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Still The Second Best Thing About Payday

An Artistic Point of View: NIEHS's Joseph Tart

By Colleen Chandler

Joseph Tart produced 75 paintings in the past 5 years. But for him, it's more about the process than the quantity. For Tart, the process is therapeutic and calming.

Tart is the art director for the NIEHS journal, *Environmental Health Perspectives*. By day, he sits at his computer, using electronic tools to do a lot of the same things he does at home in his studio with paint brushes and a palate: eliciting emotional appeal from a flat, blank surface.

In his office, he sits back in his chair and ponders the creative aspects of his job and his painting. His eyes focus on something far in the distance, well beyond the wall that faces him. He talks about the use of certain colors to create a mood or emotional state. The concept, he says, is well documented in the art world, but the way people react is almost always subconscious.

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African American History Program Set, Feb. 14

The annual NIH observance of African American History is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. The theme is "Science in Motion: The Role of African American Inventors." Pin Points, a theatrical group, will perform a dramatization, "1001 Black Inventions," featuring the stories of ingenious men and women who contributed the ideas for hundreds of commonly used products to the success of the nation. All are welcome to attend. Sign language interpreters will be provided. Contact Kay Johnson Graham at (301) 496-3403 (TTY 301-480-3122) for reasonable accommodation.

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Kin to the Inn

Safra Lodge To Open Soon

By Rich McManus

Unlike its cousin buildings that are at or nearing the end of construction on campus, the Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge—scheduled to open in the coming weeks—has hewn to a far different aesthetic than laboratory, parking garage or hospital. Built in the style of an English country manor, the 34-room house is more like the Children's Inn at NIH or Stone House (a mansion once owned by George Freeland Peter) because it is a place where people actually live rather than work.



Decorative exterior of new Safra Lodge

Thus there are no interstitial floors, or biosafety features or lab

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'Dream...Becoming Reality'

MLK Day Event Hails Health Disparity Successes

By Carla Garnett

This year, to evoke Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of equality, NIH celebrated several of its success stories. Five "NIH Partners in Health Disparities"—programs to reduce health problems in specific populations—were recognized as tangible proof that NIH is advancing in its mission to improve health for all and inspired the commemoration's 2005 theme, "The Dream of a Healthy Nation Becoming a Reality."



NCI's Dr. Mark Clanton and NIAMS's Kelli Carrington help NIH remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream.

King would have marked his 76th birthday this year, noted NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni. "Very few people in the history of mankind have had the impact of Martin Luther King," he said,

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"It's important to reach people with their feelings as well as their minds," he said. That element of emotional appeal causes people to reach down deep inside, deeper than they otherwise would, to relate to whatever topic is presented.

Tart said he tends to go back to certain themes in his painting. He has an affinity for still life, especially using simple objects like fruit. Lemons and pears are among the objects he has painted multiple times.

Joyce Bumann, Freedom of Information specialist at NIEHS, bought one of Tart's paintings of a lemon several years ago. She hung it in her breakfast room, which she has deliberately turned into a

bright, cheery space. The painting, she said, is the perfect complement for the room, tying together all the elements of color and quality.

"There is just something wonderful about what he does with color," Bumann said.

As a child, Tart watched his beloved grandmother as she painted. Hers were somber landscapes. He, too, paints landscapes. His feature simple boats that, in Tart's words, "explore the quiet moments of sunrise and sunset" and bridges that "suggest our connection between different moments in our past and future.

"The relationship between artist and the subject is revealed in my paintings through the interplay of light, space and color," he continues. "The luscious maternity of fruit is reflected in the fullness of curve, the richness of hue. Nature is refracted through the lens of human experience and assumes the contours of the human form."

Among Tart's favorite pieces is a mirror he did for the Raleigh (N.C.) Hospice Association, which conducted an auction to raise money for hospice activities. For that piece, he found an old mirror. Over the peeling, cracking frame, he painted angel wings. He used wire to float a piece of wood above the mirror. On the back of the wood, facing the mirror, was a reversed passage about angels who come to you when you are unaware. The passage was legible in the mirror, but camouflaged from direct view of the mirror. A colorful, loosely printed heart adorned the front of the wood panel. Tart said the piece did very well in the auction. That was

payment enough for him. Tart said he admires hospice workers, who generously offer love and patience to support a family, but remain unobtrusive in the process. His contribution was his tribute to their work.

Tart, who has a degree in biology, said he paints more now that he has a studio addition to his home, where he lives with wife Kimberly, *EHP* news editor, and four sons. The couple decided to add the studio about 5 years ago. To see some of his work, visit <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/feartshow/>. ■

NIH Sailing Association Open House

The NIH Sailing Association invites everyone to its open house on Thursday, Mar. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the FAES House on the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Cedar Lane. Would you like to learn to sail? Does the idea of racing sailboats appeal to you? Can you imagine being part of a group filled with skilled sailing instructors, enthusiasts and boat owners? Membership includes instruction, sailboats for charter, racing, cruises, parties and fun. Admission is \$5 at the door and includes pizza and sodas; \$2 for beer or wine. For more information, visit www.recgov.org/sail. ■

Presentation on Well-Being, Feb. 4

A talk titled, "A Scientific Perspective on the Inner Subtle System: Qualities of Each Energy Center," will be held Friday, Feb. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the CRC, Rm. 7-1580. Topics include awakening of dormant energy (kundalini), achieving thoughtless awareness, stress relief, improved concentration and physical and spiritual well-being. ■



Joseph Tart, art director for NIEHS's Environmental Health Perspectives, with his painting, *River Stones*

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STEP Session on Diet, Weight Control

The staff training in extramural programs (STEP) committee will present a Science in the Public Health forum on the topic, "Diet and Weight Control—Hold the Bun?" on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Natcher Conference Center's main auditorium.

