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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

James Enders NCIPC associate member
Mike Lane, NIP
John Drescher

COMMITTEE NEWS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

MEETING - Open meeting - all are invited to call in and participate.

When: **Tuesday November 16, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

Where: Corporate Square, Building 8, Room 6B.

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

AWARDS COMMITTEE

**THE AWARDS COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TO THE MEMBERSHIP
THE WINNER OF THE OUTSTANDING PHA AWARD FOR 2004.**

Congratulations to **Dawn Broussard** the winner the Watsonian's 2004 Outstanding PHA award. The award citation reads "For her dedication, innovation, and willingness to lead and for her commitment to and encouragement of her staff". The award was presented to Ms. Broussard at our banquet in October.

Ms. Broussard began her career as a "co-op" with CDC in September 1988 at the 13th Street Clinic in Chicago, IL. Over the years, she has had a number of STD assignments throughout the US. In 1996, she was again assigned to the Chicago program as the senior PHA and has held that position since. In addition to her STD assignments, Ms. Broussard has done a STOP assignment in India and has obtained her MPH from John's Hopkins since joining CDC.



COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Please remember to let Rita Varga know when your email address changes. You do not want your mail to bounce and lose your connection with the WATSONIAN SOCIETY.

We welcome our new webmaster- **Keith Davis**. He has a little catching up to do on the website so be patient. We anticipate the postings listed in today's newsletter to be up soon if not already there.

The WATSONIAN website: <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/Newsletter.HTM>

If you missed a newsletter or want to refer back to one-- the 2004 newsletters are posted on the website. They have been "stripped" of personal information since this is an internet site and we respect the privacy of our members.

News of yourself or friends is always welcome- we all like to hear what is new in your program and in your life! Send information to Rita Varga at (rmv2@cdc.gov).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Watsonian Team Helps Give Children's Center a New Look

Though we were few in numbers, we were strong in spirit! I would like to thank our enthusiastic team who arrived early Saturday morning, October 2nd to volunteer for Hands on Atlanta Day. We helped spruce up facilities at the DeKalb Children's Center, a therapeutic care facility for abused and neglected youth in Stone Mountain.

A special thanks goes to **Bill Boyd**, his wife Diane, and son Daniel for being the early birds, and for bringing the much-needed ladders for the project. Also thanks to **Philip Baptiste** for remembering the compact disc player and for bringing plenty of great jazz for us to listen to while we worked, and to **Paula Casillas** and **Angela Banks** for their excellent painting skills. We hope to see you all next year!

Photos of the group and activities are posted on the web site in the community service section . : <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian>

Submitted by: Lauren Lambert

Co-Chair, Community Service Committee

EVENTS COMMITTEE

HOLD THE DATE!

The plans are in the works for the **Holiday Party**

Thursday, **December 9, from 6-9 p.m.**

FAMOUS PUB.- TOCO HILLS SHOPPING CENTER, Atlanta, GA

. Mark you calendars now so you can plan to attend. More details to follow

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

The **Public Health Advisory History Project** has now completed more than 120 interviews. Many other PHAs have submitted email written accounts of their "stories" or hard copy material. We are now moving into the phase of editing the transcribed interviews.

Contributions to the Project are tax deductible! Many PHAs have made contributions to help support this one of a kind effort. Won't you please make a **tax-deductible** contribution today to the PHA History? The Project will result in a book about the impact of PHAs on state and local, national and international public health policy and operations

in the past and present with possible future considerations. All grantors will be acknowledged in the book, regardless of the size of their contribution unless the authors are notified otherwise. Please make your check payable to "Community Vision St. Charles County" and send your contribution to:

Community Vision St. Charles County
PHA History Project
PO Box 7327
St. Petersburg, FL 33734

Please put the words "PHA History Project" in the bottom left corner of your check in "note" or "for" line. Thank you very much.

