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ALUMNI NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, Memorial Day and the 4th of July have come and gone and Labor Day seems right around the corner. Let's all enjoy the best of the rest of the summer.

I am pleased that the association continues to attract new members. On page 2 you will see a list of 10 new members, bringing the current membership to 726. 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 certainly strive to provide varying information of interest to all of our retirees.

In this issue you will find items about the end of CMS' support of the Alumni Association, the COLA Count (looks like so far we are actually in line for a 1.9% COLA), a report on the successful Spring/Summer Cookout, a report in this issue and a separate flier about, an OKTOBERFEST on October 22, and senior management announcements. We again feature an item about the new Federal Employee Activities Association, which replaces the Social Security Administration Employee Activities Association. We again serve up some whimsical pieces in the Komedie Korner. There are lots of items that hopefully will be of interest to you.

We are also enclosing a new 2014 Member Directory in hard copy for those members receiving this in the mail and electronically for those receiving it via an e-mail attachment, as we try to do with each Summer issue of the HCFA/CMS Alumni News.

I want to wish you all a Wonderful Rest Of The Summer 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:

Elizabeth "Betsy" Hanczaryk
Martia "Tia" Johnson
Michael D Kahn
Paul Konka
Katherine L "Kathy" Lochary
Brian McMenamin
Deb Parzynski Musgrave
George E Patterson, Jr
Wes Perich
Robin S Williams

We now have 726 active members.

CMS SUPPORT OF ALUMNI ENDS

Bill Engelhardt

To get right to the bottom line, we were very recently advised by the Office of Operations Management (OOM) at CMS that for Homeland Security reasons CMS would no longer be able to issue CMS complex badges to Darlene Summerfield and I after the current ones expired in early July. We were also advised that, coupled with that issue and compounded by space requirements for new hires, the new Alumni Office we were just given a couple of months ago would no longer be available. Without badges we'd have no access to it anyway. The OOM Director decided not to consider us as contract workers in order to continue to issue us badges.

Accordingly, as of close of business July 3 the HCFA/CMS Alumni Association no longer has an office in the CMS complex and is no longer supported by CMS. We vacated the office at Lord Baltimore Drive

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on that date. Alumni photocopying and mailing privileges have also been terminated. The Alumni e-mail address at CMS (HCFAALUM@cms.hhs.gov) will soon be terminated as will the Alumni telephone number at CMS (410-786-3918), so these should no longer be used by Alumni members.

CMS will continue to maintain the Alumni web page on the CMS web site (<http://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Career-Information/CMSAlumni/index.html>) and post issues of the HCFA/CMS Alumni News there for us, and will provide information about senior management announcements for us to use in our newsletter, but has discontinued all other support of the Alumni. The decision to do so was apparently in the making for nearly a year but we were only informed at the end of May, possibly because of internal debate about the decision as there was apparently some opposition to termination of support of the Alumni.

The Alumni Association intends to continue operating in some fashion without support from CMS. Fortunately, all of the computer records are duplicated on my computer at home. And, fortunately, we still have the Post Office Box that has no connection to CMS to receive mail at.

We intend to continue our recent policy of issuing the HCFA/CMS Alumni News and Member Directory electronically to all of the Internet connected alumni members. We are still in the process of figuring out the best way to print and issue hard copies to those members who are not Internet connected or

who cannot handle e-mail attachments.

Understandably, we want to keep the number involved with that to a minimum so encourage members with e-mail addresses to rely on electronic receipt. We have had this issue been printed for us by Staples.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Some 158 Alumni members still have not renewed their membership for 2014, and dues for 34 of those are in arrears for even longer. All members receiving this issue electronically will again receive a renewal form and should refer to the EXPIRDT column of the Member Directory to determine whether they need to renew. Members receiving this issue via mail should find a renewal form included if they need to renew. **Anyone whose membership expiration date on the mailing label, if they received the newsletter in the mail, or in the Member Directory if they received the newsletter electronically, is 12/31/13 or earlier needs to renew. Those with a date of 12/31/14 or later are paid up and do not need to renew at this time.**

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

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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.

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.