Dietary choices are key to achieving optimal body weight. In the ongoing battle against the bulge, more and more people are embracing low-carbohydrate diets and the food industry has responded with a profusion of new products. But will focusing solely on carbohydrate intake be enough to counter the rising incidence of overweight and obesity in the U.S. population? What new research is needed to help people make informed nutritional decisions? Do we need to overhaul our national dietary guidelines to effectively address the problem of weight gain? This forum will examine the physiology of weight control with an emphasis on dietary factors and explore some of the benefits and possible health risks associated with popular weight-loss diets.

Metabolic Study for African-Americans

Healthy volunteers are needed for a study that is investigating the relationship of obesity to resting energy expenditure (REE) and fatty acid flux in healthy African Americans, ages 18 to 49 years. The study involves a 2-week period (excluding weekends) of outpatient visits to the Clinical Center for breakfast, weight measurement and to pick up meals. All meals will be provided during the study. Participation involves blood draws and metabolic testing. The last 2 days will require a 2-night inpatient stay. Compensation provided. Call (301) 402-7119 for information. Refer to protocol 04-DK-0061. ■

Depression Study Needs Volunteers

If you currently experience symptoms of depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Symptoms include sadness, losing interest in your activities and changes in eating and sleeping patterns. Interested volunteers, 18 years or older, may be eligible to participate. If you qualify, participation involves a 2-3-hour visit, including questionnaires. The study does not include treatment, but we provide referrals. You will be compensated for your time. For more information, call the Uniformed Services University, (301) 295-3241. ■



Most everyone knows the NIH Record circulates around campus every payday, but it has a wider circulation. Just ask Alec Liacouras, whose retirement article appeared in the Apr. 1, 2003, issue. Liacouras was the scientific review administrator for the medical biochemistry study section. In the article, he was quoted saying how much his high school biology teacher, Miss Heaps, inspired him to pursue a career in science. It was a wonderful thing to say, particularly since the article made its way to Miss Heaps, who is now Mrs. Cote and recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. The article also reached officials at Penns Grove High School in Carneys Point, N.J. They apparently were impressed with the rest of what they read, because Liacouras was recently invited to the school's 25th annual Honor Roll Recognition Dinner, where he was feted for his personal achievement and inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. Shown above are (from l) Dr. Joseph Massare, superintendent of schools, Penns Grove-Carney's Point District, Liacouras, his wife Elaine, and Dr. Paul Rufino, principal of Penns Grove High School.

NIH-Duke Training in Clinical Research

Applications for the 2005-2006 NIH-Duke Training Program in Clinical Research are available in the Clinical Center, Office of Clinical Research Training and Medical Education, Bldg. 10, Rm. B1L403.

The NIH-Duke program, implemented in 1998, is designed primarily for physicians and dentists who desire formal training in the quantitative and methodological principles of clinical research. The program is offered via videoconference at the CC. Academic credit earned by participating in this program may be applied toward satisfying the degree requirement for a master of health sciences in clinical research from Duke School of Medicine.

For more information about course work and tuition costs, visit <http://tprc.mc.duke.edu>. Email queries about the program may be addressed to tprc@mc.duke.edu. The deadline for applying is Mar. 1, 2005. Applicants who have been accepted into the program will be notified by July 1, 2005. ■

Are You a Woman Who Has Been Depressed?

NIH is looking for female volunteers to participate in a study that examines the role of hormones in depression. Participants should have experienced depression in the past but not be currently depressed, be between ages 18-45, be medically healthy and not be taking any medications, including birth control pills. Study includes thorough evaluations and compensation. For more information call Linda Simpson-St. Clair, (301) 496-9576 (TTY 1-866-411-1010).

NIAID Seeks HIV+ Volunteers

HIV positive volunteers are needed for a phase I/II clinical trial testing the safety and effectiveness of a new interleukin-2 (IL-2) analogue called BAY 50-4798. This study will test whether BAY 50-4798 causes immunologic changes similar to conventional IL-2 but with milder side effects. Patients must be on HIV medications, have a viral load less than 10,000, CD4 count of at least 200, and not have had prior IL-2 therapy. Travel assistance may be provided. Call Jocelyn Voell, (301) 435-7913.

Three New Division Directors Named at NIAAA

Capping a year of transition during which NIAAA reorganized, three recent appointments have filled key remaining senior staff positions. Drs. Markus Heilig, Antonio Noronha and Mark Willenbring have been named to the positions of clinical director for the Division of Intramural Clinical and Biological Research, director of the Division of Neuroscience and Behavior (DNB), and director of the Division of Treatment and Recovery Research (DTRR), respectively.

