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## ALUMNI NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Were oh were did the summer go! The Holidays are right around the corner. Speaking of which, enclosed with this newsletter is a flier for the Alumni Holiday Luncheon at the Turf Valley Country Club on Wednesday, December 12. Cut off the sign up sheet and send it in to register to attend. A great time is always had by all and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

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 652, although there is a group who have not yet renewed their membership for this year and we will soon reluctantly give up and delete them from the rolls. **Membership renewal forms for 2013, only for the 297 of you who need them, are enclosed with this newsletter.** If your mailing label shows an expiration date of 12/31/12, you need to renew. If it shows 12/31/13 or later your dues for 2013 are paid up and you do not need to renew at this time. Dues remain at just \$5.00 per year and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to renew at this time, while it is fresh in your mind. And you can renew for any number of years.

In this issue you will find items about the COLA Count (1.7%), Federal Employee Health Benefits Open Season, 2013 FEHB Premium information, Medicare Open Enrollment Season, Social Security Earnings Test, and senior management announcements. We again serve up some whimsical pieces in the KomedY Korner. There are lots of items that hopefully will be of interest to you.

I want to wish you all a Wonderful Fall season 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:

Sharon M Baker  
Carolyn Bryant  
Ken Marshall  
Peter Reisman  
Franklin Regulski  
Mel Schmerler  
Glenda J Shadder  
Toian Vaughn  
Samuel B Walman  
Jacqueline (Jackie) Williams

We now have 652 active members.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND PAYMENT OF YEAR 2012 DUES**

It is again time to begin the collection of the annual dues, this time for the year 2013, covering the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Enclosed with this issue of the Alumni News is the renewal form (**but only for those 297 members who need it**). Dues remain at just \$5.00 per year. When using the form to mail in your dues, please note any changes in information so we may update our records (i.e. address, e-mail, phone number, etc.)

For your convenience, we have included a pre-addressed envelope to send in your 2013 dues. **If you have already paid your 2013 dues you should NOT find an enrollment form or envelope included with this issue.**

Also responding to popular request, we continue to accept membership enrollment (or re-enrollment) for multiple years. Dues are \$5.00 per year and members can sign up for any number of years. Because the dues are nominal, there are no discounts for multiple year enrollments and there is no "lifetime" membership. Multiple year enrollments are available as a convenience to members. To facilitate keeping track of individual enrollment periods, the mailing labels used to send the HCFA/CMS Alumni News contain the member's I.D. Number and the date of expiration of enrollment, i.e., 12/31/12. **Those with a date later than 12/31/12 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 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.

And don't forget to check out the Social Security Alumni Association blog at <http://ssaanews.blogspot.com/> periodically.

### **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://ssaeaa.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 – 1.7%**

With all 12 months of the counting period for calculating the January 2013 federal retiree cost of living adjustment, the inflation index used to set that adjustment stands at plus 1.7 percentage points. To trigger a COLA for 2013, the average CPI-W for the months of July, August and September of 2012 needed to rise above the 2011 average for those same months. It did, by 1.66 percent, which results in a 1.7 percent COLA for federal annuitants covered by both CSRS and FERS.

The new CPI-W figure for September 2012 was 228.184. The average CPI-W for the third-quarter of 2012 was 226.936. This is the new reference figure for determining the 2014 COLA.

### **OKTOBERFEST**

Some 39 Alumni members and friends came to the Oktoberfest at the home of alumni member

Lillian Lehnert in Fulton, Maryland on October 4 and everyone had a wonderful time. As usual, Lillian was a most gracious host and we can never thank her enough for her hospitality. Although not required, some of the partygoers brought hot or cold covered dishes and/or desserts. Food was plentiful and fantastic. Allan Platt cooked up the hot dogs in fine fashion and the liquid refreshment was in good supply. Per the theme of the day, the menu consisted of wursts, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, sauerkraut, beer, and German desserts. The weather was great for the entire day, picture perfect. A lot of reminiscing, story telling and just great conversation filled the air. We hope to repeat the wonderful experience with another great Oktoberfest next year. We hope to see even more of you next year.

