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## *ALUMNI NEWS*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has finally showed up, so we thought we'd celebrate with another issue of the HCFA/CMS Alumni News. I'd like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership for 2011 (and in many cases beyond that as well). Dues remain at \$5.00 per year and we think we must be doing something right because only a very small handful of members did not renew this year, and we are still chasing after a few who have said they intended to do so but haven't come in yet.

I am also pleased that the association continues to attract new members. On page 2 you will see a list of 5 new members, bringing the membership up to an all time high of 602. By providing a Member Directory, a quarterly newsletter, and e-mail messages about happenings at CMS, we promote a continuing connection between CMS (formerly HCFA) and its retirees, both at the central office and regional office levels. We try to provide information of interest to all retirees.

In this issue you will also find items about the COLA Count (looks like we might actually get one in 2012), the Holocaust Memorial Program, Medicare's full coverage of certain preventive services, the 2011 Federal Long Term Care Insurance Open Season, an item about Consumer Product Safety, the latest in CMS senior staff and organizational news, including a list of recipients of the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Awards. The ever-popular Komedey Korner appears as usual. There are lots of items that hopefully will be of interest to you.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the many of you who expressed their condolences to me for the death of my beloved wife, C. Ellen Engelhardt.

I want to wish you all a Wonderful Spring and continued happiness, good health and prosperity in retirement.



William L Engelhardt

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Association extends a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to the following new members:

Helen L. Cave  
Patricia L. Finlayson  
Harry R. Kessler  
Ronald C. Lett  
Gerald Mulcahy

We now have 602 active members.

### **MEMBERSHIP SEARCH**

As always, we acknowledge that there are many HCFA/CMS retirees that we have not been able to reach to tell them about the Alumni Association and invite them to join. We continue to ask for your assistance in spreading the message about us to them. If you know of any retiree that is not a member, please let them know about us and tell them how to contact us by telephone, snail mail or e-mail (all of that information can be found on page 2 of this issue). We will be very happy to send, either electronically or via snail mail, anyone the enrollment form and further information about membership. And Bill Engelhardt says you can always e-mail him personally at [wengelhardt@comcast.net](mailto:wengelhardt@comcast.net) for faster response (as the office e-mail is only accessed weekly).

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

We'd like to again remind members that we also have a link to our sister alumni, the Social Security Alumni Association, web site on our web site. The actual URL for it is "<http://www.ssaanational.org>" but you can just click on the link on our page. Many HCFA and/or CMS retirees also worked for the Social Security Administration somewhere along the line, and are eligible for membership in both alumni associations.

### **SSAEAA**

We'd again like to remind members that we do have a link to the Social Security Administration Employee Activities Association (SSAEAA) on our web site. The actual URL for it is "<http://ssaeea.org>" but you can just click on the link on our page. HCFA/CMS retirees are automatically members of the SSAEAA and are eligible to participate in discount purchases.

### **COLA COUNT**

Through six months of the counting period toward the January 2011 federal retiree cost of living adjustment, the inflation index used to set that adjustment stands at plus 2.10 percentage points above the 2008 third quarter average (due to price deflation, in the past measurement year, the 2008 third quarter average is still the point of comparison) base index of 215.495. The new CPI-W index (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) is 220.024. The annual COLA count measures the change in the index's average from one-third calendar quarter to the next. The counting period started at -1.9% and has improved to +2.10%, following an improvement of 0.5% in January, 0.5% in February, and 1.1% in March. There are six months left in the counting period. So far, we have a 2012 COLA of 02.10%, after two years of no COLA.

### **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROGRAM**

The annual CMS Holocaust Memorial Program will be held in the auditorium at CMS Headquarters on May 5, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. The theme for the program is "Witness to the Holocaust – A Liberator's Story." Sol Goldstein, a local liberator of Buchenwald, will be the main speaker. Rabbi Steve Schwartz of Beth El Synagogue (Pikesville MD) will participate in the service and lead the prayer commemorating the dead. The Krieger Schechter Day School's children's choir will again sing.

