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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

To My Fellow Watsonians- this marks my final Presidential Notes submission, and I must say that being your President has been a positive experience. I don't have departing words of grandeur, but just wanted to say thank you for your support. I've enjoyed my term, and I look forward to supporting Franklin in his Presidency. I'm also eagerly anticipating the intense competition between states vying for my Presidential library.

Best of luck to all of you, and please accept my sincere wishes for a safe and happy holiday season for you and your families.

See you next year, Ted

Thank you to **all of the executive committee** who made this year a memorable one!

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Here is our 2008 slate:

- President-** Franklin Fletcher
- Pres-elect-** Valerie Kokor
- Treasurer-** Bob Kohmescher
- Recorder-** Stacy Harper
- Field Staff Rep-** Robert Johnson
- Retiree Rep-** Susan Shaw

Congratulations to the new members and we expect a great year ahead!

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**December 20, 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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WATSONIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

When: Friday, December 7, 2007

Where: Famous Pub in Toco Hills shopping center, Atlanta, GA

Time: 5:00 – until...

Cost: tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door ♦ see the ticket sellers list for your favorite ticket sales person!

Come join your fellow Watsonian members for a good time and some holiday cheer... That includes family and friends. Feel lucky on door prizes, see old friends, and make new ones it is a great time for all!

SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES- here is an example: Our final door prize of the evening will be a 3 bedroom **Florida Beach House** for 2 nights and 3 days. The house is on the St. Joe Beach, and comes with a 1-hour plane ride along the beach front the time- early spring. **You must be present to win, so don't miss this fabulous opportunity.**

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### COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

When you change your network/ email please send an update email to **Rita Varga:** so you will not lose your communication link to the WATSONIAN NEWS.

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Reminder from the TREASURER:

Watsonian Society dues are payable during the first quarter of the calendar year. If you have questions about your dues status, please contact Kathryn Koski, WS Treasurer.

Full member dues are \$15 per year or \$40 for 3 years. Associate member dues are \$6



per year or \$15 for 3 years.

Dues payments should be submitted to the [Watsonian Society, PO Box 95032, Atlanta, GA 30347-0032.](#)

Complete dues and payment information can be found on our website at <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/join.htm>. Please visit the site to update your membership information as well.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

With sadness in our hearts - We announce- **Bill Watson's wife, Margie Watson** has passed away  
Family-Placed Death Notice

**MARGIE CHAPMAN WATSON** Margie Chapman Watson, age 77, of Atlanta passed away on November 17th, 2007, after suffering from Alzheimers for many years and more recently from lung cancer. She was born in Hartsville, South Carolina to the late Charlie D. Chapman and Pauline G. Chapman and graduated from Hartsville High School. She moved to Columbia, South Carolina where she met and married her devoted husband of over 56 years, **William C. Watson, Jr.**

The family moved to Atlanta in 1957. She worked for Piedmont Orthopedics, the United States Census Bureau and the Atlanta Regional Planning Commission. She served as the President of the Emory Auxiliary, and the US Public Health Service Women's Club. She and her family lived on Mason Woods Drive for over 40 years where she was active in the Mason Woods Garden Club. She loved to garden and spend time outdoors. Their garden was a showplace thanks to her time and energy. Her husband served as the Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control for many years and Margie delighted in entertaining his colleagues, dignitaries, and their many friends. She was well known as a warm, gracious and outstanding hostess. She enjoyed cooking and always lovingly prepared the food and arranged the flowers for her parties. She loved to experiment in the kitchen. When she and Bill traveled to India during the smallpox eradication campaign, she studied Indian cooking. Through the CDC Foundation Margie and Bill endowed the Watson Medal of Excellence for outstanding leadership at CDC. She and Bill traveled extensively both for pleasure and through his work. They enjoyed the three months they lived in India, traveled to Bangladesh, Kenya, Thailand, Malaysia, South America, the Caribbean and Canada. Family was extremely important to Margie and she started the tradition of Sunday evening family suppers. This tradition continues today and is very important to everyone in the family. Margie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her three grandchildren brought so much joy to her life. Even in the late stages of Alzheimers, she managed to smile and appreciated her two great grandchildren's visits. Throughout her illness she remained gracious and sweet, handling the situation with her usual good natured spirit.