### **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

As mentioned in the President's Message and the enclosed flier, the Holiday Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Alexandra's Restaurant in the Turf Valley Country Club. The Restaurant itself will be the location and we will have the entire restaurant if needed. Last year some 137 alumni members and friends came to the Holiday Luncheon and everyone had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed the event and the place was abuzz with happy people renewing old acquaintances. Although the price we must charge has increased this year, at \$25 per person the price is still right! We hope to have a similarly great experience and see even more of you at this year's Holiday Luncheon.

As it was last year, the luncheon will be a buffet. The menu follows.

Starters: Salad Maison, Classic Caesar Salad or Seasonal Crab Soup.

Entrées: (One fish, one beef, one poultry – exact preparation subject to change)

Desserts: 3 or 4 different Chef's Choice of Desserts Displayed.

The buffet provides a wide choice of selections so there is something for every taste and it is not possible to entertain special requests

### **WILLIAM "BILL" TOBY, JR LEGACY**

Bill Toby, former Acting Administrator of HCFA in the early 1990s and long time Regional Administrator in New York, decided recently to produce a website to capture his career highlights so that his 2 grandkids, age 17 & 16 might be inspired to go into public service or at least know that their grandfather's work ethic and diligence resulted in an exciting career in HHS.

Toby encourages his colleagues and friends to review it and perhaps invite their children and grandchildren to do the same because it might inspire those who are not persuaded that this

country is unique in providing so many opportunities.

The web site can be accessed at:

<http://billtobylegacy.com/>

### **FEHB OPEN SEASON**

Fedweek.com & OPM

The Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) program open season will be from Monday, November 12 through Monday, December 10, 2012. The open season applies to health, dental, and vision insurance and flexible spending accounts. The annual open season gives federal employees and retirees the opportunity to review their 2013 health plan choices and make changes. It also allows eligible employees to enroll for coverage. FEHB enrollees are advised to review the benefits and premiums for their health plan choices and decide what coverage will best fit their healthcare needs in the coming year.

As a result of the Affordable Care Act, FEHB plans will provide a summary document detailing information about health plan benefits and coverage on their websites. This Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help FEHB enrollees better understand their coverage and allow them to easily compare different plans and plan options.

The SBC will include information on the following:

Cost - deductibles, co-payments, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket limits

Coverage - covered services, examples of covered services, and excluded services

Rights -- rights to continue coverage and grievance and appeal rights

The SBC will have a disclaimer indicating that the plan brochure remains the official statement of benefits.

Plans will provide information in their Open Season materials to their enrollees about where to find their SBC on their website as well as how to obtain a paper copy of the SBC. The plans may also have their SBC available at health fairs.

OPM has revamped the 2013 FEHB health plan brochures in an effort to make the brochure information more concise and easier to understand.

To achieve this goal, OPM states they obtained feedback from Federal employees, benefits officers, and FEHB health plans. We used this information to guide the revamp process.

Highlights of the brochure revamp include the following:

Adding a mini-text box to the front cover which includes where to find the rates, changes for 2013, and the summary of benefits

Moving the FEHB Facts (Section 11) to the beginning of the brochure as an unnumbered section

Adding information on Qualifying Life Events to the FEHB Facts (Section 11)

Or fee-for-service FEHB plan brochures, combining all Medicare information (except the Part D notice) into Section 9 and renaming the section "Coordinating Benefits with Medicare and Other Coverage."

### **2013 FEHB PREMIUMS**

[myfederalretirement.com](http://myfederalretirement.com)

2013 FEHB premium rates will increase by an average 3.4 percent for the enrollee share of premiums. This increase is slightly less than last year's premium increase of 3.8 percent.

