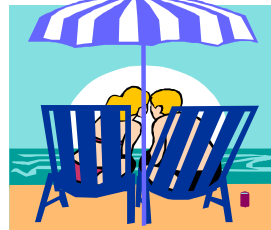




WATSONIAN NEWSLETTER July 5, 2007



Have a happy and **SAFE SUMMER!**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:
JULY 19, 2007 **3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.**
LOCATION: Roybal Campus, Bldg 1, Room 6106
Dial-in: 877-213-9251
Leader PC: 794789
Participant PC: 740797

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**The Watsonian Society Presents:**

**[CDC's PHA's & Dr. Gerberding](#)**

An open dialogue to discuss thoughts and issues pertaining to  
Public Health Advisors and CDC

All Public Health Advisors and other interested employees  
are welcome to attend.

A phone line will be established for domestic and international participation.

**When: July 12, 2007**

**Time: 3:30 - 5 PM EST**

**Where: Corporate Square, Bldg 8, Room 1AB**

**Please watch for the information on the phone line access in a future  
announcement.**

More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date, but we wanted to alert everyone to this coming visit. This event will be open to all CDC personnel and a *dial-in line will be provided for domestic and international field staff.*

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A Watsonian Society Sponsored Event

[The PHA History Project: An Update on Current Status](#)

DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 2007

TIME: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Clifton Rd, Campus Bldg 19, Auditorium B

Presentation by: PHA History Project Team

(Dr. Beth Meyerson, Jerry Naehr, & Fred Martich)

The PHA History Project completed 122 interviews associated with this project and has collected several hundred artifacts (photos, etc). The project team will be joining us to share current status, future plans and some Q&A.

More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date, but we wanted to alert everyone to this coming visit. This event will be open to all CDC personnel and a *dial-in line will be provided for domestic and international field staff*. Local area Watsonian Society retirees will be welcome to join us on campus.

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**The Banquet Date: Friday, September 28, 2007 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Place: Atlanta Marriott Century Center**

**2000 Century Center Boulevard NE Atlanta GA 30345**

**Speaker: Chet Richards, PhD Author "Certain to Win"**

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AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Another year gone by so soon...once again, it's time to submit your nominations for Outstanding PHA!

Recognize a PHA for the award! YOUR nominations are important.

2007 Watsonian Society Outstanding PHA Award - Call for Nominations

The attached nomination form, with information about your nominee, should be returned to [Marcia Brooks](#) /fax to 404-639-8960. The **deadline** for nominations is **close of business, July 31, 2007**. All nominations will be held in strictest confidence until the selection is made and announced. This year, in addition to the winner, we will also acknowledge all nominees, with a short description of their contribution to the mission of public health and the Watsonian Society.

REMINDER: Justification: **Narrative 250 words maximum.**

We have had exceptional nominees over the past 5 years, surely we will again this year. Thanks in advance for your participation in recognizing your much-to-be-admired colleagues!

To view our past winners:

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

The AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

: Awards Committee has 5 new members? We're complete now, with 10 members.

Harper, Darlene
Fletcher, Franklin (Joel)
Kokor, Valerie
Miner, Tim (Howard)
Studer, Craig

Chair: Marcia Brooks

Members Dawn Broussard, Lena Chatmon, Ali Danner, Jim Rifenburg

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**CONDOLENCES:**

Those who served in **Chicago STD Program** – will recall:

Louise,

I received a p/c from Rhondamarie Wheatley on June 14th informing me that **Juanita R. Anderson** had passed away and that her funeral was planned for Saturday, June 16, 2007 in Chicago. Pam and I had already made plans to go to Indiana for the weekend to celebrate Father's Day with our fathers, mothers and family. Ryan planned to drive there on Sunday morning to join us, as he was scheduled to work on Saturday at the Renaissance Hotel (Marriott) in Oak Brook, IL, where he is a supervisor (Renee is working in Alaska for the summer). In addition, our 35th Wedding Anniversary was on Sunday (06/17).

To say the least, I was relieved when Rhondamarie told me that Juanita's family had scheduled viewing for Friday, preceding the wake and funeral mass on Saturday. I was able to attend the viewing and I met one of Juanita's daughters and several of her sons and their wives. I was thankful to have had an opportunity to personally express my condolences to Juanita's family members. When I signed the Remembrance Book, I saw several familiar names of former co-workers, one in particular was that of Ernestine Matthews ( I understand she took a travel trip to Africa during the past year).