Any alumni interested in attending please contact Herb Hane via e-mail at [herbgitta@verizon.net](mailto:herbgitta@verizon.net) or via telephone at (410) 544-3244.

### **MEDICARE FULL COVERAGE OF CERTAIN PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

Starting in 2011, consumers who have original Medicare no longer need to pay any deductible or coinsurance for certain preventive care services recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force. Recommended services, which are 100% covered, include:

- Diabetes screening
- Medical nutritional therapy
- Blood tests for heart disease
- Bone mass measurement
- Screening mammograms
- Pap smears, pelvic exams and clinical breast exams
- Colon cancer screening (fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy)
- Prostate cancer screening (PSA test)
- Flu shot
- Pneumonia vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine

Annual wellness visit

Learn more about coverage of preventive services at <http://www.MedicareInteractive.org>

## **2011 FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE OPEN SEASON**

My Federal Retirement

**The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced an Open Season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP), which will run April 4 through May 27, 2011.**

All eligible individuals who are not currently enrolled in FLTCIP may apply for coverage, including employees, annuitants, and other members of the federal family, according to a statement released in the Jan. 28 Federal Register.

Active workforce members, their spouses, and same-sex domestic partners of civilian active workforce members will be subject to abbreviated underwriting.

The addition of same-sex domestic partners of civilian active workforce members as a new type of qualified relative eligible to apply for FLTCIP coverage is pursuant to the President's Memorandum of June 17, 2009 on Federal Benefits and Non-Discrimination which requested that OPM, in consultation with the Department of Justice, extend certain benefits that can be provided to same-sex domestic partners of federal employees consistent with federal law.

All other qualified relatives will be subject to the program's standard requirements for full underwriting of applications.

### **Eligible Individuals:**

Active civilian workforce members and their spouses or same-sex domestic partners who are not currently enrolled in FLTCIP are eligible to apply during this Open Season with abbreviated underwriting. Active civilian workforce members include Federal civilian or U.S. Postal Service employees whose current position conveys eligibility for Federal Employees Health Benefits coverage, subject to the exceptions contained in section 875.201. Members of the uniformed services--those who are on active duty or full-time National Guard duty for more than a 30-day period or are active members of the selected reserve--and their spouses who are not currently enrolled in FLTCIP are eligible to apply during this Open Season with abbreviated

underwriting. Non-enrolled annuitants as described in sections 875.202 and 875.203, retired members of the uniformed services as described in section 875.205, and qualified relatives other than spouses of active workforce members and same-sex domestic partners of active civilian workforce members can apply for coverage with a full underwriting application.

### **Underwriting requirements:**

Eligible applicants who are active workforce members, their spouses and same-sex domestic partners of active civilian workforce members, who are not currently enrolled in FLTCIP, are able to apply during the Open Season subject to the abbreviated underwriting standards in effect for the FLTCIP as of April 4, 2011. Eligible applicants other than active workforce members, their spouses, and same-sex domestic partners of active civilian workforce members, are subject to the full underwriting standards in effect for the FLTCIP as of April 4, 2011.

**Billing age:**

Premiums are based on the enrollee's age upon receipt of his or her application by the program administrator, Long Term Care Partners, and the options selected.

**Effective date:**

The effective date of coverage will be the first day of the month after an application is approved. However, in accordance with Sec. 875.404(b)(2), workforce members who apply for coverage under abbreviated underwriting must be actively at work in order for coverage to become effective.

**For further information, call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) (TTY: 1-800-843-3557) or visit <http://www.ltcfeds.com>.**

**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY**

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has gone live with the SaferProducts.gov database mandated by Congress, as part of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Consumers are encouraged to visit <http://www.saferproducts.gov> to submit Reports of harm or risks of harm, and to search for safety information on products they own or may be considering buying.