SOCIAL SECURITY ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION BLOG

Joe Vaughan, President of the Social Security Alumni Association (SSAA) has reminded us again that HCFA/CMS folks are certainly welcome to participate in any Social Security Alumni activity. Many of us are eligible to, and some of us actually do, belong to both alumni associations. The SSAA has developed a blog. Go to <http://ssaanews.blogspot.com/> to check it out. If you are a former SSA worker you just might be interested enough to join the SSAA.

SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION RETIRED
PERSONS

There is also a web site created by and for Social Security Administration Retired Persons. It is a website for SSA retirees and employees who worked for SSA, but retired from other agencies (like CMS). Current employees are also invited to visit often and to join the mail list. The ssarp.org administrator is Stanley LeBlanc, Dallas Region, who retired June 3, 2003. Retirees with the support of SSA employees began the site, but it is not an official SSA site. There is an email communication list for those who subscribe. The ssarp.org administrator is Stanley LeBlanc, Dallas Region, who retired June 3, 2003. A username and password is needed to access some of the sections and you can obtain it by sending an e-mail request to retired@ssarp.org. Check it out at:

<http://www.ssarp.org>

SSA EAA NOW FEDERAL EAA

The long time Social Security Administration Employee Activities Association (SSAEAA) has been replaced by the Federal Employee Activities Association (FEAA), serving Federal employees nationwide. The web site can be accessed at:

<http://www.federaleaa.org/News1.html> and the people listed as "Our Team," EAA Directory of Employees, are all at CMS. That page of the web site also says, "The EAA was formed in 1942 for the welfare and recreation of our employee-members. The EAA supports and donates to many Federal sponsored charities and programs. The EAA strives to provide our

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members with many different benefits. We currently have an EAA service center within the CMS building.”

That office is located near the Copy Center in the Lower Lobby area of the Central Building.

HCFA/CMS retirees are eligible to participate in discount purchases and to take advantage of everything the EAA has to offer.

COLA COUNT

Through nine months of the counting period toward the January 2015 federal retiree cost of living adjustment, the inflation index used to set that adjustment stands at +1.9 percentage points. The new CPI-W figure for June 2014 was 234.702, 1.90 percent higher than the average CPI-W for the third-quarter of 2013, which was 230.327. The 2013 third-quarter average is the reference figure for determining the 2015 COLA. October and November saw modest drops in the COLA count but December, January, February, March, and April each saw a monthly increase, with an increase of 0.02% for December, increase of 0.38% for January, increase of 0.36% for February, increase of 0.73% for March, an increase of 0.4% for April, an increase of 0.3% for May, and an increase of 0.2% for June, ending up with a net gain of 1.9% for the counting period. There are three months left in the counting period.

SPRING/SUMMER COOKOUT

Some 28 Alumni members and friends came

to the spring/summer cookout at the home of alumni member Lillian Lehnert in Fulton, Maryland on June 25. Everyone had a wonderful time. Lillian was again a most gracious host and we can never thank her enough for her hospitality. Many of the partygoers brought hot or cold covered dishes and/or desserts. Food was plentiful and fantastic. A lot of reminiscing, story telling and just great conversation filled the air. We hope to repeat the wonderful experience with another great picnic next year. We hope to see even more of you next year.

OKTOBERFEST

The Spring/Summer Cookout was such a huge success that Lillian Lehnert has graciously offered to host an Oktoberfest on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. The enclosed flier provides the details and contains the signup form. Plan to celebrate the Fall Festival and the joys of retirement From Noon until 4:00 p.m. on October 22. Say hello to old friends and just have a wonderful time. The menu will consist of wursts, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, sauerkraut, beer, and German desserts.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ALERT

The 18th annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon will take place at the Turf Valley Country Club on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. We have outgrown the capacity of Alexandra’s Restaurant so this year’s event will again be in the Cameo Room. More details and a flyer will be included with the FALL issue of the HCFA/CMS Alumni News.

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MESSAGE FROM INCOMING HHS
SECRETARY**

Dear Colleagues,

This morning, I had the opportunity to meet many of you coming to work at the Humphrey Building in Washington, DC. As I settle into my first day as HHS Secretary, I want to thank everyone for your warm welcome, and share my excitement for our work ahead.