As you may recall, Juanita was selected by Bo Barrow/Thom Blakney, along with Pearl Nichols (P. J.), to join our staff at Cook County Hosp. when we began the GC-PID follow-up study there in early 1980. Those two were quite a dedicated and hard working pair.

As I'm sure you well remember, we spent long hours at "County" and I can recall many a night when Juanita would still be there in her office, across from mine, making "just one more" phone call in hopes of reaching that elusive GC positive teenage patient who had reported to the Adult Emergency Service with abdominal pain, vomiting, elevated temp., etc., was worked up by the ER Doc and sent home with oral meds. Juanita watched over her patients, just as she did her own children, with purpose. And, would she give them a motherly/grandmotherly "dose" of her own verbal medicine when she got them on the phone!! Whew!!!! Her "located" and "brought to treatment" rates were among the best in the City Program. She was an excellent health educator and communicator, especially with young woman. In addition, she was very devoted to her

family, in particular a daughter who was handicapped as a result of having had complications following a routine smallpox vaccination at a very young age. That daughter lived to be 32, well beyond what the medical profession expected. Love can do wonders!!

Occasionally, Juanita and I would butt heads, as she was very strong headed (a.k.a. stubborn) and a very determined person, and, as my "senior in age" (she was 80 when she passed away, God Bless her soul), she believed her way was always the best way, and I would sit and very, very patiently explain the virtues of my particular point of view and logically discuss the approach I expected her to take..... I tried my best to convert her to my way of thinking, and finally, when I eventually wore her down, she would turn to me with an impish grin, and say, "o.k., your the supervisor." I know damn well, the majority of the time she went ahead and did what she felt was best, but convinced me I was doing a good job providing leadership, direction and supervision.

I greatly admired her work ethic, tenacity, determination, faith in God, and that impish grin. One time, Pam went along with me when I was volunteering on one of the "screening vans" up north and Pam helped out by registering patients, etc. Pam remarked on the way home how she enjoyed working beside "Mrs. Anderson," as she was so professional, and could effectively talk w/ all types of patients, and they really listened and paid attention to her. That was Mrs. Anderson, alright!! She demanded you pay attention to her.

When Juanita retired, I was working for you at 13th St. I attended her luncheon and spoke on behalf of you, CDC, and the City of Chicago. I know she was pleased to receive the recognition and proud of her accomplishments. I recall now, as I said then, that every patient she encountered received the best that Juanita had to offer, and that they were lucky that she was the health professional assigned to them. She was like a dog on a bone...and wouldn't let go until she was satisfied the right thing had been done.

Juanita's obituary stated she was born on March 7, 1927, was a 1946 (the year I was born) graduate of Evanston Township H.S., was married to Major Anderson, who, along with two daughters, preceded her in death. She and her husband raised nine children. She was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and the City of Chicago. She was an active member of St. Margaret of Scotland's Catholic Church, and, "she supported the efforts and endeavors of St. Margaret's and the surrounding community with great joy." She was an active member of the Chicago Urban League Women's Division for over 20 years, and Vice President for the past 3 years. Juanita's program concludes with the words, "It is All in Divine Order."

As I did with the passing of Jean Richard, I thought I would share this information with you regarding Juanita, as she was an important part of our "Team" at CCH and a dedicated employee of the City of Chicago.

With Sincere Regards, and Best Wishes to you and your family.

Have a great summer !!

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Clayton G. Koher  
Regional Representative  
NCEH/ATSDR, CDC  
Region 5/Chicago

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Those who served in the **Los Angeles STD Program** will recall: Miko WAKABAYASHI
Dear Friends and Colleagues,
As many of you know, our dear friend **Miko** died peacefully in her sleep on June 11.
After living in East LA for more than 50 years it was very hard for her to leave so much
behind and move to Sacramento in late 2005. The big plus was the loving care she got
from her daughter Kei and grandson Kevin. As recently as February 2006 this feisty little
lady planned to "...start walking daily so that I can maybe take a ballroom dancing class."
In May, Kei wrote that Miko's health had been on a steady decline, averaging one week
in the hospital each month since the start of 2007; each time for something different than
the previous visit.
According to plan and in keeping with her family's wishes, Miko went into hospice care at
her daughter's home--where she wanted to be.