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As reported in the Winter 2011 issue of the HCFA/CMS Alumni News, the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (OCIIO) in the Department of Health & Human Services was transitioned into the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at CMS. Commensurate with that, DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced two senior staff appointments:

**Jay Angoff** has joined the Immediate Office of the Secretary as a Senior Advisor. He will focus on major cross-cutting health insurance coverage and cost issues, including working with States and Federal agencies, such as the Department of Justice and the FTC, to promote policies that foster robust competition. Prior to joining the Department, Angoff was a partner at the law firm

of Mehri & Skalet, PLLC where he concentrated his practice on insurance law and insurance-related issues. He formerly served as Insurance Commissioner of Missouri and chaired Missouri's Commission on Health Insurance Reform. He has also served as Deputy Insurance Commissioner of New Jersey and special assistant for health insurance policy to New Jersey governor Jim Florio, as the Director of the Private Health Insurance Group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as counsel to the National Insurance Consumer Organization, and as Vice-President for Strategic Planning at Quotesmith.com, an internet insurance broker and quotation service. Mr. Angoff began his career as an antitrust lawyer with the Federal Trade Commission. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and Vanderbilt Law School.

**Steve Larson** has been appointed as the Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at CMS. Larsen has served for the last 9 months as Director of the Division of Insurance Oversight in OCIO. Prior to that, he served in a number of capacities at Amerigroup Corporation, a public managed company serving individuals in publicly funded health care programs. His roles included CEO of Amerigroup Maryland, Executive Vice President of Health Plan Operations, and Senior Vice President for External Affairs and Business Development. Larsen also served six years as Maryland Insurance Commissioner, and was appointed to Maryland's Health Services Cost Review Commission by Governor Martin O'Malley. Larsen also served as Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission, and was a partner at the law firm Saul Ewing, LLP.

### **STAFF DETAILS TO IMPLEMENT AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

As CMS continues to implement the Affordable Care Act and incorporate the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) into our organization, CMS announced a few important leadership changes to help move forward.

**Wesley Perich**, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management (OFM) is on detail as Acting Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards & Quality (OCSQ). As the CMS designated Budget Officer, he was responsible for budget formulation, justification and execution activities for a budget in excess of \$800 billion. Wes previously served as Director of Program Budget at Social Security Administration's Office of Budget before joining Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) in 1999.

**Jerry Walters**, OFM's Director of the Financial Services Group, will start a detail as Acting Deputy Director in OFM. During the past seven years, Jerry has served as the Director of OFM's Financial Services Group. His previous responsibilities include simplifying Medicare's banking agreements, leading the demonstration of recovery auditing, performing financial audits of Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans, implementing mandatory insurer reporting of other health insurance coverage, and managing Medicare debt. Jerry has 20 years of agency experience that will be valuable in this new role.

**Tim Hill**, the Center for Medicare's (CM) Deputy Director, has accepted a detail to CCIIO as

their Acting Deputy Director. Tim has vast experience and knowledge of the agency's work since he served as the agency Chief Financial Officer, and the Deputy in Program Integrity prior to his position in CM. He brings a wealth of knowledge of CMS financial and programmatic areas that will be valuable to CCIIO's implementation of the Care Act.

**Tim Love**, Acting Deputy Director for the Center for Strategic Planning (CSP) has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Deputy Director for CM beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. As you know, the position includes oversight in both Medicare Part C and Part D program areas. Tim has a strong background in research and development, and expertise in Medicare. His recent detail to the White House Office of Health Reform will be invaluable to CM.

**Vish Sankaran**, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Administrator has graciously agreed to provide interim leadership to develop the Office of Enterprise Planning (OEP) in the Center for Strategic Planning (CSP). In addition to his current commitments, Vish will be working across business units to create CMS enterprise-level business strategies, develop tools and solutions that will improve customer experience, reduce cost of operations and improve business intelligence for informed decision making. Vish has extensive background in enterprise business planning and solutions development.

I am grateful for the strong leadership and expertise each person brings to his new role. Please join me in congratulating and supporting each of them.

#### **OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND BENEFICIARY SERVICES SPLIT INTO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Office of External Affairs and Beneficiary Services (OEABS) has been reorganized to abolish OEABS and establish two *separate* organizations: the Office of Communications (OC) and the Office of Public Engagement (OPE). This reorganization has been signed and was effective April 10, 2011.