Check out more at www.policyresourcegroup.com/pha.htm or email the authors at phaproject@policyresourcegroup.com

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**FELLOW WATSONIANS AND FRIENDS!**

There is a CDC chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 1419. I urge all Watsonian members and friends close to retirement (2 years or less) or those already retired to join Chapter 1419, if you have not already done so. Chapter 1419 meets the third Wednesday of every month at 10 am for one hour at the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, corner of Druid Hills Road and Clairmont Rd. Many current members of NARFE Chapter 1419 are retired Watsonians. Membership in NARFE provides you with the latest information about issues and activities affecting retired federal employees plus the camaraderie of fellow retired federal employees. Even if you do not live in Atlanta, the Chapter 1419 newsletter provides lots of interesting articles about members, including many pictures. Also, the monthly national NARFE magazine gives you plenty of legislative information about issues in Congress affecting retired federal employees, plus lots more. The cost to join is \$25 a year if you are already retired. There is also a life membership available for those who are interested. However, for currently employed federal employees (even if you are just days from retirement,) there is a membership special available. The cost is \$20 for one year, \$35 for two years or \$50 for three years. I have membership form applications, so contact me, I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks

Fred Martich  
NARFE Membership Committee~~~~~

**CONDOLENCES:**

**Tamara Kicera's** father, Michael J. Kicera, Sr., died on October 12 in Hollywood, Florida from complications following surgery for a broken hip. He was 84. As Tami said, "He was a character, who celebrated life often, and loved his family and friends." Mr. Kicera worked for Anheuser-Busch for 35 years, retiring in the early 1990's, later moving from New Jersey to South Florida. He is survived by his wife Joan, Tami, and sons David and Michael Jr.

Donations in his name may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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HEALTHY Wishes for:

Aaron Zee is resting at home following cardiac surgery for an aortic aneurysm. He will appreciate get-well cheer.

Carole Rivera was seriously injured the day before the WATSONIAN Banquet (early October), while riding her bicycle in Atlanta. She was taken to Grady hospital with serious injuries. Her brother (Jay Crutchfield) has arrived from Germany and has been at her side. Many friends and coworkers have made visits to her- please remember there are special rules for visiting in the ICU.

At this time, her condition remains very critical, there is some progress in some areas but setbacks in others. The staff said the ups and downs are common in ICU patients. we continue to be hopeful! Each day is another potential day of progress. Your prayers for Carole and her family at this time will be the best medicine she can receive from the membership.

Her branch, NCCDPHP, recommends that its fine to send cards--people are going through her mail daily and can take them to the hospital. there are cards in her room now. if we start getting a bunch, we can put them in a book for her or a folder. thanks.

Karl Hoffman Had a total knee replacement on July 26. and is recovering nicely. He is using a cane to get around and would love to hear from friends:

MEMBER NEWS

Doing well here PHAs. Just enjoying life. Just had a first grandchild. Henry Liam Bishop born 10/26/04. Hope all is well with CDC. Hear things are a changing. Brenda and I are still looking to move to S.C. mountains (foothills) ASAP but will keep residence here in Conyers.

Best wishes to all. Hope Jerry Naehr lives forever or we will lose the intermediary. That's dowbren@cs.com - 2491 White Road, Conyers, Ga. 30012 770/922-3523 keep the faith and vote!!!

Don Dowda

Wedding Bells:

Beverly DeVoe was recently married to John Payton on July 3, 2004 in her home town of Jacksonville, FL. May you and your husband have many years of happiness!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to the **PHA Dream Team** for their first place finish in the 2004 SHARE Softball League regular season! The team finished the regular season with an impressive 13-2 record, but lost in the third round of the playoffs to the **Green Machine**, who ultimately became the playoffs champion.

The PHA Dream Team includes the following PHAs, some of whom have known each other since their STD field days: **Stefan Weir** and **Ron Lindsey** (co-captains), **Norm Fikes**, **Deymon Fleming**, **Terry Bolden**, **Chris Parker**, **Michelle Scott**, **Kendall Anderson**, **Ursula Phoenix**, **Ben Moore**, and **Melinda Williams**. Other team members include **Roy Reese**, **Chad Wood**, **Audrey Williams**, **Kasi Crawford**, **Jerri Givens**, **Melvin Crum**, **Brandi Collins**, **Phil Williams**, **Eric Minor**, **Alesia Fleming**, **Diva**

Forbes, Lourina Dudley, Zachery Harris, Pierre Johnson, Pam Fedrick, Shelly Benton, and Anna Satcher. Their photo will be posted soon on the WS website.