Please make a note of this date:
JULY 21, 2007 -- 10:30 AM
There will be a service for Miko "near Japanese Town" in Los Angeles.
(Specifics to follow--soon)
Thanks,
Bart

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

Appointment of James W. Stephens, Ph.D., Associate Director for Science

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **James W. Stephens, Ph.D.**, as CDC's  
Associate Director for Science (ADS), effective June 24, 2007. Dr. Stephens, who has  
served as the Acting ADS for CDC since July 2006, received his Doctorate of Philosophy  
degree in chemistry from Rice University in 1989 under the mentorship of the Nobel  
Laureate Dr. Robert F. Curl, Jr.

Dr. Stephens joined CDC in 1992 as a research chemist at the National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Morgantown, West Virginia, where he  
conducted research on the physical and chemical characterization of respirable particles  
and their role in occupational disease. In 1999, he moved to Atlanta as a senior scientist  
in the NIOSH Office of the Director, and in 2004 he was appointed as the NIOSH ADS.  
Dr. Stephens has represented NIOSH on the CDC Excellence in Science Committee  
since 1999 and has participated in developing many CDC science policies. He has kept  
a very full schedule, collaborating on peer reviews, science awards, research agenda  
planning, and scientific quality of evidence reviews.

Among his many contributions, Dr. Stephens was instrumental in planning for the establishment of the CDC Office of Public Health Research, and in 2005, he chaired a work group that developed the first draft of the CDC Healthy Workplaces Goal. As CDC's Acting ADS, he has chaired CDC's Excellence in Science Committee and provided leadership on a number of issues, including scientific peer review and quality of evidence for CDC guidelines.

We are fortunate to have this opportunity to make Dr. Stephens a permanent member of CDC's leadership. Please join me in congratulating him as he assumes even greater responsibilities.

Tanja Popovic, MD, PhD, F(AAM), AM(AAFS)  
Chief Science Officer

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I am very pleased to announce the appointment of **Leslie Lenert**, M.D., M.S., as Director of CDC's National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI) in the Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service (CCHIS). In this new role, Dr. Lenert will provide critical leadership in the application of information, computer science, and technology to improve public health practice, research, and learning.

Most recently, Dr. Lenert was a Professor of Medicine at the UC Medical School - San Diego. He also concurrently held positions as the Director, Health Services Research Unit, Veterans Administration - San Diego Healthcare System, and Associate Director, San Diego Division, California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (CallT2).

Dr. Lenert is a prolific author with more than 90 peer-reviewed scientific publications and book chapters on a wide range of topics, including internal medicine, health services research, and information technology. He has served on the Editorial Board of four leading medical informatics journals, and is on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Informatics Association. He has been the principal investigator for many federal research grants, including the Wireless Internet Information System for Medical Response in Disasters (WIISARD). WIISARD is one of the National Library of Medicine's leading projects at the intersection of medical science, wireless communications, and information technology.

Dr. Lenert has other prestigious memberships and affiliations, too numerous to list here. He will begin his duties at CDC on July 23rd. I know that I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Lenert and his appointment as CDC's Director of the NCPHI.

I extend to Dr. Bob Martin deep appreciation for his remarkable contributions to NCPHI during his tenure as Acting Director. His wisdom and steady guidance have been tremendous assets, not only to NCPHI, but also to the CCHIS. We are fortunate to have had the benefit of his great experience.

Steven L. Solomon, M.D.
Director, Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service
Captain, USPHS

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I am pleased to announce the selection of **Galen P. Carver, M.S.**, as the new director of the Atlanta Human Resources Center (AHRC). He will begin this assignment June 24, 2007.

Mr. Carver has 25 years of Federal service, and he is currently serving as the Chief Management Official for CDC's Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. Before joining HHS, he worked for the U.S. Navy for 23 years, advancing to the position of Executive Director/Senior Civilian for Navy Region Southeast.

Mr. Carver has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since February 2005. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University, and a Master of Science degree in Management from Troy State University.