It is such an honor to be working alongside you and to build on the progress you have made under Secretary Sebelius' leadership. Every day, scientists and researchers at the National Institutes of Health are working to find cures for some of our world's most serious diseases – and experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are working to prevent them from spreading. The Food and Drug Administration is protecting the food we eat and the medications our doctors prescribe us. Our parents and grandparents rely on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and millions of our children benefit from Head Start. Thanks to the Administration for Community Living, millions of Americans are living with dignity in their own communities. And of course, the Department's work to ensure accessible, affordable, quality healthcare through the implementation of the Affordable Care Act is making a difference in the lives of our families and our communities, while strengthening the economy. This work and so much more forms the foundation of a stronger American middle class, a more

prosperous economy, and healthier communities.

In the days, weeks, and months ahead, I look forward to learning more about this work from you and your colleagues. I will be meeting with our operating and staff divisions to learn how we can most effectively continue moving our Department forward around its important mission: to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to access the building blocks of healthy and productive lives.

Again, it is a great honor to join you and your talented colleagues, and I am excited to partner with you to deliver impact for the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Burwell
HHS Secretary

**2014 DHHS DEPARTMENTAL AWARD
WINNERS FROM CMS**

**SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Patrick Conway - CMS

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sonnica Eason – CMS

The Award Ceremony was held on June 5 at the Hubert H Humphrey Building in Washington D.C.

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued):**

**CMS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

Andy Slavitt has been appointed as the CMS Principal Deputy Administrator. Andy had been the top day-to-day executive leading the systems integration work on healthcare.gov, and he has experience across the health care sector, most recently as Group Executive Vice President for Optum. He will focus his energy on managing day-to-day operational issues across all CMS programs and will be a key part of the CMS leadership team. His expertise positions CMS well to support cross cutting policy and operational coordination for the agency's Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and Marketplace initiatives; combatting health care fraud; reforming health care delivery; and improving health outcomes.

**ACTING MEDICARE BENEFICIARY
OMBUDSMAN**

Lois Serio has been appointed to serve as Acting Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman and Director for the Medicare Ombudsman Group (MOG), replacing Dan Schreiner who has left CMS to pursue other opportunities. Lois has played a key role in this area as the Deputy Director for MOG since 2009. The role of the Medicare Ombudsman is to provide direct beneficiary assistance, identify systemic issues, and develop recommendations to improve the Medicare Program. The Medicare Ombudsman Group also manages the responsibilities of the Competitive Acquisition Ombudsman for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Competitive

Bidding Program, which monitors and reports supplier and beneficiary experiences and recommends possible improvements.

KOMEDY KORNER

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

Submitted By Mike (Grandpamikee) Blank

Two or three mornings a week I take a water aerobics class for us old folks over 60.

Over time I've become friendly with a number of guys in the men's locker room.

One morning I was "discussing" a heated "discussion" I recently had with my wife of over 57 years.

I "commented," You don't argue with my wife.

One of the guys said, "Don't I know it."

With a surprised voice I said, "You know my wife?"

He answered, "No, but I married her sister."

THE PROPOSAL

This is the story of two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

Now, one evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally

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gathered up his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. "Yes, Yes, I will."

The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

TOP 10 OLD FOLKS PARTY GAMES!

10. Musical Recliners
9. Spin the Bottle of Mylanta
8. Hide and Go Pee
7. Simon Says Something Incoherent
6. Doc, Doc Goose
5. Red Rover, Red Rover, the Nurse Says Bend Over
4. Kick the Bucket
3. 20 Questions Shouted into your Good Ear
2. Pin the Toupee on the Bald Guy
1. Sag, You're It!

ACHES AND PAINS!

At a nursing home in Florida, a group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their aches and pains.

"My arms are so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"I know what you mean. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee," replied another.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a third.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," another contributed.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man.

Then there was a short moment of silence.
drive," said one woman cheerfully.

"Thank God we c

NEW RULES FOR SENIOR GOLFERS

Submitted by Bob Bath

Rule 1.a.5

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (b)

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game.

The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it

KOMEDY KORNER (Continued):

had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3(g)

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h)

If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.

Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k)

There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.g.15(z)

There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior golfers should not be penalized for manufacturers' shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9(s)

Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior golfers, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes. Carry a copy with you at all times, to refer to with those non-seniors.

SENIORS AND CREDIT CARDS

It has already started at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods.