Heilig will serve as both clinical director and chief of the Laboratory of Clinical and Translational Studies. He comes to NIAAA from the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, where he had served since 2002 as chief of research and development in the division of psychiatry in the southern clinical neuroscience department. From 1997 to 2001, he directed an addiction medicine department at Karolinska that conducted preclinical and clinical research and research training in addiction medicine.

Heilig's research has focused on the neural mechanisms underlying motivation and emotion, with special emphasis on the stress response and anxiety, and on the neurobiological basis of drug and alcohol dependence. He is internationally recognized for his groundbreaking research on neuropeptide Y, a peptide with a major role in emotionality and alcohol-seeking behavior. Author of the standard addiction medicine textbook used in Sweden, Heilig has been an advocate for public education to remove the stigma of addiction and counter the popular perception that addiction is the product of a character defect.

Prior to NIAAA's reorganization in 2003, Noronha served as chief of the Neuroscience and Behavioral Research Branch (NBRB) in the former Division of Basic Research, a position he had held since 1999. From 1990 to 1999, he served in the NIAAA Office of Scientific Affairs as science review administrator for the neuroscience and behavior review subcommittee of the alcohol biomedical research review committee.

After earning a Ph.D. in neuroscience in 1982 from the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago, Noronha conducted research on the biochemistry of myelin-associated glycoprotein, and on the role of cell adhesion molecules and other

glycoconjugates in demyelinating disorders. His career at NIH began in 1982 at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, where he was a research fellow and then senior staff fellow in the Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology.

During his tenure as NBRB chief, the branch



Dr. Markus Heilig



Dr. Antonio Noronha



Dr. Mark Willenbring

developed several initiatives that have had a significant impact on the institute's neuroscience, behavior and genetics programs. Noronha was instrumental in initiating the Integrative Neuroscience Initiative on Alcoholism, a multidisciplinary consortium of research and investigators elucidating the neurobiological mechanisms underlying neuroadaptation to alcohol. He has also been involved in numerous trans-NIH initiatives, committees and Roadmap projects.

Willenbring comes to NIAAA from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, where he served as professor of psychiatry. For the past 12 years, he also has served as medical director of the addictive disorders section at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis. He received his M.D. from the University of Minnesota and did his internship at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center in St. Paul. He completed his residency in general psychiatry at the University of California, Davis, and an interdisciplinary social science research fellowship at the University of Wisconsin.

Willenbring's research interests include pharmacotherapies for alcohol and other drug abuse, alcohol and tobacco, the treatment of co-occurring disorders, the interaction of treatment for alcohol use disorders and hepatitis C and turning research findings into clinical practice. He has published on topics ranging from medications for alcohol dependence and mental health disorders and psychoneuroendocrinology, to case management and service delivery, hepatitis C and implementation of evidence-based practice guidelines. ■

The American Public Health Association has honored former NIEHS director Dr. Ken Olden with the Sedgwick Medal, the oldest and most prestigious award bestowed by APHA. The medal is awarded annually for outstanding public health service.



Olden was selected for his extraordinary achievements in linking environmental health sciences with public health and the practice of

medicine. He was among the first public officials to focus on the need for research into gene-environment interactions in understanding the development of chronic diseases. The honor was bestowed recently at APHA's annual meeting in Washington.

Attention Female Baseball Players

The Recreation and Welfare Association is starting a women's baseball club called the NIH Lasers, which will play in the Eastern Women's Baseball Conference. EWBC players range in age from 15-55, with most of the players in their 20s to 40s. Each team plays one game per weekend, early May through mid/late September. All teams have pre-season practices and scrimmages in the spring, and most continue to practice once a week during the season. The league also assembles a select "tournament team" for occasional competition against other leagues. The Lasers have 10 players so far, and are looking for 5-10 more; coaches/managers (of either gender) are also needed. If interested, contact Susan McCarthy at (301) 594-8785 or mccarths@mail.nih.gov. ■

Malaria Vaccine Study Needs Volunteers

Healthy men and women ages 18-45, without previous history of malaria or receipt of a malaria vaccine, are needed to participate in a study on the safety and effectiveness of a new investigational malaria vaccine at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring. Health screening and financial compensation provided. Call 1-866-856-3259 toll free or (301) 319-9335/9320, or visit www.wrairclinicaltrials.com. ■

Wednesday Afternoon Lectures

The Wednesday Afternoon Lecture series—held on its namesake day at 3 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10—features Dr. Lewis C. Cantley on Feb. 9; his topic is "The Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Pathway and Human Disease." He is professor of systems biology, Harvard Medical School and chief, division of signal transduction, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

On Feb. 16, Dr. Judith Campisi, senior scientist, life sciences division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and professor, Buck Institute for Age Research, Berkeley, will lecture on "Cancer and Aging: Rival Demons?"

For more information or for reasonable accommodation, call Hilda Madine, (301) 594-5595.