According to OPM, on average, enrollees with self-only coverage will pay \$2.75 more per bi-weekly pay period; enrollees with family coverage will pay \$6.39 more. Premiums for Health Maintenance Organizations will increase an average 5.3 percent, while Fee-for-Service plans will see an average increase of 3.0 percent.

However, as always, within the FEHB average there is substantial variation, with some plans substantially raising premiums and others reducing premiums.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Basic Self Plan is increasing by \$6.11 to a monthly cost of \$127.99, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Basic Family Plan is increasing by \$14.28 to a monthly cost of \$299.70. The share paid by the government for us will be \$389.99 and \$899.12 respectively for the two plans. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Self Plan is increasing by \$0.72 to a monthly cost of \$186.14, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Family Plan is increasing by \$3.59 to a monthly cost of \$433.63. The share paid by the government for us will be \$413.49 and \$920.73 respectively for the two plans.

The new premium rates for 2013 for all health plans can be accessed at the OPM web site (<https://www.opm.gov>). Just click on Insurance Programs under Federal Employees in the Browse By Audience section of the home page and proceed from there. The rates will come up in Adobe Acrobat Reader format.

Information about Dental, Vision and Long Term Care coverages and premiums is also available at the OPM web site.

### **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON**

The Medicare program's Open Enrollment Period, during which you can enroll in or switch plans, began October 15 and ends on December 7.

During this period, you may enroll in a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan or, if you currently have a plan, you may change plans. In addition, during the seven-week period you can return to traditional Medicare (Parts A and B) from a Medicare Advantage (Part C, managed care) plan, enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, or change Advantage plans. Beneficiaries can go to [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to make changes in their Medicare prescription drug and health plan coverage.

Beneficiaries should consider reviewing their options for 2013. Prescription drug plans can change their premiums, deductibles, the list of drugs they cover, and their plan rules for covered drugs, exceptions and appeals. Medicare Advantage plans can change their benefit package and their provider network.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS TEST**

The earnings test threshold applying to Social Security beneficiaries aged 62 through “full retirement age” -- in 2013, 66 -- is increasing to \$15,120. Those beneficiaries lose \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$2 in earnings through employment or self-employment above the limit. A separate earnings test applies only to earnings for months in the year an individual reaches full retirement age prior to the individual attaining that age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above \$40,080. There is no limit on earnings beginning the month an individual attains full retirement age.

### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Michelle Snyder, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, has taken on the additional responsibility of Acting Deputy Administrator of the Center for Strategic Planning. This follows the resignation of Anthony (Tony) Rodgers.



**CENTER FOR CONSUMER INFORMATION AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT  
(CCIIO)**

**Gary Cohen** has joined CMS as Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). Gary is returning to CMS to lead the implementation of a major component of the ACA from his most recent position as Chief Counsel to the California Health Benefit Exchange Board. Prior to joining the California Exchange, Gary was the Director of the Oversight Group at CCIIO. In previous positions, he served as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel for the California Department of Insurance, Chief of Staff to Congressman John Garamendi, and General Counsel of the California Public Utilities Commission. He holds a law degree from Stanford University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University.

To support Gary operationally as we move into implementation of the exchanges, Jim Kerr has temporarily joined CCIIO as the Deputy Director for Operations. His experience as the Consortia Administrator for Medicare Health Plan Operations uniquely qualifies him to work on these issues during this critical implementation phase. And Nancy O'Connor, Regional Administrator in Philadelphia, will perform the duties of Deputy Consortium Administrator for Medicare Health Plan Operations while Jim is temporarily detailed to CCIIO. Nancy will be assisted by Julie Kennedy, CMHPO Associate Regional Administrator in Dallas, on product line issues.

**HUMAN CAPITAL MANGEMENT GROUP**

**Angela Porter** has joined CMS as the SES Director of the Human Capital Management Group (HCMG). She comes to CMS with a career spanning over 25 years with experience and expertise in all facets of the human capital functions. Most recently, she served as the Executive Director, Human Resources Management Programs and Policies within the Federal Aviation Administration. Angela also has had human resources (HR) experience within the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management.