I extend a very special thank you to Gwendolyn Caison for serving as acting director of AHRC since April 1, 2007. Ms. Caison will assist Mr. Carver with the transition to his new position.

I welcome Mr. Carver to this position and look forward to working with him as he brings new leadership to the Atlanta Human Resources Center. I know that I can count on your support of Mr. Carver as he assumes this vital position at CDC/ATSDR. Please join me in welcoming him.

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

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MEMBER NEWS:

Willis Forrester announces the birth of his fifth grandson, Carson Scott Forrester on June 15. Parents are John and Jeannie Forrester of Evans, GA. I went to see him and of course a proud Granddad just has to brag on what a fine young guy he is. He's really a cutie and I got to hold him quite a bit without breaking anything. :)
Willis Forrester (Ret.)

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**TRANSFERS/PROMOTIONS:**

**Regina Gore**, DTBE FSEB has transferred from her Kentucky TB duty station to become a program consultant for Field services and Evaluation Branch headquarters. This move was effective June 18, 2007.

**Al Forbes** DTBE FSEB has transferred from his Miami Florida TB position to become a program consultant for Field services and Evaluation Branch headquarters. This move was effective June 18, 2007.

**Ted Misselbeck**, DTBE FSEB has transferred from his Tennessee TB position to join the Houston TX, TB Program. This move took effect on June 25, 2007.

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SPECIAL NEWS:

First-Ever Dixie Snider Fellowship Awarded
Last year marked CDC's first-ever **Dixie E. Snider Fellowship**. Monica Swahn, PhD, who serves as deputy associate director for science in the Office on Smoking and Health, NCCDPHP, was named the first Dixie E. Snider Fellowship recipient. The year-long fellowship offers CDC scientists the opportunity to rotate throughout the Office of

the Chief Science Officer (OCSO), plus gain critical knowledge about the agency's scientific operations from a senior management perspective.

"I used to work in one office and one division where one gets to work on one specific topic," said Swahn. "But here, I get to look across the agency at the similarities and differences of scientific policies and how they work really well in some places and not in others," she added.

Swahn has spent most of her fellowship serving as a liaison between OCSO and the Office of Strategy and Innovation in support of the goals process. She has also assisted OCSO's Office of Public Health Research on activities related to the CDC guide Advancing the Nation's Health: A Guide to Public Health Research Needs, 2006-2015, the organizational excellence assessment, and other cross-cutting projects.

The fellowship is named in honor of former Chief Science Officer Dixie E. Snider, Jr., MD, MPH, who retired from CDC last June after 33 years of service. "It is my hope that the recipients of this fellowship will gain new knowledge and skills, grow in wisdom and character, and have challenging and enjoyable experiences so that they will be better able to contribute to furthering CDC's mission," said Snider.

If Swahn's views are any indication, the experience for future Dixie Snider fellows will be an invaluable one. "Professionally, the fellowship has allowed me to learn from some of the best and brightest in administration, science, and research," says Swahn. "Knowing more about planning research not only for CDC but actually promoting an agenda or research guide for the entire nation .what's not to like," she added.

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**RETIREMENTS:**

**Betty Boulter** will be retiring on July 31, 2007. In a mix of celebration (for her) and sadness (for us) we are planning a retirement dinner party for her on the evening of July 12 during the DTBE 11th semi-annual TBESC meeting. Betty began her Federal career in 1972 as an officer trainee for the US Air Force (USAF) in San Antonio, Texas. This was followed by work with city, local, and state governments as well as with a private non-profit in the Department of Labor. She returned to the federal government in 1980 and worked with the USDA Forest Service in Atlanta (1980-81), the USAF at Warner Robbins (1981-84), and the Procurement and Grants Office at the CDC (1984-2001).

Betty joined the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) in December 2001. Her accomplishments during her time with DTBE have been phenomenal! She has played a key role in every aspect of building the Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium from 1 study to the 17 studies that it has launched to date. She has provided significant input and assistance in all contractual matters related to awarding well over 100 contracts. She has also provided critical guidance on the consortium's infrastructure, budgetary, and scientific requirements. Betty's incredible knowledge, experience, and dedication have allowed us to be successful. It is hard to imagine the TBESC without her. She has worked very closely with me and almost all of you and I know that we will all miss her! The attached file includes more details on Betty's interesting career.