Mentoring Roundtable at NIH, Mar. 9

NIH will host the 2005 Federal Mentoring Roundtable on Wednesday, Mar. 9. The free event will be held in the Natcher Center, Conf. Rm. E1/E2 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The roundtable will provide a forum for discussion about mentoring challenges, opportunities and successes. To register, visit <http://LearningSource.od.nih.gov/MentoringRoundtableRegistration.asp>. For more information and to suggest topics for discussion contact Moneca Surida, SuridaM@mail.nih.gov, (301) 496-9439 or Carol Storm, StormC@mail.nih.gov, (301) 402-3383. ■

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Weight and Insulin Study

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is conducting a study examining weight and stress responses to exercise in African American and Caucasian men and women between the ages of 18 and 45. Volunteers will be compensated for their participation. Call (301) 295-1371. ■

Neurocognitive Measures Study

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is conducting a study examining the relationship between computerized and traditional neurocognitive measures with healthy adult men and women ages 18-79. Participants will complete a brief interview and participate in a one-time testing session in Bethesda. Participants will be compensated for their time. Call Lt. John Ashburn, (301) 295-2501 or email jashburn@usuhs.mil.

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“who was not just an American hero, but also a hero of humanity.”

King was a visionary who saw the future before everyone, Zerhouni continued. “He would see our progress, but he would also see that we are not yet at the Promised Land. We have a long way to go. The diversity of those who serve has to be a mirror image of those we serve. Not trying is worse than trying and failing. We have to continue the march.”

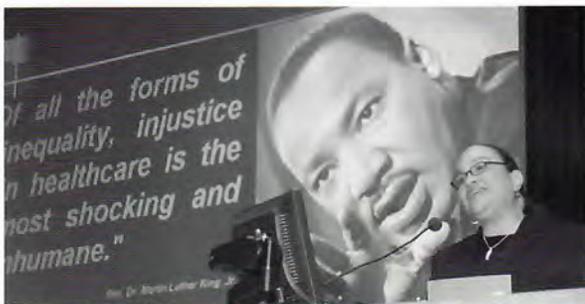
Honored at the Jan. 11 event as footsoldiers in the health disparities battle were grantees as well as current and former NIH’ers leading the charge on several fronts—from efforts to reduce cancer incidence in African Americans, Asians and Latinos to raising awareness of heart disease in women to establishing an inner-city rheumatic disease clinic to preventing diabetes in Native Americans.

“Martin Luther King envisioned equal opportunity and full access to good health for all,” said Dr. Mark Clanton, NCI deputy director for cancer care delivery systems, before introducing the awardees. “Scientific knowledge achieves its highest value and best purpose when that knowledge is used to advance the human condition...Dr. King’s dream was at its core about selflessness. We all are trustees of the human condition. [Our] work transcends goals of individual achievement. Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’”

The six who were lauded for work on behalf of others include NIH grantee Dr. Claudia Baquet,



NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni lauds King’s legacy.



NIH grantee Baquet discusses reaching out to Maryland’s Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland populations with cancer prevention messages.

formerly of NCI and now principal investigator of the Maryland Special Populations Network (MSPN); NIAMS science writer Kelli Carrington, outreach coordinator of the Health Partnership Program (HPP); Dr. Jane DeMouy, former NIDDK deputy communications director who served as liaison for the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and Mary Hoskin, program coordinator for DPP and its Outcomes Study; NCI grantee Dr. Grace Ma,

Dr. Ann Taubenheim notes the popularity of NHLBI’s Wear Red for Heart Disease Awareness promotion.



principal investigator of the Asian Tobacco Education and Cancer Awareness Research (ATECAR) Initiative; and Dr. Ann Taubenheim, coordinator of NHLBI’s Women’s Heart Health Education Initiative.

Each briefly described her program’s highlights. Baquet discussed MSPN’s success in reaching Maryland’s Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland populations with cancer prevention messages, citing the state’s disproportionate rates of colorectal and prostate cancer incidence and mortality.

Carrington noted that one of the most beneficial results of NIAMS’s health partnership may be the trust in the medical research enterprise that HPP has been able to develop in its urban setting, a commodity that is hard to measure, but invaluable for future health care success. More than 1,000 patients have been recruited—all via word of mouth—to HPP’s clinic located in the Cardozo neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

DeMouy and Hoskin talked about how DPP used testimonial videos and brochures developed with assistance from the community’s own citizens to help convince Navajo, Pima and Zuni tribes that diabetes was not inevitable for them, and could be prevented with diet and exercise.

Receiving awards for support of diversity are (from l) Dr. Claudia Baquet of the Maryland Special Populations Network; Mary Hoskin and Dr. Jane DeMouy of NIDDK’s Diabetes Prevention Program and its Outcomes Study; Dr. Ann Taubenheim of NHLBI’s Women’s Heart Health Education Initiative; Dr. Grace Ma of NCI’s Asian Tobacco Education and Cancer Awareness Research Initiative; and Kelli Carrington of NIAMS’s Health Partnership Program.



Similarly, Taubenheim reflected that NHLBI's The Heart Truth for Women campaign—particularly the Red Dress promotion—was changing mindsets and gaining popularity, stressing that heart disease is a top health concern of women as well as men.

"We are beginning to see Martin Luther King's dream become reality," said Ma, whose ATECAR initiative in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York has reached more than 81,000 Asian Americans with tobacco-use cessation and other cancer awareness activities. "However, there are still challenges."