The SHARE Softball League includes 15 teams from across CDC. Senior PHA **Ron Burger** has served as President of the SHARE Softball League for the past nine years.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Congratulations to PHA **Ron Burger** who has been selected as President-elect for the NALBOH Board of Directors. For those of you not familiar with that acronym it is the National Association of Local Boards of Health. NALBOH's mission is "to strengthen local boards of health, enabling them to promote and protect the health of their communities, through education, technical assistance and advocacy".

A little history about NALBOH:

In 1991, a steering committee was appointed to assemble a national organization. One of the very first actions of that committee was to consult with CDC, at which time a contact was made with a PHA, **Deanne Johnson**. He recognized the value and importance of such a national group and that it could provide a new conduit for CDC to communicate with local public health policy makers. On November 6, 1992, the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) was officially created and incorporated as a nonprofit organization for local boards of health.

Following the official creation of NALBOH, **Charles Bacon**, Public Health Advisor, was assigned by CDC's Public Health Program Practice Office (PHPPO) to help NALBOH become functional. Upon Charles' retirement, NALBOH was bestowed upon him a lifetime membership in NALBOH as well as an honorary Emeritus status.

NALBOH has continued to be supported by other PHAs over the years, including **Tony Santarsiero**, who currently serves as CDC's liaison and advocate with NALBOH.

Ron Burger was elected to serve as a state affiliate trustee to the NALBOH board in 2001 and will begin his term as president in 2005. Today NALBOH enjoys a membership of 10 state associations of local boards of health and over 700 local boards of health with over 4200 individual local board members. For more information about this organization via the internet, go to [<http://www.nalboh.org/>].

Promotions, Transfer and TDY assignments

Bill Ramsey has agreed to a temporary reassignment, with promotion, as the Chief, Health Outcomes and Disability Prevention Team, in the Division of Injury and Disability Outcomes and Programs, NCIPC.

Barbara Newhouse has agreed to a detail to the Health Outcomes and Disability Prevention Team, in the Division of Injury and Disability Outcomes and Programs, NCIPC, beginning November 1.

Craig Studer has agreed to serve as the Acting Chief of the Financial and Administrative Services Office (FASO) of NCHSTP.

Mr. Studer has worked in Public Health for over 25 years, 20 of those years with CDC as a Public Health Advisor. He has had a wide range of field assignments as the senior PHA for Tuberculosis in Washington, New York City and Michigan. In a unique experience as a CDC PHA, he served as the Director of Communicable Disease Control in South Dakota. He has been a project officer for TB and HIV and for the last 3.5 years has been the Deputy Branch Chief in the Prevention Research Branch in DAHP. Most recently, he was detailed to DASTLR, to serve as the Deputy Director of the Division where he lead the effort to transition the Lab branches to the other Divisions in NCHSTP. Mr. Studer also serves on the transition team for the Coordinating Center for Infectious Disease.

Lisa Davis, Victor Negron, and Wendi Cate, (NIP) are in Atlanta GA, on a 90 TDY assignment - to collaborate in the development of an implementation and operations plan for a new centralized vaccine ordering, distribution and inventory management system, as follows.

Provider Ordering and Approval: establish provider-direct ordering from distributors (with appropriate state oversight) using tailored ordering/replenishment guidelines to simplify processes, standardize reporting and accountability, and reduce administrative burden.

Distribution: leverage scale and third party distributor resources and expertise to minimize total supply chain costs — including inventory, shipping, administration, and vaccine waste.

Inventory Management: centralize management of non-provider inventory to maximize visibility and rotation while minimizing complexity and cost.

The centralized model should provide:

- A simplified, streamlined set of processes and systems which appropriately leverage commercial distributor capabilities and focus NIP and state expertise against public health issues;
- Significant improvements in efficiency and reduced waste;
- Increased ability to respond to supply issues; and,

We are the only NIP staff working full-time on this initiative. We were asked to collaborate because of our state and local health department experience.