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award has been presented to the following individuals:

**Helen Paine**, of the Office of Information Services in Baltimore MD. Helen is being recognized for this honor for her resolute dedication to CMS's mission through the implementation of Master Data Management (MDM) and its principles and for being an inspiration to the MDM team.

**Gregg McAllister**, of the Chicago Regional Office. Gregg is being recognized for this honor for consistently providing exemplary and technically sound assistance on Provider Enrollment issues to both the provider and contractor community.

**Robert Anthony**, of the Office of Enterprise Management in Baltimore MD. Robert is being recognized for this honor for his exceptional leadership regarding CMS' EHR meaningful use initiatives in support of transforming the nation's health care.

**Linda Horsch**, of the Dallas Regional Office. Linda is being recognized for this honor for her enthusiasm in tackling new projects, especially those that assist the Medicare beneficiaries, and for her work to support CMS and her community with "green" projects.

**Amanda Burd**, of the Office of Financial Management in Baltimore MD. Amanda is being recognized for her exemplary leadership in developing and implementing the prior authorization demonstration for power mobility devices.

**Megan Buck**, of the Kansas City Regional Office. Megan is being recognized for her outstanding teamwork and collaboration with internal and external partners as it relates to her role as the Medicaid Kansas State Lead and her participation on special workgroups.

**Karen Pardue**, of the Center for Medicare in Baltimore Md. Karen is being recognized for her outstanding work leading CMS' efforts to enhance the Medicare provider educational experience through the Medicare Learning Network's Continuing Education Program.

**Nicolas Aretakis**, of the Denver Regional Office. Nicolas is being recognized for his excellent technical assistance to Region 8 States, the Eligibility Exchange Team, and the Medicaid group in a recent review of the Montana Medicaid Eligibility System.

**Rebecca Decastro**, of the Center for Medicare in Baltimore MD. Rebecca is being recognized for her extraordinary initiative to conduct highly complex data analyses to support payment policy development, resulting in invaluable products that promote better payment policy.

**Mary Rydell**, of the San Francisco Regional Office. Mary is being recognized for her excellence and dedication in serving Hawaii and the Pacific Territories, tirelessly representing them and their needs to CMS and HHS for the last fourteen years.

**Alan Marcus**, of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights in Baltimore MD. Alan is being recognized for being instrumental in furthering CMS' Sign Language Interpreter Program ensuring that the agency meets its legal obligation and that the workforce has the tools and resources to accomplish the mission.

**Janice Snyder**, of the Seattle Regional Office. Janice is being recognized for fostering exceptionally strong relationships with Medicare Advantage Plan leadership, ensuring improved quality in access for nearly 1.6 Million Medicare beneficiaries.

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

### **WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE REGIONS?**

As Ripley would say, "Believe It Or Not," we have many alumni members from the regional offices and would like to hear from you. We would like to know if HCFA or CMS retirees are getting together and what they are up to. We'd be happy to publish short articles and there are no restrictions or limits (unless you are involved in criminal activities, ha).

We used to occasionally have "Whatever Happened To..." articles updating what retirees were doing but haven't had any input along these lines in a long time. If you think your retirement life is noteworthy we'd love to hear about it too.

### **HOW I MET MY WIFE**

By Mike (GRANDPA MIKEE) Blank

In the early summer of 1956, I graduated from the City College of New York (C.C.C.N.Y.) and my future wife, Shelley, graduated from New Utrecht High School (Danny Kaye was also an alumnus) in Brooklyn, New York.

Although I had also graduated from New Utrecht a few years before, and we lived only a few blocks apart, we had never met.

One July morning a few friends and I decided to go walking on the beach at Coney Island. While walking there, we met another young group of Brooklynites walking towards us. Since there were mutual friends in both groups, we stopped and began talking to each other. Shelley was in that group. Since I was attracted to her, I began talking to her.