Earlier in the program, assistant director of the NIH Office of Intramural Research Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez



Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez

recalled that she had been just 10 years old when King was assassinated in 1968. Before then, she had not known of King or his civil rights work. However, with a child's understanding, she grasped the sad effect his death had on the adults around her. Addressing her curiosity, her parents introduced a new word to her young vocabulary—segregation. For someone "growing up in Puerto Rico's substantially skin colorblind society," she said learning that such injustices were occurring "in our mainland of the free and home of the brave was a life-changing experience" that led her to adopt King's struggle as her own.

Thirty-odd years later, at the world's largest medical research facility in a nation still grappling with equality issues, Garcia-Perez was glad to be able to describe another young person who has in his own way begun to tackle health inequities, thereby also taking up King's dream.

One of several dozen students to complete an NIH Academy fellowship, Quetzalsol Lopez-Chacon was a member of the academy's inaugural class in 2000 and will soon enter his final year of an M.D./M.P.H. program at Stanford School of Medicine. As a medical student, he cofounded Premeds of Color, an organization that provides resources to minority students pursuing medical careers; during his academy training, he organized NIH's first Spanish-language health fair.

Garcia-Perez, chair of the working group that designed the Academy in 1999, pointed with pride to Lopez-Chacon as another indication that NIH efforts to close gaps are succeeding. He is "living hope that the dream to reduce health disparities will be passed on to future generations until it is fulfilled," she concluded. "And as we know, keeping hope alive is an integral part of Dr. King's dream." ■

Lee Retires After 34 Years at NEI

The National Eye Institute reluctantly said good-bye to Joan Lee after 34 years of dedicated service.

Lee joined NEI in 1970 as secretary to Dr. Carl Kupfer, former NEI director, who at that time was also NEI clinical director. In addition, she worked as clinic coordinator for several NEI intramural studies and co-authored papers on a cataract study. In 1981, she was appointed EEO officer, a position she held until her recent retirement. Among her many duties, she arranged for mentoring and job placement of students throughout NIH who were participating in minority internship programs. Lee says her most gratifying experiences were working with the clinic patients and mentoring student interns.

She grew up in Spencerville, Md., and graduated from Sherwood High School, where she was a sports enthusiast, playing basketball, hockey and volleyball. After graduation in 1959, she attended Morgan State University. Following college, she spent most of her waking hours raising three sons.

In 1967, Lee applied for a unit clerk position in the Clinical Center nursing department. For her this was no ordinary job. When her mother passed away in 1965, after being diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia, Lee wanted to learn as much as she could about the disease. Ironically, she was hired by the unit that managed leukemia patients. She enjoyed the daily operations of the patient care unit and gained valuable knowledge about her mother's disease.

"NIH has been a wonderful resource to me and my family," Lee says. "Having the opportunity to work in the leukemia clinic was a very rewarding experience in my career."

Over the years, she served on many NIH-wide committees and received numerous honors and awards for her dedication to patients and student interns, and for her work as EEO officer. At a retirement party, surrounded by friends and family, she was honored in speeches by several NEI colleagues who have worked with her. NEI Deputy Director Jack McLaughlin pointed out what a difficult job an EEO position can be, and credited Lee for her hard work and dedication. "Joan is the most honest person I've ever met," he said. "Her ability to deal with troublesome issues in a frank, honest, helpful way is the secret to her success."

Lee plans to spend time with her family, including six grandchildren. She is still a sports enthusiast and enjoys traveling. She also plans to continue her community outreach and mentoring.—Linda Huss ■



Joan Lee cuts cake on 34 years of dedicated service.

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gases to talk about; the Safra Lodge trades the utilitarian for the cosmopolitan, and the comfortable. You won't find hand-laid herringbone wood floors in any other building on campus, but such a floor graces the Fellowship Hall (living room) of the new lodge. As its executive director Jan Weymouth says, "This lodge sends a message about how much NIH and the Clinical Center care about the people who participate with us in our clinical research. We want to be the best we can be for them."

Everything about the lodge, from its oblique (rather than road-facing) siting on the lawn outside the Mary Woodard Lasker Center (the Cloisters) near the new Clinical Research Center, to its large windows, to its highly decorated public spaces (the ceiling of the reception foyer features hand-painted stenciling) reflects the soothing vision of a design team including Amy Weinstein, design architect, interior decorator Inez Austin and Weymouth, among others.

"Amy's vision was for the lodge to be modeled after an early 1900's English Arts and Crafts-style house," said Weymouth. "In its patterns and details, it has been done in the style of William

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Where They Stayed Before There Was a Lodge

Long before there was even the idea of a Safra Lodge, or of a Children's Inn at NIH, Clinical Center authorities faced the challenge of finding temporary lodging for those who came here for treatment. A patchwork of housing options has been employed in the past 52 years, with various institutes and centers paying the cost of providing temporary shelter for their patients.

The idea of an inn for adults came from the CC nurses under the leadership of Kathy Montgomery, former nursing director, recalls Jan Weymouth, executive director of the new Safra Lodge. "In the mid-1990s, with Dr. Gallin's strong support, an experiment was done in old Apartment Bldg. 20 to see if a Family Lodge was needed. The experiment was an instant success. When Bldg. 20 was razed in 1997 to make way for construction of the new Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, NIH rented some apartments in buildings along Battery Lane, just south of campus, for patient use."