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**Gus Aquino** tells of his next assignment:

Dear All

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have helped me during the past 2-years during my assignment to Russia and have enriched my experience in Moscow. In spite of the tremendous challenges in Russia, USAID and CDC have been able to accomplish a great deal through collaboration, advocacy, and teamwork. I'm also very impressed with all of the work USAID does and I think that USAID Moscow will continue to evolve into a solid development machine that again and again is able to demonstrate impact and results. However, there is still a long road ahead with hurdles and challenges in health that continue to plague this side of the hemisphere.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> I'm leaving Moscow, but I'm not leaving the battlefield, as I have accepted a position as a CDC Team Leader in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) in the Prevention Program Branch. Although I'm a field person at heart, this position in CDC Atlanta is an opportunity for me to provide managerial oversight of HIV/AIDS program activities in the US (including Puerto Rico), as well as for new responsibilities and continued professional growth. As some of you know, I have been interested in going back home to Atlanta for some time and I'm very excited about this opportunity.

I'm also leaving with the assurance that TB (especially MDR TB) is still a priority in the Office of Health in USAID and that it will be in capable hands for providing the assistance and support that is required for future program initiatives, specially now with Global Fund approval of the TB component in Russia. The past 2 years have been extraordinary for me and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have worked with such an excellent group of people. It has been a privilege for me to work with our pilot regions since 1999 as well as in Moscow. I wish you all strength and good health as we continue our battle to eliminate TB and to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Cordially,  
Gustavo

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CDC CONNECTS-- CDC Leadership Profiles:

CDC Leadership Profiles: Meet John Tibbs October 13, 2004

Name: John Tibbs

Title: Director, Financial Management Office (FMO)

Responsibilities: Oversee CDC's financial management activities related to managing CDC's annual budget of seven billion dollars. This includes responsibility for accounting and financial services such as accounts payable, as well as implementing financial and legislative policy related to CDC's appropriation. FMO has 570 employees, including full-time and contract staff.

First job at CDC: Deputy Branch Chief, Budget Office, FMO (1995)

Path to public health: "I attended Florida State University in Tallahassee for my undergraduate work in Public Administration and Political Science. While in college during summer breaks, I worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as an intern in various areas. Upon graduation, I was invited to begin work at NIH as a grants manager. That's how I began my career in public health. I have worked in Health and Human Services for 16 years – my entire career – in various organizations. Along with NIH, I have worked with the FDA, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and CDC on two different occasions. The experience I gained while working at various HHS agencies has enhanced my career at CDC, especially the knowledge of grants and financial management that I developed while working at NIH. Two of the years at NIH were spent at one of their largest institutes, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. The varied knowledge I have received from working throughout HHS agencies has had a strong effect on what I have been able to bring to the table in my work at CDC."

“Along with receiving my bachelor’s degree from Florida State University, I attended the University of Maryland, taking graduate level courses in business. I recently received my MBA at Auburn University.”

Last book(s) read: How Customers Think by Gerald Zaltman. “This was required reading for my MBA coursework. With the book’s focus on marketing and customer service, it ties in well with my job now and to the work CDC is doing with the Futures Initiative.”

Family and Leisure: Resides in Snellville with wife of 12 years, Lauren, who is pursuing a master’s degree in Education from Piedmont College. John and Lauren have two daughters; Amanda, 11 and Rebecca, 9.

“I am a sports enthusiast and actively play tennis and golf. I love watching my kids participate in their extracurricular activities, especially cheerleading, softball, and tennis. I try to be as involved with them as much as possible.”

What are the top priorities you are working on? “One of the major priorities at FMO, as well as CDC, is coming to fruition beginning this month when we implement a new HHS-wide Unified Financial Management System (UFMS). CDC is the first operating division in HHS to actually implement the system – CDC staff have been working on this project for the last 18 months. All of the agency’s financial activities will be run through this system. A potential opportunity for CDC is if our job is done well, we may be selected to provide accounting services (partial) for not only CDC but for other HHS operating divisions as well. I believe having a single system that ties into others throughout the department is a very positive step forward – data can be utilized to a greater extent and financial systems can be run more efficiently. The new system will make it much easier for CDC to be accountable in reporting and tracking its resources. Absolute funds control will be in place, assuring that dollars are spent for the appropriate purpose and projects that receive appropriations remain within budget and scope.”

“Another priority involves business services consolidation. As of October, we have fully consolidated all budget execution activities to the Financial Management Office. All staff at CDC performing those functions now report to FMO while physically remaining in the program with which they work. This will allow for consistency in policy and procedures and will enable us to strengthen the training needs of employees to ensure they have the proper skill sets. As a result of this consolidation, FMO has increased by an additional 200 individuals, almost doubling the size of the office. The goal in the next year is to take the savings we gain from this consolidation, in terms of both full time positions and dollars, and give this back to CDC so it can be redirected for program work.”