When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed. When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card-reader.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer.

OBITUARIES

MILLIE TYSSOWSKI

Millie Tyssowski, Social Security budgeting official

She had also been a Medicare executive and headed the Maryland League of Women Voters



By **Jacques Kelly**, The Baltimore Sun
3:04 p.m. EDT, May 22, 2014

Millie Tyssowski, a retired **Medicare** executive and Social Security Administration budgeting official, died of congestive heart failure May 16 at **Sinai Hospital**. The Dickeyville resident was 93.

After retiring, she served as president of

both the Maryland and Baltimore City League of Women Voters, and campaigned successfully for single representation of 14 City Council districts.

"Whether it was at work serving seniors and families at the Social Security Administration or her years advocating for more women in public service, Millie demonstrated a deep commitment to social justice," said Maryland Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski.

"Families across Maryland and our nation have been better served because of Millie's steadfast dedication to service, community and neighbor helping neighbor. Millie was a strong supporter of women's rights, particularly in the area of financial security. She was a great friend and a wonderful adviser."

Born Mildred Marie Lund on a farm near Cedar Falls, Iowa, she earned a bachelor's degree in history from Iowa State Teachers College and then taught high school. When she was a graduate student in Iowa, a professor recommended her for an opening at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore.

She moved to Baltimore in 1943 as a temporary wartime worker for Social Security and completed her master's degree in public administration while living in a Eutaw Place rooming house.

"Eleanor Roosevelt was a pivotal influence in Millie's life and worldview. Millie had the privilege of meeting her in the summer of 1942 while taking a course at American University," said her son, Joseph Tyssowski Jr. of Glenwood. "My mother grew up in the Depression, and the first lady was her idol."

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She met a fellow Social Security worker, Joseph Tyssowski Sr., and they married in 1947. She moved with him as he took other assignments within the agency.

In an oral history, she recalled taking a pay cut to work as a lower-grade clerk when her husband was transferred to San Francisco.

"This experience ... was really invaluable in my later experience as a budget officer because I got the feeling of operations and understanding of the workings at the public level of the Social Security program," she said.

She also recalled seeing for the first time in 1955 the **Baltimore County** farm that was to become the site of the agency's **Woodlawn** headquarters.

"She was good at dealing with people. She was assertive but also caring," said her son. "She was a hard worker and a good manager. At the end of the day, she would fall asleep in a chair with work she had brought home still in her lap."

Mrs. Tyssowski became Social Security's top budgeting officer and often appeared before congressional committees to defend administrative costs.

She retired in 1980 as the director of Medicare operations in the Health Care Financing Administration.

An Evening Sun article published at the time of her retirement called her one of the highest-ranking female federal executives in the Baltimore area. She received distinguished service awards from the

Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Federal Government Accounting Association.

After retirement Mrs. Tyssowski became an active volunteer. She joined the League of Women Voters and the Friends of the **Enoch Pratt Free Library**.

In 2006, she was quoted in The Baltimore Sun when a court ordered the Baltimore Development Corp. to reveal more of its activities.

"People are suspicious of government agencies that operate in the dark," she said. "I think there is greater confidence if they operate in the sunshine."

In addition to her work with the state and Baltimore City League of Women Voters organizations, she was active in the lobbying corps of the National League of Women Voters.

"She was a leader and understood the processes of getting things organized and publicized," said the Baltimore League's co-president, Lois Hybl. "She could bring people together."

Mrs. Tyssowski took classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the **Johns Hopkins University**.

In 1988, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke named her to the Baltimore City Commission for Women. Family members said she helped female entrepreneurs and furthered the participation of women in business and government. While on the commission, she helped organize the nonprofit Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore to assist low-income and disadvantaged women gain self-

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sufficiency through training.

She lived in **Catonsville** and later bought a historic home in Dickeyville, where she gardened and worked with its community association.

"You would see her striding about the village," said WBAL-TV news anchor Donna **Hamilton**, a friend. "She was an amazing and active woman. She was admired by so many people."

Mrs. Tyssowski enjoyed the arts. She attended performances at **Center Stage**, **Everyman Theatre** and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. In 1985, she was the co-founder and charter president of the Women Composers Orchestra, a chamber orchestra-sized group made up of men and women dedicated to performing only music by female composers. It performed until 1995.