In addition to her husband, Margie will be missed tremendously by her daughter, Karen W. Rowles and son-in-law Thomas A. Rowles of Decatur, her son William C. Watson, III (Bill) of Atlanta, grandchildren Kelli Davis and her husband Wade Davis, Andrew J. Rowles and his new bride Chaffraix Rowles, Katherine Ann Rowles all of Decatur, great-grandchildren Haley and Kyle Davis, brother Howard Chapman and his wife Bessie, brother Raymond Chapman and his wife Retha all of Hartsville, S.C., in-laws Katie Macon, Anthony and Keturah Watson, Zack and Peggy Watson of Marion, S. C., her niece who was like her sister Ann Brown of Atlanta, and many nieces and nephews and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her brother Harry Chapman and his wife Lucille of Hartsville. She was a longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta...The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimers Association 1925 Century Blvd., Atlanta, Georgia 30345, Plymouth

Harbor day program for memory impaired adults at Central Congregational United Church of Christ 2676 Clairmont Road, Atlanta 30329, or the charity of one's choice.

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Dupree Louis Gunter Jr. an old friend and PHA colleague.

Born November 4, 1930 in (New Brooklyn) West Columbia, S.C. to Dupree Louis (D.L.) Gunter, Sr. and Louise Dunlop-Gunter. He passed away November 21, 2007, due to complications of COPD and heart failure.

Loving husband to his wife of 29 years, Joan Harvey Gunter, and devoted father to his beloved children Cindy McMicken, Michael Gunter, Lonnie Gunter, Rick Gunter, and Wendy Lint. He was also the proud grandfather to eight lovely grandchildren and brother to Nancy Shurmard. His brother Donald Gunter precedes him in death.

D.L. was an honor graduate of both Brooklyn-Casey HS, and of the University of South Carolina. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. At age 16, he served as a youth pastor at West Columbia Baptist Church.

In 1951, he was recruited by the U.S. Department of Health-Center for Disease Control as a case finder for the twin scourges of syphilis and gonorrhea. In 1975, the WHO (World Health Organization) drafted Gunter to Bangladesh as an expert in communicable disease control in its worldwide campaign to eradicate smallpox. He continued his distinguished career as Chief of Venereal Disease Control for the State of California. After retiring, he returned to work as a consultant for the State of California AIDS Commission and later the State Department of Health Services.

He will be remembered as a humble humanitarian; a quiet hero full of wisdom, kindness, and love. His favorite pastimes included gardening, the love of animals, and movies. His favorite snack was Cheez-Its. D.L. had a great sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and always a twinkle in his eyes. His generosity, thoughtfulness, consideration, along with his acts of service to mankind though out his life, was truly unique and left a beautiful legacy for family and friends.. Donations in memorial may be made to the Orangevale SDA Church.

Quote from a friend "He may not have been an eight-foot tall basketball player who earns a million dollars a year, but D.L. Gunter was a hero any day of the week."

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## **MEMBER NEWS**

**Darlene Turner-Harper** has accepted a promotional position, GS-13 Senior PHA with CCID, NCHHSTP, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services starting November 25, 2007, I will be working in Jefferson City, MO

**Dave Crowder** has turned his TDY into a permanent move. Dave left NCHSTP/TB to join the Biophusion project at the National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases.

**Kim Seechuk** has transferred to NCHSTP Tuberculosis Elimination Program and relocated to Washington DC . Kim just completed a TDY with the Global AIDS Program (GAP), serving as the Acting Deputy Director for GAP-Tanzania.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Mr. Gimson and I are pleased to announce that Mr. **Joe Henderson** has agreed to serve as CDC's acting Chief Operating Officer during Bill's four-month tour in Iraq. Mr. Henderson comes to us from New York State, where he is the CDC Senior Management Official for a program that he helped pioneer for CDC. In that capacity, he has provided strategic oversight of CDC resources valuing over approximately \$550 million annually, established key linkages with public health leaders in the state, and ensured a coordinated response for CDC during public health emergencies.