Most noteworthy for the OC is the announcement of Ms. **Julie Green Bataille** as Director, effective May 2, 2011. Ms. Bataille most recently held the position of Director of Communications at Georgetown University, and has also held the position of Director of Communications in several capacities for the White House; as well as serving as Press Secretary for the Department of Education. **Rob Tagalicod** maintains his role as Deputy Director for this office and **Mary Wallace** joins him as a second Deputy Director.

The new Integrated Communications Management Staff, under the direction of **Robert Adams**, Director, has been formed in OC, primarily to respond to an increase in requests to develop coordinated tactical communications plans around a variety of initiatives.

**Teresa Niño**, as Director, will provide leadership for the OPE. In OPE, staff from Emergency Preparedness and Response Operations, previously under the Office of Operations Management,



will continue their important work in developing viable plans to ensure continuity of operations in the event of any number of emergency situations that may occur, as well as other emergency preparedness activities.

Finally, the Intergovernmental Relations Group in OEABS will be renamed the Governmental Relations Group (GRG), and will move to the Office of Legislation where they will continue their essential role in communicating on key issues with various State and local legislators

### **OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (OPE) LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Teresa Nino, OPE Director

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It is my pleasure to announce several staffing changes in the newly formed Office of Public Engagement.

**Charlotte Newman**, Director of the Division of Training, has agreed to serve as my Deputy Director in the Office of Public Engagement. Charlotte has led the National Medicare Training Program since its inception, following passage of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Before joining CMS in 2000, she was with Delmarva Foundation, the Quality Improvement Organization for Maryland and the District of Columbia, where she was the Director of Education. She has an extensive background in performance management, coaching and mentoring, as well as a solid knowledge of the programs we administer.

**Susan Hollman** will become Director of the Division of Training. Susan was formerly Director of the Division of Content, leading development of the Medicare & You Handbook and other publications, and has served as a technical advisor in the Division of Training since 2008.

**Ikeita Cantú Hinojosa** will lead the Partner Relations Group as the new Director. She joins us from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). She brings a strong policy background to this position, including oversight of the Division of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in CCIIO's Consumer Support Group. She served as Assistant Director of Government Relations for Planned Parenthood Federation of America and as Director of Government Relations for the National Association of Social Workers. Her experience includes the National Women's Law Center, Legal Momentum, and Arnold & Porter in DC, as well as the City of Lubbock and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in her home state of Texas. She is a licensed social worker in Michigan and licensed to practice law in both Maryland and the District of Columbia.

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

February 4, 2011

**David Maskeroni**, of the Chief Operating Officer in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. David is being recognized for coordinating and leading seven Agency-wide project management integration meetings in December 2010 and January 2011, which identified 393 separate action items, of which almost 80% have been closed to date.

**Sharon Last**, of the Kansas City Regional Office, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Sharon is being recognized because on a daily basis, she demonstrates innovation, speed and agility, patient-centeredness, boundarilessness, collaboration and unconditional team work in all aspects of her performance.

February 28, 2011

**Edward Hutton**, of the Center for Strategic Planning in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Edward is being recognized for developing the funding opportunity announcement for the Medicaid incentives for prevention of chronic diseases program mandated by Section 4108 of the Affordable Care Act.

**Helen Collins**, of the Denver Regional Office, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Helen is the Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator for Kansas City and Denver and she has repeatedly demonstrated her "spirit of excellence" through her underlying and exemplary performance.

March 14, 2011

**Maria Harr**, of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Maria is being recognized for this honor for her consistent demonstration of collaboration and unconditional teamwork working across CMS and with the Office of the National Coordinator in providing expertise for the implementation and operations of the Hi-Tech Incentive Program.

**Thomas Bosserman**, of the Consortium for Financial Management and FFS Operations in San Francisco CA, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Thomas is being recognized for this honor for his extraordinary commitment to Medicare Secondary Payer issues including outstanding production, customer service, and leadership.

March 29, 2011

**Wendy Tuttle**, of the Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Wendy is being

recognized for this honor for her perseverance for completing work on two major regulations on the Medicaid drug and rebate programs to timely implement the provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

**Stephanie Magill**, of the Office of the Regional Administrator, Seattle QA, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Stephanie is being recognized for this honor for her innovative work in bringing social media technology to the regional offices.