After awhile, I invited Shelley to go up on the boardwalk to Mrs. Shatzkini's Knish Shop. Since I had just graduated from college, I didn't have very much money. So I was only able to afford a knish (potato) and a soda for both of us.

At the time, I had been going out with a girl for quite a long time. So, being the smooth operator that I was, and being out of money, I nonchalantly asked Shelley for a dime. Being honest (and stupid), I told Shelley I needed the dime to call my girl friend to see if she was busy that night. When Shelley, without blinking or commenting, immediately handed me a dime, I knew I had met my soul mate. I called my then girlfriend, who told me she couldn't meet me that night.

So, again being cool and ultra suave, I told Shelley that my girlfriend couldn't get together with

me that night. I then, of course, asked Shelley if she wanted to go out with me that night.

When she quickly, and unhesitatingly, said yes, I knew two off centered people were meant for each other. I never again contacted my then ex-girlfriend.

To further solidify Shelley and I knew we were meant for each other, early the next year when we went to purchase and pay for our marriage license, Shelley insisted on paying for half the cost of our license. When she told me that she that she wanted to guarantee that she at least would have half the say in our marriage. Unfortunately for me, Shelley has much more than a fifty percent say in our 55-year marriage.

Don't tell Shelley, but I've been very lucky that Shelley has made much more than fifty percent of our "joint" decisions.

### **KOMEDY KORNER**

#### **CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE ON RETIREMENT**

A teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their vacation. One child wrote the following:

"We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live here in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida and now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people.

"They live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on big tricycles and wear nametags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed, because it is all right now.

"They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool, too, but they all jump up and down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

"At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. Then they go cruising in their golf carts.

"My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night: Early Birds. Some of the people can't get past the man in the dollhouse to go out. So the ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center and call it potluck.

"My Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded some day, too. When I earn my retardment I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren."

**NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR THE OVER 40 CROWD!**

- If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
  
- Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
- Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
- Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
- It ain't the jeans that make your butt look fat.

**75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

A very elderly couple was having an elegant dinner to celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary. The old man leaned forward and said softly to his wife, "Dear, there is something that I must ask you. It has always bothered me that our tenth child never quite looked like the rest of our children. Now I want to assure you that these 75 years have been the most wonderful experience I could have ever hoped for, and your answer can not take all that away. But, I must know, did he have a different father?"

The wife dropped her head, unable to look her husband in the eye. She paused for moment and then confessed. "Yes. Yes he did."

The old man was very shaken, the reality of what his wife was admitting hit him harder than he had expected. With a tear in his eye he asked, "Who? Who was he? Who was the father?"

Again the old woman dropped her head, saying nothing at first as she tried to muster the courage to tell the truth to her husband. Then, finally, she said, "You."

### CLEANING HOUSE

A poem for the Internet Addict!

I asked the Lord to tell me  
Why my house is such a mess.  
He asked if I'd been 'puting,  
And I had to answer "yes."

He told me to get off my butt  
And tidy up the house.  
And so I started cleaning up.  
The smudges off my mouse.

I wiped and shined the topside.  
That really did the trick...  
I was just admiring my work...  
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I didn't mean to 'click.'

But click, I did, and oops I found  
A real absorbing site  
That I got SO way into...  
Was into it all night. (Sigh)

Nothing's changed except my mouse  
It's very, very shiny.  
I guess my house will stay a mess...  
While I sit here and surf the Internet

### DESIREABLE WIDOWER

A 70-year old extremely wealthy widower showed up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful, very sexy 25-year old blonde who knocked everyone's socks off with sex appeal and charm. She hung over his arm listening intently to his every word. His buddies are aghast! On their first chance they cornered him and asked, "How'd you get the trophy girlfriend?"

He said "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

They were knocked over, but continued, "So how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

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"I lied about my age," he said.

"Did you tell her you were only 50?"

He smiled and said, "No I told her I was 90!"

### **PASSPORT TO FRANCE**

An 83-year old man arrived in Paris by plane. At customs he took a few minutes to locate his passport.