Previously, Mr. Henderson served as Director of CDC's Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. He was a trusted member of my Executive Team, handling responsibility for all of CDC's public health emergency preparedness and response activities, including management of a \$2.3 billion budget. In the aftermath of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent anthrax attacks, Mr. Henderson served as the Deputy Director of CDC's Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program. During his 17 years with CDC, he has also served as Director of the New York State Department of Health's Immunization Program, as Southeast Regional Consultant for the National Immunization Program, and as Team Leader for the National Immunization Registry Initiative.

Mr. Henderson spent more than 9 years in the United States Air Force (USAF), where he managed a number of preventive medicine programs and supported the USAF's medical response to nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare. Mr. Henderson also retains an academic appointment at the Harvard University School of Public Health, where he supports public health leadership development. He has a Masters Degree from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wilmington College.

In addition to these outstanding qualifications, I have worked closely with Joe for several years. He is an experienced and gifted leader with a passion for public health. He will be working closely with Bill and the Management Council during the next several weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

Bill and I value the very generous support we've received from people across CDC who indicated their commitment to assisting with CDC's operations while Bill volunteers in Iraq. I know Joe will appreciate a warm welcome and all you can do to help him succeed as the acting Chief Operating Officer.

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

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CDC.GOV WINS AWARD

Congratulations to the CDC.gov Council, work groups/communities of practice, Web staff and contractors across the Agency, the CDC.gov Team, and the NCHM's Division of eHealth Marketing who have worked hard and collaborated on CDC.gov to create such an engaging, interactive, and informative health resource for our global and diverse audiences!

CDC.gov is the public face of CDC and for many people their only interaction with CDC is through our Web site. Your dedication to improving the content organization and usability of the site, enhancing the currency and accuracy of our health information, coordinating across topics and organizational structure, and exploring new media and technologies is essential to fulfilling our public health mission.

Earlier this month, CDC.gov was recognized as one of the best-designed general consumer health sites by eHealthcare Strategy & Trends, a leading Internet publication and online resource. Overall, the publication awarded CDC.gov with two 2007 eHealthcare Leadership Awards — a silver in the Best Site Design and a finalist award for the eHealth Organizational Commitment competitions.

CDC.gov was in good company in the Best Site Design category. MayoClinic.com won platinum, and revolutionhealth.com won gold in the General Consumer Health Site category.

The eHealth Organizational Commitment award recognizes an organization's commitment to using the Internet and technology to help achieve the organization's mission and strategic business objectives.

The eHealthcare Leadership Awards are judged by an independent panel of experts familiar with health care and the Internet. This year, more than 1,100 entries in 12 award categories were rated based on a standard of Internet excellence and how they compared with others in their group classification.

For more information on the eHealthcare Leadership Awards, visit <http://www.strategichealthcare.com/awards/index.php> <<http://www.strategichealthcare.com/awards/index.php>> or contact Janice Nall at 404.498.2242.

Again Congratulations!

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Georgia Volunteers are "Prepared to Serve" ***CDC Connects Inside Story*** - 11/7/2007

On this Veteran's Day, we highlight three CDC staff , **Barbara Meek, BS, EMT-P**, (McKing Consulting Corp.), CCHIS/OD: William (Bill) McShane, PhD, (Battelle), NCEH/ATSDR: and William E. (Bill) Pamplin, MA, (Northrop Grumman Corporation) CCID/OD/SSPU, who volunteer with the Georgia State Defense Force (GSDF). The GSDF is a little known group of volunteers who often train and serve along side the National Guard and have a huge personal commitment to help their fellow citizens and the State of Georgia when called upon by the Governor.

The GSDF mission is to "provide an organized trained, disciplined, rapid response volunteer force to assist state and local government agencies and civilian relief organizations during impending or actual emergencies to assure the welfare and safety of the citizens of Georgia." There's no salary attached to the GSDF. It's strictly a specialized volunteer group of committed people. The organization is made up of professionals (lawyers, doctors, nurses, military retirees, teachers, etc.) and everyday citizens, including moms and dads on a mission. Although many of the members have prior military service, prior military experience is not a requirement to join.

#### “Freedom Isn’t Free” Notes Barbara Meek

Meek says, “We are all about service and having a desire to help out should Georgians face a threat of natural disasters or terroristic activities. On many occasions, however, we are called upon to be a part of the good times, like providing assistance to the families as their loved ones return home after lengthy deployments.” Meek, a retired CDC Public Health Advisor (PHA), returned to CDC some time ago to support activities in the EOC, COTPER and, more recently, as a senior management consultant to Steve Solomon, MD, director, CCHIS. Although her “day job” is very stimulating, she finds tremendous satisfaction in sharing her time and talents as the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) of the 911th Support Command.