April 11, 2011

**Lori Mudd**, of the Office of Information Services in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Lori is being recognized for this honor for her commitment to improving CMS' information technology (IT) portfolio management, embodying the term "team player," and her dedication to providing outstanding service to all customers.

**David Guiney**, of the Boston Regional Office, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. David has been addressing protracted IT problems in the State of Maine. His work is providing the foundation for continuing work toward a stable Medicaid payment system.

**Julie Botterill**, of the Office of Financial Management in Baltimore MD, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Julie is being recognized for this honor for outstanding and sustained stewardship of budgetary resources appropriated to CMS.

**Norma Harris**, of the New York Regional Office, has been selected for the Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award. Norma is being recognized for this honor for her dedicated approach to outreach and education, always seeking to meet the needs of the specific audience she is addressing.

In recognition of their accomplishments, these employees have their pictures posted on the CMSNet.

### **KOMEDY KORNER**

#### **SIXTIES HITS ARE BEING REVISED**

Submitted by John Koziol

Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers who can remember doing the "Limbo" as if it were yesterday. Seems as though I know them all! They include:

Bobby Darin: Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash

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Herman's Hermits: Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr: I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?

Roberta Flack: The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face?

Johnny Nash: I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon: Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

The Commodores: Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom

Procol Harem: A Whiter Shade Of Hair?

Leo Sayer: You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations: Papa's Got A Kidney Stone

Abba: Denture Queen

Tony Orlando: Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy: I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

Leslie Gore: It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To

And Last But Not Least,

Willie Nelson: On the Commode Again

### **THOUGHTS ON AGING!**

- The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.
- You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.
- You're getting old when you wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.
- The cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good, spit it out.

- Doctor to patient: I have good news and bad news: the good news is that you are not a hypochondriac.
- It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.
- You know you're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.
- Last Will and Testament: Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.
- When you lean over to pick something up off the floor, you ask yourself if there is anything else you need to do while you are down there.
- You find yourself in the middle of the stairway, and you can't remember if you were downstairs going up or upstairs going down.

### **SENIORS IN LOVE**

An elderly senior couple, Mary and Bill, were invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening.

Mary was impressed by the way her lady friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While their husbands were in the living room, Mary leaned over to her host to say, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving pet names."

The elderly lady hung her head. "I have to tell you the truth," she said, "His name slipped my mind about 10 years ago, and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old asshole what his name is."

### **QUOTES ABOUT GETTING OLD**

I much prefer being over the hill to being under it. ~Bruce Lansky

At my age I don't care if my mind starts to wander- just as long as it comes back again. ~Mike Knowles

Middle age is when a narrow waist and a broad mind begin to change places. ~Glenn Dorenbusch

When you can finally afford the rings you want, you'd rather no one noticed your hands. ~Lois Muehl

A man has reached middle age when he is warned to slow down by his doctor instead of the police. ~Henny Youngman

### **WHY I LIKE RETIREMENT**

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: Sundays

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after s/he falls asleep on the couch

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who continues to work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The Never Ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one can call your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

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Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday to Friday; Nothing, Saturday & Sunday I rest.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **C. ELLEN ENGELHARDT**

C. Ellen Engelhardt, 69, of Glenville, PA, died Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at her home.

Born Nov. 3, 1941, in Shamokin, PA, she was the daughter of the late Francis J. and Eleanor M. (Foy) McFadden. Ellen was the loving wife of William L. Engelhardt to whom she was married for 44 years.

Ellen enjoyed her career in home decorating and was especially proud of her wallpapering skills. She was also proud of her Irish heritage and often visited County Donegal. Her interest in Irish American history was focused on her research of the "Molly Maguires." Her great-grandfather was John Kehoe of Girardville, PA, Ancient Order of Hibernians delegate for Schuylkill County, who was hanged as the alleged "King of the 'Molly Maguires'" in 1878.