“Realigning CDC’s budget structure to be more in line with the Futures Initiative and the way we receive funding from Congress is also a priority for FMO. During the past few months, FMO has been working with HHS, OMB and Congress to develop a budget structure to better reflect CDC’s new reorganization to ensure increased accountability and more accurately display how resources are allocated and utilized. For example, the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service is comprised of health statistics, as well as new areas focused on marketing and informatics. In the past, only health statistics has received directly appropriated funding from Congress, whereas the other areas were cross-cutting functions housed in many different parts of the organization. In 2005, a new line item in CDC’s budget will be entitled Health Information and Service which will display the funding and program areas for this new Coordinating Center.”

“An additional FMO priority is increasing depth within our organization through succession planning. We have great staff in FMO and want to build on their expertise and abilities by recruiting and retaining people with a breadth of backgrounds and knowledge to move up within our organization. FMO routinely recruits people with not only financial and business backgrounds, but also with public health backgrounds. When we are engaged with Congress and/or the Department, it’s critical that we are able to communicate CDC’s mission. Selling the importance of our programs is a key component of our jobs. If we lack the understanding of the goals of various programs throughout CDC, it’s extremely difficult for us to succeed in our objective. My goal is to build a well balanced staff that truly has an understanding of the mission of CDC, the programs CDC is carrying out, and the financial implications of those activities.”

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CDC Leadership Profiles: Meet **Carlton Duncan** October 19, 2004

**Name:** Carlton Duncan, M.S.P.H.

**Title:** Acting Deputy Chief Operating Officer (COO)

**Responsibilities:** “As the Acting Deputy COO, I provide leadership and guidance in management and operations to CDC’s CIOs, specifically in the areas of security, alternative dispute resolution, facilities, EEO, ethics, and human resources issues.”

**First job at CDC:** “My first job at CDC was in 1978 as a program representative in the Venereal Disease Control Program, currently known at CDC as the STD Control Program.”

**Path to public health:** “I graduated from Howard University in May of 1978. My parents paid the bills during those school years, and upon graduation I was ready and eager to pay my own way, so I took advantage of a wonderful opportunity to ‘see the world’ working for CDC. In June of 1978, I was assigned by CDC as a Public Health Advisor to the State of Ohio Department of Health, stationed in Cleveland. I considered it to be a temporary job, but I quickly became hooked by the intrigue of working for CDC and working in the area of STD control. It was an opportunity to work at the community level and interact with people, as well as a chance to work in different geographical areas. In addition to Cleveland, Ohio, I have had assignments in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California. It was a valuable learning experience, a chance to make a difference, and it prepared me for the things that would come later.”

**Last book(s) read:** Duncan has read several books recently. He enjoys inspirational books such as *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*, by Nathan McCall. “He had a tumultuous life experience,” says Duncan, “that took him from an inner-city community upbringing to doing time in prison to the newsrooms as a journalist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Washington Post. This book is a must read!!!” He also recommends *Jordan’s Crossing*, by Randall Arthur. “It’s about a man going through a major life crisis after his child is murdered. It hit home for me in a way, because my father had been in a car accident at the time and was on a ventilator as was the protagonist of the story. The book focuses on his journey through life as he deals with the anger and coming to terms with the death of his daughter.” Duncan has just recently begun reading *Maximize the Moment: God’s Action Plan for Your Life*, by T.D. Jakes.

**Family/Hobbies:** Duncan and his wife Marlisa (who also works at CDC) have four children: Taira attends the State University of New York-Albany and is a candidate for the degree of Masters in Public Health, which she will get in December 2004. Kanisha is in her first year of graduate school, studying journalism at Boston University. Carlton II is a senior at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, majoring in biomedical engineering, and Alexis, a sophomore in high school, is majoring in adolescent life. "Just as important is Chance – a Lab and Rottweiler mix – and my proclaimed dog of the year – four years running."