"You have been to France before, monsieur," the customs officer asked sarcastically?

The old man said he had.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready!"

The old man said, "Last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible! Americans always have to show passports on arrival!"

The old man gave the Frenchman a long hard look, and then said, "When I came ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day to help liberate this country, I couldn't find any damn Frenchmen to show it to!"

### **THE MOST DANGEROUS FOOD**

A doctor was addressing a big audience. "The material we put in our stomach is enough to kill most of us here years ago! Red meat's awful, soda corrodes the stomach lining, Chinese food is loaded with MSG, high fat diets can be disastrous and no one realizes long term harm caused by germs in drinking water! But there's 1 thing most dangerous of all and we all have or will eat it. Can anyone tell me what food causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet a 75-year old man raised his hand and said "Wedding Cake!"

**OBITUARIES**

**BONNIE A. FOGLER**



Bonnie Ann Fogler, 66, a 40-year resident of Kingsville, MD died quietly in her home surrounded by her family on August 1st after a valiant thirteen-year battle with multiple myeloma. She was born November 7, 1945 in Baltimore and graduated with the class of '63 from Overlea Senior High School. Bonnie went to work for the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn immediately after graduation where she became a computer programmer and retired after 33 years as a divisional programming manager for Medicare.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Fogler, who died in 2010. She is survived by her mother, Norma Bauersfeld, of Essex MD who has been her constant companion to aid and support her throughout her entire battle, her late father Harry Bauersfeld, Jr., her sister Debra Kenney of Media, PA, and brother Harry Bauersfeld III of Annapolis, MD, her nieces and nephews, Ashton Fisher, Kara and Ryan Kenney and the late Larkin Bauersfeld. Family and friends may call at the E.F. Lassahn Funeral Home, P.A. 11750 Belair Rd. (Kingsville) on Sunday, August 5, 2012 from 2-4 & 7-9pm. A memorial service will held on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 11:00am at United Evangelical United Church of Christ, 3200 Dillon



Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 followed by internment at Oak Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at [www.themmr.org](http://www.themmr.org).

**HERBERT ALAN ROBBINS**

Submitted by Paul Epstein

Herbert Alan Robbins, 74, of Corolla, North Carolina passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in Port Charlotte, FL. He is survived by his loving wife, Bren Robbins, his children, Guy Copeland, his wife Debbie and children Robbie, Sarah and Lauren; Ian Copeland, his wife Kathy and their children Dakota and Cassidy; Gambol Bosmans, her husband Kyle, and their children Madeline and Alaina; and Anne Counoupas, her husband Jim and their children Christopher, Alex, and Daniel and his brother, Ted Robbins and his wife Phyllis and their family of Santa Rosa, CA. Herb was born October 20, 1936 in Brooklyn, NY and spent most of his childhood in Chicago, IL. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin, served as a lieutenant in the US Navy before completing his law degree from Northwestern University. Herb spent his career in service to state and federal government, retiring from National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 2002. Since then he and Bren have lived in Corolla, NC where he took an active role in his community through volunteer service to many organizations such as the Currituck County Library, Corolla Fire & Rescue, and other civic organizations. He was committed to furthering the ideals of the Democratic Party on the national, state and local level. He loved to read, write, golf, play Scrabble and spend time with family and friends. He was a generous and kind husband, father, grandfather and friend who made a positive impact on the many lives that he touched. He will be forever loved and admired by his family and friends. A private family service will be held at a later date.

# **IN MEMORIAM**

**The Alumni Association respectfully acknowledges**

**the passing of the following**

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

**sympathy to family members:**

**BONNIE A. FOGLER (8/1/12)\***  
**HERBERT ALAN ROBBINS (4/26/11)\*\***

\* HCFA/CMS Alumni Member

\*\*HCFA Retiree

**If you are aware of any other deaths of Alumni please notify the editorial staff**

**Oct 2012**