Please join us in celebrating Betty's career and accomplishments with a dinner at La Grotta Ristorante Ravinia on July 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm (cost: \$45/person).



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Ms. Ann Barber will retire from CDC after 33 years of distinguished service in the Division of Parasitic Diseases. She began her career as a biologist working in research on malaria immunology, vector-parasite interactions, and primate malaria. She then became interested in malaria prevention and travelers health, and since the early 1990s has provided travel information and advice on malaria to many thousands of individuals. She has also provided key technical support to the US Malaria Surveillance System, and has been the CDC expert advisor to Blood Banks on malaria issues. Her last day of service will be Friday June 29. Although she has requested that there be no special event marking her departure, friends and colleagues are welcome to send their best wishes by email or to Mailstop F-22.

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**Retirement of Crystal Gresham**

After a distinguished 23 years of dedicated federal service. Her federal career began in 1976 in Sigonella, Sicily as a Sale Store Checker with the U.S. Navy Commissary. From the moment her federal career began, she realized how much she enjoyed working with a diversity of people and they all remember her by her warm smile.

Crystal followed her husband's career overseas as a military spouse over the next few years while she worked as a Clerk Typist with the U.S. Navy Hospital, Dental Department and a Secretary with the U.S. Navy Hospital, Nursing Department in Naples, Italy; and also as a Supply Clerk with the U.S Navy in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 1987 her family moved back to the U.S. where she worked as a Program Clerk with the Veteran's Administration until she became employed as a Secretary in the Surveillance and Program Branch (SPB), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) at CDC. Crystal also coordinated a number of holiday parties in which she caught on tape during her employment with SPB/NCEH.

She has enjoyed working in administration and spent the past 18 years working in NCEH also employed as a Statistical Assistant, a Staff Specialist, and a Management and Program Analyst.

Over the length of her federal career, Crystal has served as an EEO Counselor, a volunteer, supporting the Reading Program and Olympic Days at Tilson Elementary School in Decatur; and mentoring several support staff.

She has received numerous awards and recognition for her exemplary service in administration; her exceptional knowledge in remedying solution to problems, and her initiative in saving and reducing cost in several areas of Branch's operation.

She's a life time member of Blacks in Government (BIG) and member of Society of Government meeting Professional (SGMP).

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) seeks a Research Associate II (RA II) to contribute to multiple research, technical assistance, policy development, and programmatic teams depending on scope of work.

The Center*s current scope of work includes health care access, health insurance, child health and child policy, school health, long-term care, cancer, community health system

development, public health systems, and Medicaid. The RA II works primarily in the Center's three main areas of focus: health services research, health program design, implementation, and evaluation, and health policy development.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- * Serves as a project coordinator and supports the management of grants and contracts
- * Provides a range of technical assistance
- * Facilitates group meetings
- * Contributes to the research team and the development of creative solutions to health policy issues
- * Conducts literature reviews, performs qualitative and/or quantitative data analysis and contributes to the analytic plan
- * Drafts reports, abstracts, briefing papers, presentations, and other research-related communications.
- * Reports on GHPC projects to build key stakeholder awareness through accepted communications channels
- * Builds relationships with external stakeholders including legislators, community leaders, and academicians
- * Attends meetings and represents the GHPC at conferences and national meetings
- * Serves as a mentor to Research Associates

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in health policy, health management, public health, public policy or business administration and one year experience or Bachelor's degree and three years experience or Ph.D. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellence in Participatory and Team-Oriented Interaction, Presentation skills, Research design, Project management, Evaluation techniques, Group facilitation, Networking and writing skills, Ability to speak Spanish and interest in community-based participatory research desired. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply for this position on-line by submitting an application, cover letter, resume and list of three references through Georgia State University Human Resources website (www.gsu.edu) refer to Job Posting # 0600058. The position is open until filled. Georgia State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwhre/employment/research.htm>

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The **SHARE** Membership Drive is now underway. The membership period will run from June 2007 - January 2009; members will receive 6 months free! The fee is \$5.00.

If you would like to join or renew your membership, please contact Sherrie Deyette 404-639-8045 or Daphanie Johnson in DHAP.

If you are not familiar with SHARE and wish additional information, please go to <http://intranet.cdc.gov/share/index.html>.