"I'm an avid and active baseball and basketball fan," says Duncan, "and I still play baseball – not softball – in a Metro Atlanta Men's baseball league. I have coached youth baseball most of my life, beginning when I was a sophomore in college, and I also coached my son in community leagues for 14 years. I have also coached community and AAU youth basketball. I love to cook, and in my mind, I'm an accomplished chef. I pride myself in being able to prepare cultural Jamaican dishes ranging from salt fish and ackee to curry goat to a mean jerk chicken!!! In my other leisure time I also enjoy traveling, deep sea fishing, and going to the races."

Carton's brother Wayne also works for CDC, in the Global Aids Program. "He is the country rep for the HIV program in Nigeria and really enjoys international work."

**What are the top priorities you are working on?** "One of my top priorities is to work closely with CDC Management Officials to make sure the Futures Initiative transition is as smooth as it can be. CDC is in a state of change, and many times change is difficult. This change is necessary because of the state of the world we live in today. Events like 9/11, anthrax, and the bombing of federal buildings have really changed the lives of Americans. As such, CDC has had to change to respond to these changing times and evolving public health threats posed by the post 9/11 environment.

"Other challenges are to assist in helping keep the agency operational on a daily basis in response to growth and changes by using sound judgment and decision-making to best meet the needs of the communities we serve and the people that provide the service. I enjoy this opportunity to be a part of the exciting and important work of CDC and to be challenged in so many ways.

"My most gratifying experience at CDC was my work in the early days of HIV prevention with what is now known as the Division of Adolescent and School Health. I played a major role in developing the CDC School Health Education Program to Prevent the Spread of AIDS. In those early days, proposing school-based strategies to address HIV/AIDS prevention was not well received at some state and local levels. It was interesting as well as educational to be in the trenches promoting prevention strategies that contained the link between sexual activity, drug use, decision-making, and the connection to the risk of HIV infection. It was a difficult job, but we got it done. I take pride in that accomplishment and consider myself extremely fortunate to have had that experience. It was rewarding to make a difference and at the same time to learn lessons applicable to other threats to public health."

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RETIREMENT

In recognition of an amazing career at CDC, you are invited to attend a celebration honoring **Dr. James S. Marks**, Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), currently serving as the Acting Director of the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service.

Please join us at the **Koger Center, Columbia Building** in conference room 1064-65 on **Friday, November 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm** to wish Dr. Marks well as he takes on the next great adventure of his professional career. A reception will follow the program.

Dr. Marks will begin his new role as Senior Vice President and Director of the Health Group at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on December 1, 2004. Dr. Marks' leadership and commitment in growing NCCDPHP, as well as his recent guidance in the creation of the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service, has been unparalleled. With over 15 years of service to CDC, Dr. Marks has been instrumental in bringing the most important health issues to the forefront. His ability to advance issues such as obesity, tobacco control, and cancer prevention have led to a wealth of accomplishments. More importantly, Dr. Marks' leadership and grace have inspired many throughout CDC to understand what it means to be a visionary leader. He has led by example, engendering a sense of camaraderie and friendship that makes CDC the kind of place we all want to work.

If you know of others who might be interested in this announcement, please forward or circulate.

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#### Retirement of **Capt. Larry Edmonds**

Please join us in celebrating Larry's 30 years of distinguished service with the federal government. Currently, Larry is an Epidemiologist and Team Leader for the Birth Defects State Research Partnerships Team at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. After earning a BA in Biology from Drury College and a MSPH in Epidemiology from the University of Missouri, Larry has spent most of his 35 years tenure in public health working directly with state and local health departments. He started his public health career with the Missouri Division of Health where he served as health program representative, health educator, research associate, and field epidemiologist.

He joined CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1974 and has been working at CDC in the area of Birth Defects since that time. Larry has had a very productive career consulting with and advising state and local health departments and international health officials on development and implementation of reproductive outcome surveillance and epidemiologic investigation including the establishment of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network. He has also been heavily involved in research, reviewing and analyzing data collected through the national Birth Defects Monitoring Program, the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program, and the Centers for Birth Defects Research and Prevention for the genetic and environmental causes of birth defects, trends, geographic and temporal clustering, and significant changes in birth defect incidence.

