed an HPLC method for serum creatinine which today serves as the basis for a national standard for serum creatinine measurement. While working in the Clinical Biochemistry Branch, Bud directed the development of a new procedure for the simultaneous measurement of phenylalanine and tyrosine for assessing phenylketonuria (PKU). More recently he has worked in the Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch and the Clinical Chemistry Branch where he worked on developing serum biomarkers for ozone exposure and developing methods to measure human exposure to antibiotics used in the animal industry, respectively. Bud has authored or co-authored more than 50 scientific publications during his tenure at CDC. In retirement Bud plans to try and lose 20 pounds and stay out of his wife's way.

~~~~~  
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please post this advertisement for Ted to ALL-CDC, ALL-HHS, CSTE, the Watsonian Society, and EIS Alumni. Please contact Christina Hartman if you have any questions concerning how to reach any of those groups. Thank you. Rich Schieber, CCID

Position Advertisement – Influenza Coordinators: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

CDC is seeking three senior scientists or senior public health advisors to coordinate and facilitate activities in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam to prevent and contain avian influenza (AI) there. The growing threat from AI demands a greatly expanded set of prevention and containment activities be established in a short time frame. Each incumbent will be responsible for working with counterparts in the host country to strengthen epidemiologic surveillance for AI, establish or strengthen laboratory capacity within each country for identifying and confirming influenza A (H5N1) infections, develop an influenza pandemic response plan, and ensure that the capacity to rapidly limit the spread of disease and thereby control a nascent pandemic is established as quickly as possible. They will be responsible for the management of expanded US government funds directed at AI containment in the host country in coordination with other HHS activities in the region. The incumbents will interact extensively with technical units of the host ministry of health as well as multilateral organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement the activities, and with U.S. Embassies for communications and support services.

The ideal candidates would have substantial experience in public health and control of infectious diseases, knowledge of influenza, experience in international health, and demonstrated ability to lead other scientists and programmatic staff. A strong collaborative approach and outstanding diplomacy skills will be required in this international environment. Supervision will come from the Influenza Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Two categories of assignment are planned:

1. Short-term. (2-3 months, as TDY travel, beginning October 2005)
2. Longer-term (1-2 years, through change of duty station, beginning in approx. Jan 2006)

Candidates may express interest in either category of assignment, or both.

These activities require a GS-14/15, or 0-5/6 person. Individuals at the GS-13 grade could receive a non-competitive temporary promotion, not to exceed 120 days, but anything over that must be competed. Permanent staff should be 601/602 type, not 685.

Program desire is to place personnel in-country via TDY by 10/1/05.

To apply, please submit to Marty Monroe , by COB 9/14/05 the following information:

1. Your CV or resume.
2. Whether you are interested in a short-term or long-term assignment, or both.
3. Whether you have any preference re: placement in Laos, Cambodia, or Vietnam (base would be in Vientiane, Phnom Penh, or Hanoi, respectively).

For more information, please contact Marty.

Thank you.