With Veteran’s Day coming up, Meek shares a story about a situation which unfolded at the VA eye clinic. An elderly, sight-challenged WWII veteran was becoming restless because it was taking so long to see the physician. One of the clinic staff, obviously frazzled and short-tempered, said to him in a curt tone, “what do you expect for free service - if you want quicker service, you need to go to a private clinic and pay for it.” The veteran blurted out, “Free! Let me tell you something. I paid for this service by spending 4 years in a POW camp in the South Pacific.” At that point, the 20 or so folks in the waiting area came to their feet, cheered and applauded. The embarrassed employee disappeared behind the reception window, and the physician himself came out and escorted this spunky veteran to the exam room. Meek learned later that the patient’s blindness was brought on by beatings he had received as a POW. Being a veteran herself and coming from a family of WWII and Vietnam veterans, Meek felt so proud of that gentleman for reminding everyone in earshot on that particular day that “Freedom isn’t Free.”

Meek works closely with Colonel Noel Bambrough, commander, 911th Support Command, to ensure the well-being of the troops and make certain the unit’s missions are successfully carried out whether it is to augment the National Guard or to respond to the needs of the community. Meek admits she is a people-person, and one of her favorite duties is taking care of her troops. Her prior military service as combat medic and her career as a CDC PHA, working the frontlines to combat STDs, TB, and HIV prepared her to handle the many varied situations she encounters when helping lead the 911th Support Command.

#### William McShane Recalls Role after Hurricane Katrina

McShane works with the Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch works for Dan Paschal, PhD, and supports chemical terrorism emergency response and technology transfer to state public health laboratories. McShane said he heard about the GSDF a few years ago when Clark Howard mentioned it on his radio program. Facing a personal tragedy and a strong need to do more for his country after 9/11, he looked into the organization.

“After so many had lost so much in 2001,” McShane explains, “who better to serve, than me?” Major McShane’s job in the GSDF is serving as S-3 (operations, planning and training responsibilities) for 911th Support Command. He makes certain the commander’s intent and all operations are successfully executed and completed. McShane also works closely with Meek to make sure that the troops receive timely, high quality training needed to successfully complete their missions.

“I guess it made sense and finally came together for me during Katrina,” McShane continued. He shares some of his personal experiences with the hurricane’s aero-

medical evacuation and why joining GSDF was the right decision for him. "We were heavily engaged at Dobbins Air Reserve Base unloading plane-loads of the elderly from nursing homes and hospitals. Some were on battery-powered life support."

McShane remembers talking to a young lady on a stretcher whose story was particularly tragic. She was the sole caregiver to her infant nephew and went out to get food and water. She left the infant in a safe place rather than trying to carry the baby through the flood water. She only remembered waking up on a stretcher in different clothes and being placed on a C-130. "Somewhere in New Orleans, Louisiana, there was a helpless infant that no one knew about," said McShane. "And so many of the elderly didn't even know their names, or what was wrong with them, and they had no medical records. One helpless older man was completely naked and clutched a military blanket. In some small way, we were able to help those poor people, although tragically not the lost infant," McShane said.

Increasingly, as the US Army is being stretched, volunteers like McShane are being called upon to help the National Guard in administration, emergency operation centers and line units. It all contributes to supporting local units and the people of the State of Georgia. McShane's prior experience as a US Naval Sea Cadet officer and 28 years of industrial experience (training personnel ranging from production floor workers to vice president, as well as planning and executing a wide variety of scientific and industrial projects) have allowed him to apply his knowledge and skills well to CDC and the GSDF.

**William Pamplin: Vietnam Vet Carries on Family Tradition of Service**

Pamplin, a Northrop Grumman Information Technology contractor, works in the Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases (CCID) Informatics Office with Sara Thrift, MLIS, Information Management Team Lead, where he supports web development and knowledge management. First Lieutenant Pamplin is a Vietnam-era veteran who served with the US Army Special Forces where he received training as both medical and communications specialist. Just as his father and grandfather served before him, he was proud to serve with the US Army and likewise enjoys his service with the Georgia State Defense Force.