Larry has authored/coauthored over 70 publications and received numerous awards in recognition of his high quality performance and products. Two of his most prestigious

awards are the 2003 National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Award and the 2004 Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

A Senior Public Health Advisor – Epidemiology Branch, GA Division of Public Health

Position Available: First Quarter, 2005

Appointment Type: Negotiable (assignment, detail, contract, direct hire)

This is a senior PHA-type position located in Georgia's Epidemiology Program. The incumbent reports to the Epidemiology Branch Director/State Epidemiologist, Dr. Paul Blake. Duties include:

1. Acting for the Branch Director in his absence
2. Overseeing the day-to-day nonscientific operations of the Branch
3. Assisting in developing and managing Branch budgets
4. Coordinating management operations in the Branch and with outside agencies
5. Serving as principal management officer for the Branch
6. Securing and managing grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts
7. Working with Branch Director and Section Chiefs to develop goals, objectives, and plans
8. Overseeing and advising on Branch personnel operations
9. Supporting Branch and Section operations (“and other duties as assigned”)
10. Developing innovative approaches for solving complex administrative problems

Flexibility and willingness to work are essential. Previous experience in state or local assignment is not mandatory, but it is highly desirable. Interested individuals should contact Mel Ralston.

SHARE- Services to Help All Regular Employees

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching and your SHARE will be working overtime to provide for those less fortunate! Each year SHARE organizes three major initiatives for the Holiday season. The initiatives are outlined below.

- ❖ Atlanta Food Drive - There will be food barrels placed throughout the CDC Atlanta campuses. These barrels should arrive on November 15 and will remain in place until early December.
- ❖ Mitten Tree - Coming soon to a CDC site near you! Trees will be erected throughout the CDC campuses. These trees will be trimmed with hats, gloves, mittens, etc. donated by CDC employees just like you! These items will be given to needy families. (Please only donate newly purchased items.)
- ❖ Joy Toy Campaign – This campaign supplies toys, clothes, etc. to children. The recipients of the Campaign are Tilson Elementary, DFACS, and for the third year we will be “taking care of our own”

by provide holiday cheer for children of fellow CDC employees that are experiencing hardship. CDC employees are encouraged to nominate fellow CDC employees that are experiencing hardship. All nominations will be handled as confidential. Please submit a brief summary and wish list. (Children should be 17 years or younger). You can also contact Lynette Benjamin to sponsor a child from Tilson Elementary and/or DFACS.

These initiatives are successful because of the caring and compassionate CDC employees, past and present. With your help, we can make this year the best year yet! Through these initiatives, we can all reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves.

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**Special 2-for-1 ASO Ticket Offer for our friends at the CDC!**

**Location: Atlanta Symphony Hall - Go to the Web link for more Info - tickets by phone or ASO Web site**

**Thursday, November 11, 2004**

**From: 08:00 PM To: 10:30 PM**

**Bravo! Hollywood Concert - A celebration of the greatest movie hits!**

**Saturday, November 27, 2004**

**From: 08:00 PM To: 10:30 PM**

**Location: Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall - Tickets \$41 -**

**Contact for reservations: Anthony McDonald - 404-498-3155**

**Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#bravo>**

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**CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ Emory University**

**Saturday, December 11, 2004**

**From: 08:00 PM To: 10:00 PM**

**Location: Schwartz Center for Performing Arts - \$16 adults - \$6 youth - Email**

**Charles Buxton for reservations**

**Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#celtic>**

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**Gospel Christmas (Featuring the ASO and the All Atlanta Chorus)**

**Location: Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall -**

**Saturday, December 04, 2004**

**From: 02:00 PM To: 04:00 PM**

**\$28 Tickets - Email Tony McDonald for reservations**

**Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#heaso>**

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**Kids' Holiday Christmas w/ Santa and Cookies!**

**Location: Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall -**

Sunday, December 12, 2004  
From: 03:30 PM To: 05:00 PM  
\$19 Tickets - Email Tony McDonald for reservations

Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#heaso>

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**A Very Merry Holiday Pops with the ASO!**

Location: Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall - \$34 Orchestra Tickets - Email  
Tony McDonald for reservations  
Sunday, December 19, 2004  
From: 02:00 PM To: 04:30 PM

Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/index.html>

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**ATLANTA BALLET'S NUTCRACKER a Holiday Tradition!**

Location: Fox Theatre - Tickets \$54 - use link for more info- Email Tony  
McDonald for reservations  
Sunday, December 19, 2004  
From: 02:00 PM To: 04:30 PM

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