In addition to her husband, Ellen is survived by her son, Bill L. Engelhardt, and his wife, Susan, of Highland, MD; her two grandchildren, Luke and Jack; her two sisters, Margaret J. Flaherty of Sudlersville, MD, and Mary F. McFadden of Jackson, NJ, and her brother, Donald P. McFadden of Howell, NJ, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate and remember Ellen's life was held at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the Kenworthy Funeral Home, Inc., 269 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA. A time to share memories with the family was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Ellen may be sent to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 125 South 9th Street, Suite 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5116.

### **A TRIBUTE TO DAVID GREENBERG, March 22, 2011**

David Greenberg was a dedicated civil servant and devoted father, and will be greatly missed by the Division of Quality, Evaluation and Health Outcomes (DQEHO); the Children and Adults Health Programs Group; the Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification; and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. It is difficult to put into words how much we will miss David, and the true significance and impact of his work to individuals receiving services from Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Over the years, David worked hard to be accountable, ethical, organized, and accurate.

David dedicated 32 years of his life to serving HCFA and CMS. His earlier work on Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment led to the first State reporting on services under that benefit for children and David served in many positions throughout the Medicaid



Bureau, CMSO and now CMCS. David was well liked for his cordial, soft-spoken manner. His spotlight each year was playing guitar at our holiday divisional event, helping to create a most comforting and cheerful atmosphere. We really wish we would have taken pictures at our last holiday party in December 2010 - where David lugged all his music equipment through a “snow event” in order for us to enjoy that great holiday music during an afternoon meal at a local restaurant – but still left in time to meet his car pool obligation for his children that day.

He was the ultimate team player - always willing to take on any task. It was no surprise when Medicaid and CHIP received the first EVER grant program to improve quality of care specifically for children, that David’s name was immediately considered for assignment as the certified project officer for this high profile \$100 million grant program to work with States to test innovative and new ways to improve care for our nation’s most vulnerable population. In addition to those daunting tasks and innovative work, David had recently agreed to accept responsibility for an additional \$9 million dollar contract to evaluate the work of those grantees.

In addition to his great work ethic, David was equally dedicated to his life outside of work through car pools, school musicals, trips with his children, and his support of local community efforts. He recognized his wonderful children were growing up. It is that reality and quality of life that we should truly recognize in David; reminding us all at CMS that a balanced life is the greatest reward, especially when life comes to a sudden halt when we least expect it. At this time of great loss, we know we are better people because we knew David Greenberg - and he reminded us of what is most important in this journey - family, faith, community, work, and public service.

With Respect and Dedication,  
Division of Quality, Evaluation and Health Outcomes and the Children and Adults Health Programs Group

### **RONALD “RON” CHARLES GWYN**

Ronald “Ron” Charles Gwyn, 68 of Sykesville, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday April 3, 2011. Beloved husband of Janet Anne House Gwyn for 48 years. Mr. Gwyn was born July 18, 1942 in West Brownsville, PA the son of the late Leslie R. Gwyn and late Dorothy E. Baker Gwyn. Mr. Gwyn Retired as Director from Healthcare Finance Administration in Woodlawn MD in 2001. Served as a Volunteer for MD State Park Service. A member of Winfield Bible Chapel, Coached basketball in Mt. Airy and Rockville, MD Graduated from Red Stone High School in Republic, PA in 1960. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing especially at his cabin in West Virginia and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Devoted father of Kevin and wife Terri Gwyn of Sykesville, Kimberly Dawn Gwyn of Sykesville, and Keith Randall Gwyn of Fort Collins CO. Loving brother of Les Donald Gwyn of Sommerset, PA, the late infant Barry Lee Gwyn. Dear grandfather of Jessica, Samantha and Scott Gwyn, Kayla and Brady Whirley. Friends were able to call Wednesday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM at Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A. 1212 W. Old Liberty Rd. Winfield,

MD 21784. Funeral Services took place Thursday, April 7, 2011 11 AM with viewing 1 hour prior at Winfield Bible Chapel, 5407 Woodbine Rd. Woodbine, MD 21797 with the Pastor Kim Gee officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Woodbine, MD. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Orphan's Ministries C/O Winfield Bible Chapel or Dove House 292 Stoner Ave. Westminster, MD 21157.