About 3 years ago—when it became clear that the project once known as the NIH Guest House was going to become a reality—NIH gave up the Battery Lane rentals and leased six rooms at the Sheraton Four Points hotel at the corner of Rockville Pike and Battery Lane, plus two more at the Park Inn, across the Pike from White Flint Mall. These latter two were equipped with kitchenettes, and were reserved for long-term users. The eight NIH leases are set to expire when the Safra Lodge opens, Weymouth said. She credits the Sheraton with being particularly accommodating to NIH patients: "They offered our patients free dinner once a month, plus some discounts, and allowed access to their pool. They provided microwave ovens and refrigerators. They have been extremely accommodating. They have embraced us."

Despite the opening of the lodge, NIH will still need options for occasions when the lodge is at capacity, Weymouth noted. "The Clinical Center will continue its relationships with local hotels."



Artist Charma Le Edmonds, whose company Shelter Studios is doing the foyer ceiling stencil work, spent many hours on the project; the stencil has 10 layers.

Morris (an interior designer and craftsman whose work was popular in England in the period 1850-1910). It's an interpretation of his design, not an exact replica. We wanted a warm, inviting space—really just a big, comfortable house," she added.

Observed CC director Dr. John Gallin, "We understand how important it is to keep families together. The lodge will allow that to happen. Having the lodge available will help relieve the stress that often accompanies illness and separation. Our patients deserve this kind of support."

When the house opens, it will have a staff of five (see sidebar), plus housekeepers and some contract desk clerks. What they will find every day when they come to work is a first floor with high ceilings, wainscoting on the walls and a massive mantel and fireplace in the Fellowship Hall, which will also feature a baby grand player piano. There is also a business center for lodge tenants that provides computers for telecommuting, a library stocked with books and periodicals in both English and Spanish and a 2-story stair hall. The hall features a portrait of Edmond J. Safra, the philanthropist whose wife Lily made the multi-million dollar gift that launched the project. In addition to staff areas, the lodge also



Massive fireplace graces Fellowship Hall



Interior decorator Inez Austin

features an airy dining room (Fellowship Lounge), an exercise room and a fully equipped kitchen (guests are expected to do most of their own cooking), with an adjacent breakfast room. Two guest rooms on the first floor are set aside for those who need the assistance of animals such as seeing-eye dogs.

The Fellowship Hall invites guests to gather around the fireplace as the late afternoon sun streams in. "We'd like for the living room to be so welcoming that it will draw people to the heart of the house," Weymouth said. "There are lots of gathering spaces built into the lodge for just this reason."

Upstairs in the three-story lodge are two floors that are virtually identical; each has 16 well-appointed guest rooms—as one would find in any hotel—and includes two fully accessible guest rooms. The in-room television features the Lodge Channel, which will broadcast information and an orientation with a

virtual tour of the lodge and Clinical Center information and events. The upper floors are also equipped with laundry rooms.

"Guest comfort is paramount," explains Weymouth. The lodge is primarily for the families and caretakers of adult patients, with acuity (how ill the patient is) being the main criterion for admission.

The exterior of the lodge and its surrounding grounds will also be eye-catching. The facade of the lodge appears to be stone laid upon stone, but is really a composition of "cultured" or man-made rock that is set into a supporting wall with special glue. Some of the entryways to the lodge are overhung with wooden pergolas, a decorative touch. Easily the most impressive outdoor feature is the planned garden surrounding the lodge, to be planted in the spring. The "healing garden" is by special request of Mrs. Safra, who has endowed it in memory of her child and grandchild. There will also be an orchard connecting the CRC and the lodge, and a walking path with gazebos and a water feature. The Foundation for the NIH will manage the garden contract, to which Mrs. Safra contributed \$1 million; her total gift to the lodge project amounts to some \$5 million.

The entire construction cost was about \$7.5 million, Weymouth said of the public-private partnership that built the lodge (also known as Bldg. 65). "The FNIH committed to raising the funds to build the lodge, which included generous donations from the Safra Philanthropic Foundation, Merck Co. Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and GlaxoSmithKline, the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation and many more corporations, foundations and individuals," she said. NIH provided utilities and land and the CC will provide staffing.

The lodge staff recently moved into their offices. The project, from conception to completion, has taken more than 6 years. "Those involved with the development of the lodge have become very committed to seeing this happen and have never lost sight of the people for whom it was built," Weymouth said. "It's a work of love. We hope that this will do for adults and their families what the Children's Inn has done for our pediatric population." ■



Carpenter Frank Petajnik shows the hand-made newel that he crafted for the main staircase.



Detail of ornate window at the Safra Lodge

Who's Who at the Lodge

Jan Weymouth, long-time space management officer and manager for the patient guest house program at the Clinical Center, has overseen the construction of the Safra Lodge since the groundbreaking in October 2002 and will be its executive director.



Jan Weymouth

Reporting to her will be a staff of four veteran NIH employees, including: Ellen Williams, former head of the CC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, will be manager of guest relations. Margo Bradford, for many years an administrator at the Children's Inn at NIH, will be operations manager. Dilcia Stephens-Medley, former administrative employee at the CC, will be a program support specialist, and Stephanie Turner will be the lodge's administrative officer.