Sharing added thoughts about Katrina, Pamplin explains that the Georgia State Defense Force was a major contributor of manpower during the massive Hurricane Katrina evacuation efforts two years ago. He recalls working with one of several triage teams at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. He was assigned to help collect and organize medical information from evacuees who had been injured and were in need of further medical care. While interviewing a severely cut and bandaged young man, he learned that the man's brother had also been evacuated but the two had become separated.

"I knew what I had to do" says Pamplin. "I assigned one of my fellow soldiers to stay with the man and went searching. I felt extremely lucky when I found the uninjured brother in a nearby airplane hangar. I explained to him that I needed to get him together with his brother and we went back to the triage area."

After completing the interview and helping the two men onto a bus, Pamplin recalls telling the brothers: "No matter what: you two stay together and take care of each other!" Pamplin goes on to say "I'll never forget the look on their faces as they departed for the hospital"

Pamplin first learned of the GSDF several years ago through friends and joined because he "wanted more of an opportunity to serve my community and the State of Georgia." Pamplin currently works with Captain Eddie Williams in the GSDF Public Affairs Office.



His responsibilities include coverage and participation in frequent headquarters and 1st Brigade community missions. He also manages and publishes the Georgia State Defense Force website, which helps prospective GSDF soldiers learn how everyday citizens can assist the state and its local government agencies.

When ordered by the Adjutant General of Georgia, Lieutenant General David Poythress, the GSDF performs a variety of missions for the National Guard including family support, legal assistance, medical support, crowd control, security, and technical assistance in a variety of areas including communications, emergency support, as well as in other specialized areas. Some of the most notable missions were the support for the G8 Summit, Georgia National Guard/Georgia Emergency Management Agency's responses to the four Florida/Georgia hurricanes in 2004, and the aero-medical evacuation of New Orleans and Texas after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Are you ready to serve?" reads the bright red brochure for Georgia volunteers. And on the sleeve of the uniform is "Parati Severe," which is Latin for "prepared to serve." Thanks to people like Meek, McShane, and Pamplin, the GSDF is ready.  
This Inside Story by Judi Kanne.

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RETIREMENTS:

The Environmental Health Services Branch will be hosting a retirement reception honoring **CAPT Dan Harper**, for years of service at CDC / ATSDR and other duty stations with USPHS.

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After 36 years of Federal Government Service, **Tom Reynolds** is retiring on January 3, 2008.

Tom began his federal service in the United States Air Force in 1971. In 1975, he became a civilian with the United States Army. He came to CDC in 2004 where he led planning for emergency response.

He started in the Coordinating Office for Terrorism, Preparedness, and Emergency Response (COTPER), Division of Emergency Response (DEO), as the Plans, Training, Information and Exercise Team Lead. He has had lengthy experience in the emergency management area, including seven years with FEMA Region IV's Radiological Preparedness Division and as Operations Section Chief for the Regional Response Coordination Center for numerous responses. He is also a 20 year veteran Volunteer Fire Department firefighter and Line Officer. Tom has been a key member of the Division of Emergency Operations at CDC for three years, and has led the development of CDC response planning and the extensive exercise program. Tom has been a mentor to many in the area of emergency response. He has been an outstanding supervisor, colleague, and dedicated emergency response professional. Tom will be retiring to Hilton Head, SC.

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Dr. Corinne Husten is retiring after almost 15 years of federal service. Corinne received her MD degree from the Georgetown University School of Medicine and her MPH in epidemiology from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. After years in private practice as a Family Physician she entered the Cancer Prevention Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute where she completed important research in the field of tobacco cessation. She joined CDC in 1993 as a Medical Epidemiologist in the Epidemiology Branch of the Office on Smoking and Health (OSH).

Corinne has assembled an incomparable record of accomplishment in the field of tobacco control generally, and tobacco cessation in particular. Over the decade and a half Corinne served with OSH she made broad contributions in the epidemiology and evaluation of tobacco use, control, and the impact of smoking and other forms of tobacco use on population health. Most specifically, she established herself as a national authority in tobacco cessation science and served on a variety of scientific and advisory boards - most notably the Public Health Service Guidelines for treating tobacco use and dependence. In addition to her authorship of numerous peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and technical guidance manuals she also contributed to several Surgeon General reports on smoking and health and in 2006, while acting as the Director of OSH, she was instrumental in guiding the completion and publication of the impact report on the health effects of second-hand smoke.