### **RECOLLECTIONS OF MIKE MADDEN**

By Jim Bruggy

I had heard of Mike, through reputation, when he worked in SSA's, Bureau of Data Processing and Accts. (BDPA). Although, I had not worked with him, it was said that he was an "Old School, no nonsense, manager. His discipline probably was tempered by his tour in the Marine Corps, during the in the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war. Mike had fought in the European campaign.

When I did meet Mike, I was pleasantly surprised that unlike his reputation, he was cordial, quiet, and had a great sense of humor, although very dry by most standards.

Mike loved to tell stories, which was consistent with his Irish heritage. For example, Barney Bailey reminded me of the story that Mike once told about a cat. The story goes like this... While Mike was driving to work one morning, he came upon a minor auto accident. No one was hurt, but Mike said that he saw a cat near the car. The cat was licking gasoline, which had leaked out of the car...

Of course, I made the mistake of asking.... So what happened to the cat???? To which he sheepishly replied, "Oh the cat, it just ran out of gas".... Well, that was one of my first encounters with Mike's humor, and I admit, he got me...

As time passed and friendships grew, among all of us who worked in OMS, under the tutelage of the Bills (Hogsten and Grant), I recall Mike talking about his childhood, growing up in Baltimore.

Mike was one of 11 children (8 boys and 3 girls). He grew up in the Irish 10<sup>th</sup> ward. He said that in those days, you had to fight in order to survive.

He chuckled, when he recounted how if you prevailed in one fight, another sibling from the family, would show up to avenge their family's honor. There were many large Irish families living in the 10<sup>th</sup> ward..... Of course, this was before Television was invented.

I recall coffee breaks with Mike, Bryan Schmidt, and Barney Bailey...Mike would always share some humorous tale about his family or some experience that he had on his way to work (like the cat story).....

It seemed that we were always laughing...Mike never ran out of material. His jokes were usually pretty bad, but his stories were great. ...Those were good times, with a lot of good people, and those friendships continue to this day. .

On an occasion, in late winter, when, as usual, we had hurried to the cafeteria for our 10 minute coffee break (Yeah, it was 10 minutes, and in those days, we actually stuck to it). As we debated the solutions to the world's problems, we were distracted by strong gusts of wind howling outside the huge windows of the East High Rise cafeteria... You could feel the glass vibrate....

Dried leaves, having survived the winter cold, were pressed against the windows and with each gust, the leaves would swirl up into the air and as quickly return to the ground...

As Mike watched, a shy smile came over his face, and in a quiet voice, he said: "Look at the leaves and how they dance, with neither care nor worry.... we should emulate the leaves, and let our spirits soar, and keep things of this world in perspective.".... No one commented, because quite frankly we were speechless....!!

Then there was the time when Mike was taking his wife, Bette, to a Healing Service being held at the St Judes Shrine, in the St Johns Catholic Church, on Paca Street, in Baltimore. Although, Bette was a Methodist, she probably went along to humor Mike. .

During that time, people would come to the St Jude's Shine to pray for God's intervention with their health problems. Bette's doctors were having trouble stabilizing her blood pressure, so Mike thought it would help if she went to the service.

On the day after the healing service, Mike was telling of their experience. He said that he and Bette were sitting in the back of the Church, when the Priest stated that someone at the service had a problem quitting smoking, and that person should come forward and place their cigarettes on the altar.

He said that he glanced around the church, and thought to himself, Gee..... I wonder who that is, and without understanding why, he got up.... walked up the aisle... and placed his cigarettes on the altar.....

He never smoked again....

It was obvious that he had great devotion and love for his kids: Alan, Debra, and Donna. I recall how he would tell about the kids coming home from school with homework, and how he would on occasions, help them with their written assignments.

The Nuns came to know when Mike's hand had been put to paper, and after some throat clearing, the Nuns would ask?... Did your father help you with this assignment.... After learning that in fact, their father had helped, the Nuns would suggest that the Kids should try to do their assignments .... without their father's assistance....