Mrs. Tyssowski also traveled with the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Family members said that on her visits to Russia, Egypt, the Netherlands, China, Turkey, Ireland and Cuba, she was interested in those country's cultures, governments, and education and health systems

A life celebration will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at 2500 Pickwick Road.

In addition to her son, survivors include a daughter, Judy Marie Wheatley of Nashville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Her husband of 33 years died in 1981. A son, John Edwin Tyssowski, died in 2012.

DAVID WITT



David Witt, III, 66, of Venice, FL, formerly of Ocean Pines, MD, passed May 27, 2014, Born in Baltimore, MD, was a graduate of Mt St Joseph High School and Johns Hopkins University. Worked for SSA and CMS for 34 years, member of Knights of Columbus and Elks. Lifetime member Ocean Pines Golf Club. Survived by wife of 31 years, Barbara Witt and his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Shawn Wilson; grandchildren Patrick and Emily Wilson and Ryan Witt as well as his aunt, Margaret P. Murphy. Predeceased by father, David Witt II; mother, Mary Witt; and son, David Witt IV. Private memorial gathering at a later date. Contributions to the [American Cancer Society](http://www.cancer.org) at www.cancer.org would be appreciated by family. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave thoughts, memories and condolences on online guestbook.

Published in the Baltimore Sun on June 6, 2014

OBITUARIES (Continued):

CAROLE JEANNE CHASE

1934 - 2014



On March 5, 2014, CAROLE JEANNE CHASE; beloved wife of the late Francis "Frank" J. Chase; loving mother of Amy Katherine Chase; devoted grandmother of Grace Olivia Drago; dear sister of Harry T. Boggs. Family will receive friends on Sunday, March 9 from 3-5 & 7-9PM at WITZKE FUNERAL HOMES, INC.; 5555 Twin Knolls Road; Columbia, MD 21045; where a funeral service will be celebrated 10AM, Monday, March 10. Interment in Columbia Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Gilchrist Hospice; 6336 Cedar Lane; Columbia, MD 21044 or Community Action Council of Howard County, MD., Inc. ; 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr., Box 226; Columbia, Maryland 21046 or Howard County Library System-DONATIONS; 6600 Cradlerock Way; Columbia, MD 21045.

Published in Baltimore Sun on Mar. 7, 2014

MARTIN "MARTY" BRENNER



STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - Longtime Huguenot resident Martin Brenner, 76, a retired Medicare budget director and an active member of Arden Heights Boulevard Jewish Center, died Monday in Staten Island University Hospital, Prince's Bay.

Born in Brooklyn, he graduated from Midwood High School there. He settled in Huguenot in 1970.

Mr. Brenner's career with the federal government spanned more than 30 years. He first worked for Social Security, then became a budget director at Medicare. He retired in 1998.

He was a founding member of the Arden Heights Boulevard Jewish Center, where he served on the board of trustees.

Mr. Brenner was a motorcycle enthusiast and a member of Staten Island H.O.G., a Harley-Davidson owners' group.

He also was a member of the National Rifle Association, Richmond Boro Gun Club and the Colonial Rifle and Pistol Club.

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Mr. Brenner enjoyed fishing, hunting and listening to country music.

Surviving are his wife of 16 years, the former Susan Becher; his sons, Jason and Jeffrey; his daughter, Robyn Lepani; a brother, Michael, and five grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Arden Heights Boulevard Jewish Center, with Rabbi Stephen Stern officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Park Cemetery, South Brunswick Township, N.J. Arrangements are being handled by the Kehila Chapels, Brooklyn.

Published in the Staten Island Advance

JAY MERCHANT

CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Jay Merchant. Jay passed away Wednesday afternoon, June 25. Since 1980, Jay Merchant, International Relations Advisor, was CMS' principal liaison with the international community and Health Ministries through Embassies based in Washington, DC, and was a valued member of the CMS team. He also served as the principal liaison on international relations activities with the Office of the Secretary, Office of Global Health, and other International Relations staff and programs within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Jay was a long time public servant. He had over 47 years of Federal Service, with 42 of

those being a CMS colleague.