Beyond her vast knowledge of the tobacco field, and her rigorous commitment to the science and practice of public health, she is an extraordinary mentor and supportive colleague.

Corinne will be moving to Washington D.C. when her tenure with CDC ends on December 29, 2007, to begin work with **Partnership for Prevention** as their **Vice President for Policy Development**.

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**Dr. Jim Myrick** is retiring January 3, 2008, after almost 32 years of federal service. Jim received his doctorate in biochemistry in 1976 from the University of Alabama in Birmingham following a stint with the U.S. Army in West Germany. He began his CDC career in 1978 after completing a National Research Council Post-Doctoral Associateship at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. At NASA, Jim developed methods of biochemical analysis for Spacelab One and was nominated to a Space Shuttle astronaut position. "But," he says, "NASA was wise enough not to choose someone who was nearly blind! This was in an era long before LASIK surgery could fix extreme myopia!"

When he first came to CDC, Jim worked in the Endocrinology Laboratory/Clinical Biochemistry Branch/Clinical Chemistry Division/Bureau of Laboratories—now NCEH's Division of Laboratory Sciences (DLS). He has been involved in many scientific and management endeavors and has published numerous papers, book chapters, and abstracts. For example, his team published the national reference method for serum digoxin, the first—and only—radioimmunoassay reference method accepted by the National Reference System for Clinical Chemistry. He was involved in improving analytical methods for measuring serum proinsulin C-peptide, fibrinogen, alpha-2-macroglobulin, and albumin for the Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy Study. Jim started and directed the Electrophoresis Laboratory that developed quantitative methods for two-dimensional protein gel electrophoresis and computer image analysis that were used in studies of genetic diseases such as Down Syndrome and Rett Syndrome and of exposure to environmental chemicals such as PCBs and cadmium.

Jim is a past President of the American Electrophoresis Society and a past Chair of the International Council of Electrophoresis Societies. Since 1998, he has served as the DLS Scientific Facilities Planning Coordinator and has represented DLS on numerous capital and renovation/improvement projects, with a combined total value of over \$200 million, including two major new laboratories. A crowning achievement in this team endeavor is Building 110, which was awarded the

LEED™ Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council for sustainability and energy-saving features. This remarkable facility is the largest and most complex federal laboratory ever to attain this rating.

After his retirement, Jim plans to spend more time pursuing his woodworking hobby, especially woodturning. He intends to finish a science fiction novel that is about one-third completed. Additionally, 1001 projects await him around the Myrick household. He and his wife, Charlotte, plan to travel often, especially to Chattanooga, to visit their two granddaughters.

A reception will be held in Jim's honor on December 13, 2007, from 2 pm- 4 pm in the fourth floor atrium of Building 110 on the Chamblee campus

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After 27 years of Federal Government Service, **LUCY ASBRIDGE** will retire on December 31, 2007.

Lucy began her federal career in 1964 in Washington, DC with the Federal Bureau of Investigation but decided to leave DC for a position in the private sector. Then after marriage, children and staying home for awhile she returned to a federal position with the Internal Revenue Service. She transferred to CDC in 1989 and found her niche in the Support Offices.

She started in FMO as a Voucher Examiner but after only a few months a friend encouraged her to apply for PGO's Administrative Officer. She worked in PGO several years and although she says she loved the people and work at PGO, she needed a new challenge and she found that in her present position with Buildings & Facilities. Lucy says, "Working with these people has been a wonderful experience for me. It has been amazing being a small part of seeing these beautiful buildings rise from the ground and knowing that I had a small part in helping the Architects & Engineers with their project budgets and hopefully made the administrative side a little easier for them. This has definitely been a highlight of my career. It's wonderful to see these beautiful buildings go up and see the employees move into state-of-the-art labs/offices so they can do the work that the world depends on CDC for."

Lucy plans to stay busy after retirement. She's going to forget she has an alarm clock but after a few weeks of just relaxing she'll get busy decorating her new home, catching up on reading, doing some craft projects that's been put aside, joining her church choir, doing some volunteer work, traveling a little, gardening, going to the GA Lady Bulldog games, attending some UK men's basketball games and, well, that's enough for a start!