Bette's health continued to deteriorate and on a sad day, she passed away. We all went to the funeral parlor. Mike later retorted, They had been married 30 wonderful years.

Not too long after Bette's passing, Mike was talking about retiring. This concerned us, because we knew that Mike was living alone. His children had their own lives and families.

Bryan suggested that he should keep working for a little while longer. This would give him more time to adjust to living alone.

Mike replied: I am thankful, for the many years that I have had a job, and for the many friends that I have come to know...then as usual, and in his unselfish way, he said, you know, if I retire, that will open up my position, and provide an opportunity for a younger employee to get promoted....

Hard to argue with that rationale, that was just Mike.

Mike did retire in 1983....and for the next 10 years, he kept busy working at the soup kitchen, his parish church, and spending time with his family.

During this time, he became reacquainted with a neighbor and long time friend. Josephine (Josie). They had lived on the same street, and their children used to play together. Josephine's husband had passed away as well...

Eventually Josie and Mike married, and once again, his life was full. Josie was not only his wife, but also best friend and confidant. They enjoyed each other...

Last July; Mike, Josie, Emily and I had lunch with Barney and Jean Bailey, at Fagers Island Restaurant in Ocean City. Mike told us that he had been retired, for almost as many years... as he had worked. I think it was 28 years

Mike and Josie had bought a place in Florida. They would spend their summers in Ocean City Md, and their winters in Merritt Island, Fla..... Life was good... They had friends in both places. Mike was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Knights of Columbus in Ocean City, MD.

It has just occurred to me that no matter how long we are away from our friends at work. When our gang did get together, the conversation would always center on the fun times, that we had those many years ago. Our lives are a testament to our friends, and our past, and Mike was forefront during those times.

Mike's life on this earth has now ended, and he has gone to his God. I believe that heaven is a better place... because of Mike Madden being there...

God Bless you Michael, and please remember to put in a good word for the rest of us, when we come to join you... I know that you have God's ear,..... but for God's sake, don't try to tell Him those awful jokes....

**MARGARET ANN "PEGGY" WELLS**

Reported by Robert W "Bob" Wells

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Peggy, my wife and best friend for 51 wonderful years. She suffered from metastatic melanoma. After a series of operations, radiation treatments and the use of exploratory drugs, she passed away comfortably and very peacefully on March 30th, in the Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland. Following is her obituary, which appeared in the Baltimore Sun and various local newspapers.

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Margaret Ann Wells Berlin Md Margaret Ann Wells, 70, died on March 30, 2011 in the care of Coastal Hospice at the Lake. She was born in Baltimore to the late Thomas A. Reilly and Dorothy I. Reilly nee Meade. Margaret worked as a contract administrator for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She was involved in many activities in her community. She is survived by her loving husband Robert W. Wells; son Robert K. Wells; daughter Anne Lauren McCusker; brother Robert Reilly; brother J. Joseph Reilly; grandchildren Kirsten Haga, Katie, Kasey, Karlan, and Kyley McCusker, Kelsey, Zachary, Jacob and Spencer Wells and great-grandchildren Olivia and Charlotte Haga. She was predeceased by her brother Donald C. Reilly.

A memorial service was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines, Md on April 29, 2011 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish Foundation, 5272 River Road, Suite 700, Bethesda, Md 20816.

# **IN MEMORIAM**

**The Alumni Association respectfully acknowledges**

**the passing of the following**

**Alumni/Employees/Spouses and expresses its**

**sympathy to family members:**

**ANNE DORSEY (2/23/11)\***

**C. ELLEN ENGELHARDT (3/23/11)\*\***

**LAWRENCE FERGUSON (2/22/11)\*\*\***

**DAVID GREENBERG (3/22/11)\*\*\*\***

**RONALD "RON" CHARLES GWYN (4/3/11)\*\*\*\*\***

**WILLIAM L. KIDD (1/31/11)\*\*\*\*\***

**MICHAEL J. MADDEN (2/23/11)\*\*\*\*\***

**MARGARET ANN "PEGGY" WELLS\*\*\*\*\***

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