In April 2013, on behalf of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Jay was appointed Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau. This is an honor reserved for people who have given a longtime personal effort to society, the State or the Royal Family. Jay was a member of the advisory board of The Washington Home & Community Hospices and had been for more than 30 years a liaison between the US Department of Health and Human Services and all Netherlands Counselors of Health and Welfare who have been stationed at the Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Each of us not only grieves at the passing of this tremendous individual, but also for the loss his family suffers, and our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

A Memorial Service for Jay will be held on Saturday, July 26th at 1:00 pm at the National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave, Washington, DC 20016. <http://nationalpres.org>

CHRISTINE "TINA" BOESZ

Tina Boesz was known by many and led the HMO program at the time it was moved from HRSA to HCFA. Her obituary reads:

Boesz, Christine Clark
Birth: 1944-05-26 in Bridgeton, New Jersey
Residence: Port Republic, Maryland
Death: Sunday, November 24, 2013

Christine "Tina" Clark Boesz, 69, of Port Republic passed away on November 24, 2013 at her home in Washington, D.C. Born May 26, 1944 to Stanley and Cecilia Clark in Bridgeton, N.J.

OBITUARIES (Continued):

Tina excelled in just about everything she laid her head and hand to in life. She began her excellent career by graduating valedictorian from her high school class of more than 600 graduates. Because her high school guidance counselor told her that only men have successful careers in mathematics, Tina majored in math at Douglass College, the all female college at Rutgers University. She was later the first female admitted to the Rutgers University School of Applied Statistics graduating with honors.

In 1968, Tina was hired as an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Valdosta State College. She later worked for the Bexar County Area Planning Council in San Antonio, TX as a statistician. Tina quickly moved on to become the first female director of a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in the US working for Bexar County Medical Association. Simultaneously, Tina applied her skills to the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) where she travelled extensively across the US evaluating VISTA programs.

In 1978, she was sought by the US Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) to develop policies and procedures for evaluating and approving HMO programs. She later headed the office that evaluated and approved HMO programs across the US signing contracts in excess of \$10 Billion. In 1995, Tina was hired away from the federal government by New York Life – later Aetna. She served as Vice President for Health Programs.

In 1990, she was accepted as a Pew Foundation Fellow and entered a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program at the

University of Michigan. In 1997, she was awarded her DrPH. In 2000, Tina was again sought by the US government this time as the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation (NSF.) This was Tina's dream job combining her management skills, evaluation skills, and accounting skills with her love for world travel. She was blessed to have a staff of 125 highly motivated auditors, and scientists who were dedicated to the integrity of scientific research funded by taxpayer dollars. Wishing to build ever stronger monitoring of research, Tina established the first joint venture between the US NSF and that of the European Union. She later made this same effort by co-chairing the first meeting between the US NSF and that of China in an effort to assure research integrity.

She didn't stop there; she then co-chaired a committee of the Office of Economic Coordination and Development (OECD) on the subject of research integrity. In retirement, Tina continued to indulge her other passion: interacting with the world's people by traveling to every US state, to every continent, over every ocean. She visited the polar ice cap and the South Pole. Even with her all consuming responsibilities, Tina made huge contributions to her communities as well. She was an active member of ZONTA mentoring young women on their way to success.

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association respectfully acknowledges

the passing of the following

Alumni/Employees/Spouses and expresses its

sympathy to family members:

CHRISTINE “TINA” BOESZ (11/24/13)*
MARTIN “MARTY” BRENNER (7/21/14)**
CAROLE J CHASE (3/5/14)***
MARTIN GILBERT (5/19/14)**
STEVEN CURTIS MCADOO (7/2/14)****
JAY MERCHANT (6/25/14)*****
LUCILLE REIFMAN (6/19/14)*****
WAYNE H SCHREIBER (2/14/14)***
DEBRA SHANNON (4/11 or 18/14)*****
NATASHA TAYLOR (3/19/14)*****
MILLIE TYSSOWSKI (5/16/14)**
DAVID WITT (5/27/14)**

* HCFA Retiree

**HCFA/CMS Alumni Member

***HCFA/CMS Alumni Member, widow of former member Francis “Frank” Chase

**** Retired CMS Deputy Regional Administrator, Dallas Regional Office

***** CMS Employee

***** Former Associate Commissioner of Medicaid in SRS (Died At Age 93)

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