HIV+ Volunteers Needed

HIV+ volunteers with CD4 T cells greater than 500 cells/mm³ and viral loads less than 50 copies/mL are needed for a treatment-interruption study. Participants may be eligible for this study if they have never received IL-2, have never had a CD4+ count under 200 cells/mm³, do not have any significant medical problems, and are willing to halt their antiretroviral medications with close supervision. Travel assistance may be provided. Call Rosanne Burke, (301) 435-7937.

Barone Retires After 40 Years with Government

After 40 years of federal service, the last 35 with the National Cancer Institute, John J. Barone retired on Dec. 31 from his position as administrative officer in the Office of the Director. Throughout his career, he received the highest accolades for his professionalism, efficiency and organization. But perhaps even more important were the many lives he touched and the number of friendships he forged



John J. Barone

with his fellow workers at all levels of NIH.

Barone was born in Glasco, N.Y., a small village several miles from the artist colony of Woodstock in the Catskill Mountains. His family roots were based in various businesses, the music industry and the military, but unlike anyone in his family, he sought a career in science. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1964, majoring in microbiology and chemistry. As a talented musician, he performed solo and as a member of several rock-and-roll, jazz and folk bands in the Syracuse and Catskill Mountain areas during that time. He last performed the sound track of a video documentary several years ago that was seen on national TV and repeats every now and again on several cable channels. He says that was his last attempt at professional music-making since the vagaries of carpal tunnel syndrome and arthritis affected him acutely.

He accepted his first position in the government in 1964 as a supervisory microbiologist with the Army at Ft. Detrick, where he worked about 6 years on vaccine and cellular immunology research, concurrently doing his postgraduate studies at the University of Maryland. Following this, he moved to the Surgery Branch, NCI, where he did tumor immunology and immunotherapy research with Drs. Donald Morton, Samuel Wells, William Catalona and Peter Scardino. He also pursued and received a master of science degree in management and transitioned, also in 1975, to the Administrative Office, Division of Cancer Biology and Diagnosis to assist then newly appointed director Dr. Alan Rabson. In 1983, he was responsible for coordinating reorganization of the intramural research program and received the NIH Award of Merit (the first of 3) for his efforts.

He served as the intramural administrative officer of the division until the reorganization of the entire institute in 1996, whereupon he served as administrative resource center (ARC) manager for Bldg. 41 and was concurrently acting manager, Division of

Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics. In 1998, he came full-time to the NCI-Frederick ARC where he held the positions of deputy manager and manager.

Mostly unknown by the current staff of technical support personnel at NIH is a contribution of Barone's to which they all owe their status today. Up until 1974, it was extremely rare that a technical support staff member got beyond the GS-9 level. At that time, all the scientific directors had to agree on anyone proposed to go beyond that grade. Barone spent 2 years wrangling with the Office of Personnel Management and got the old entrenched process turned around. Later, as a newly elected member of what was then the equal employment opportunity advisory group, he was responsible for NCI implementing mandatory EEO training for all supervisors. This resulted in a lessening of the number of discrimination complaints and a more amicable work environment.

Barone has always been fond of telling his staff and those embarking on careers in administration that, "We don't get many compliments in this business, however, you know when you have done your job. Keeping scientists working at the bench or in the clinic without them worrying over some administrative matter is the key to a successful administrator."

Barone intends to continue his long-established antiques business and private consulting work for investors, collectors and museums. He will spend more time writing articles for magazines and looks forward to extending his outdoor activities plus increasing his role in the legislative affairs of Frederick County. Asked for a final thought, he bids a fond farewell to all and profusely thanks the NCI and NIH community for 35 years of enriching experiences. ■

Heart Disease Risk Factors Study Recruits African Americans

Healthy volunteers are needed for a study investigating the relationship of obesity to heart disease risk factors in healthy, non-diabetic African American men and pre-menopausal women between the ages of 18-50. Specifically, the study is looking at risk factors for triglyceride concentration and the triglyceride-related risk factors of unhealthy cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein), good cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein) and body fat distribution. There will be a series of four outpatient visits to the Clinical Center, in which participants will have body fat analyses, an electrocardiogram, blood tests including cholesterol profiles, an oral glucose tolerance test and an intravenous glucose tolerance test. Compensation provided. Call (301) 402-7119 for information. Refer to protocol 99-DK-0002. ■

Erickson Retires After 32 Years at NCI

Burdette "Bud" Erickson, who was a program director with NCI's Epidemiology and Genetics Research Program (EGRP), Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, retired last fall after 32 years of service at NCI.

In recent years, he was program director for biometry research grants supported through EGRP's Analytic Epidemiology Research Branch, and project officer for the geographic information system for breast cancer studies on Long Island.

Erickson is known more widely for his work on NIH- and NCI-wide information technology issues related to management of research grants. He was a founding member of the NCI institute information systems advisory group and served as its co-chair from 2000 to 2002 and chair during 2002-2003. IISAG sets priorities and makes recommendations on NCI's information technology needs.