Please join the Buildings and Facilities Office in saying farewell to Lucy through cards, notes, photos, etc. You may send these to Tanya Bertsch no later than December 6, 2007.~~~~~

Marge Carter is retiring after over 24 years of government service! Please join OCSO in sending best wishes to Marge as she begins her "life of leisure." Marge's last day in the Office will be December 14, 2007.

Marge's federal service career began in 1966 at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. She moved to Atlanta with her husband in 1968 and began her career at CDC. During maternity leave in 1969, Marge decided to stay at home. Nearly 20 years later, in 1987, Marge rejoined CDC as a Program Assistant in the International Health Program Office in the Field Epidemiology Program. She received the Employee of the Month award in June 1990 and several CDC & ATSDR Honor Awards.

Marge took on progressively challenging positions over the years including Program Specialist in the Office of the Director, serving as the manager of the Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, under two CDC Directors, Dr. William Roper and Dr. David Satcher, and also as the assistant to the Constituency Liaison working closely with constituency-building activities. She worked on several special projects including the ground-level work with the CDC World Learning Center (Global Health Odyssey). She then served as a Program Analyst for the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, Biostatistics and Information Management Branch, serving as the Branch Manager and principle advisor to the Branch Chief and senior staff. Her efforts gained her 2 Special Act of Service Awards.

She spent the last 2 years in OCSO, serving as a member of the Office's management team and coordinating with FMO budget representative and other OCSO staff on planning and budget justification documents for utilization of OCSO funds. Marge received a Special Service Act Award for active support in transitioning the Immunization Safety Office to OCSO.

In retirement, Marge plans to relax, travel, play tennis, garden, read, enjoy family, especially her wonderful husband, children, and grandchildren, and friends and do all the activities she doesn't have enough time or energy to do now.

What will she miss the most? Marge said, "I have loved my positions at CDC and the projects I have worked on, the people, and the opportunities which came my way. How do you put that down on paper?"

We will miss you, Marge, and wish you the best!

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After a distinguished 34-year career (30 of those years in public health), **Dr. Dan Paschal** will be retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We invite you to join us in celebrating Dan's career and retirement with a pot-luck lunch on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 12 noon in Building 110, 4<sup>th</sup> floor atrium, Chamblee Campus. If you have questions or would like to contribute to a gift please contact Steve Pappas at 770-488-4661 or rlp6@cdc.gov or Sandi Still at 770-488-7957 or bhn0@cdc.gov.

In May 1978, Dan began his career at CDC in the Clinical Chemistry Division of the Bureau of Laboratories where he served as the Team Leader for the Inorganic Toxicants analysis activity of the Toxicology Branch. In 1982, Dan transferred to the Nutritional Biochemistry Branch where he was team leader of the Inorganic Analysis group. In 2002, he joined the Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch of the Division of Laboratory Sciences where he has led the Division efforts to train states in analytical methods for measuring metals related to chemical terrorism response. Dan has a long

history and broad experience in measuring metals in clinical samples and was the primary source of training for many of those within the Division who are now carrying this work forward.

Dan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry 1969 and his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry in 1974, both from Georgia Institute of Technology. Immediately following his graduation, he served in the United States Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland for three months active duty for officer's basic training. He then spent the next 14 years as an active member of the United States Army Reserve. From 1974 to 1978, he taught and did research at the Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, in the position of assistant professor of chemistry. He then joined CDC in 1978. For many years during his off-work hours Dan has continued to share his love of chemistry by teaching chemistry courses at local colleges.

In addition to Dan's impressive public health credentials, he is admired as a hard-working colleague, dedicated mentor, trusted friend, loving father to three sons and a daughter, and a devoted grandfather. In addition to his children and three grandchildren, he has three domestic shorthair cats of various ages and colors. Dan will be spending his retirement years in the lovely village of Social Circle, GA with the love of his life, his wife Carol, where he will be gardening, keeping company with his cats and roses and delighting in his 3 granddaughters, Taylor, Blair and Karah. His retirement plans include traveling, teaching chemistry at Georgia Perimeter College, acquiring additional grandchildren, and getting involved with lay missionary work and Bible teaching.