He was a member of the NIH electronic research administration (eRA) project team from 2001 to 2003, and represented NCI extramural scientific staff on development of the system. The eRA team is responsible for development of NIH's infrastructure to enable paperless transfer of extramural research grant applications and administrative data, and includes the Federal Commons and IMPAC II. During his term, Erickson was co-chair of the program officials users group, ePUG, which is responsible for the program directors' module. In 2002, he received special recognition from NIH's Office of Extramural Research for his contributions to the overall design, development, deployment and continual evolution and improvement of the eRA system. In 2004, he also received an NIH Merit group award for his ePUG work.

Some of his other accomplishments include receipt of an NIH Merit group award in 2001 for completion of an online manual for NCI staff on best practices in grant review, funding and administration. He taught courses through NIH's Center for Information Technology, including IMPAC II QuickView. Erickson also was known for programming the report on section spending, which was used to detail Delpro spending, and for his work on the online Yellow Pages, an automated small purchase catalogue.

He first joined NCI in 1972 to work as a research technician in the Dermatology Branch, and then from 1974-1976, in the Clinical Pharmacology



Burdette "Bud" Erickson

Branch. From 1976-1981, he was a technical information specialist in the Division of Extramural Affairs. In 1981, Erickson moved to the Division of Cancer Epidemiology where he was a program analyst, and later the program director responsible for grants funded through the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Research programs. In a reorganization in 1997, he and other extramural epidemiologic staff moved to the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences. ■

Bealle Ends Long NEI Career

Carolyn Bealle recently retired from the National Eye Institute after 28 years of federal service, including 23 years with NEI.

She was born and raised in Hagerstown and came to this area to attend the University of Maryland. She received a degree in elementary education and taught 6th grade for 3 years before going on sabbatical and raising her three children. In 1977, she began her first federal job as a secretary with ADAMHA's Office of Program Planning and Evaluation. A year later, Bealle became a secretary in the Office of the Director of Grants and Contracts (DGC), PHS, where she remembers using an IBM magnetic card typewriter and taking shorthand. In 1979, she was reassigned to DGC's Data Management Branch as a grants management specialist.

In 1981, she was hired as a computer programmer/trainee by NEI's Dr. David Scheim, who was to be her supervisor for the next 15 years in the program analysis section. Following his retirement in 1996, Bealle began working with Terry Williams, NEI's current chief information officer, in what is now called the Information Technology Management Branch (ITMB).

Bealle says she will always be grateful for the privilege of working for 23 years at NEI with so many supportive and caring people. She is proud to have been a part of the ever-changing world of information technology, and she especially valued being a part of ITMB's innovative team. "My fondest moments at the NEI have been with my coworkers, especially the users of the NEI's grants database systems and IMPAC II. The work has been interesting, challenging and constantly moving in new directions," Bealle said.

She was NEI's first institute systems security officer (ISSO) and served as alternate ISSO until her retirement. She enjoyed working with NIH's Year 2000 working group and various extramural grants data-related committees. During her tenure, she received both the NEI and NIH Director's awards and many other special achievement awards.

At Bealle's retirement celebration, NEI Deputy Director Jack McLaughlin said, "Carolyn began and finished each new project with great enthusiasm—she lit up the office each day with her smile."

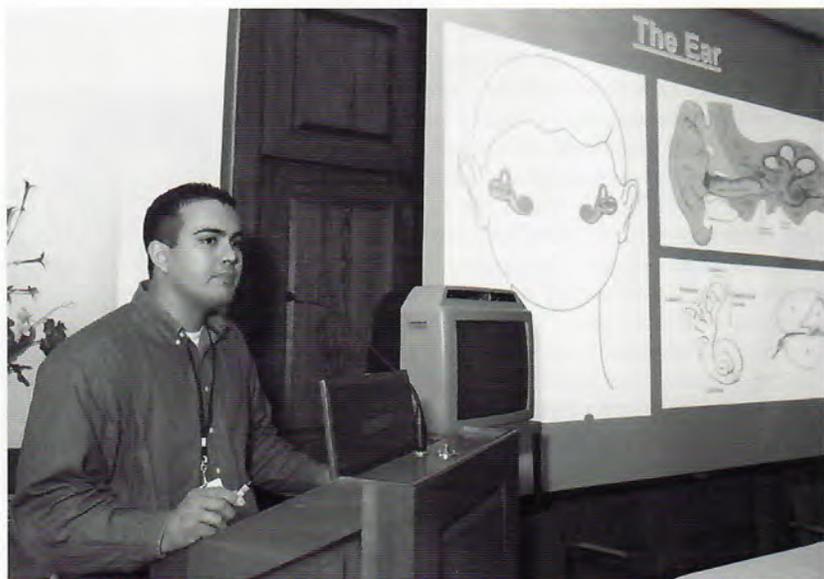
Although Bealle will return to NEI for part-time contract work, she will pursue her interests in real estate and securities investing. She and her son are working on renovations to her homes in Silver Spring and Ocean Pines. Bealle also looks forward to some gardening and spending time with her four grandchildren.—Linda Huss ■



Carolyn Bealle

NIDCD Partnership Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary at Cloisters Event

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders recently marked the 10th year of its student research training Partnership Program with a reunion celebration. Themed "Advancing Diverse Students in Research—A Decade of Accomplishments in Science, Mentoring and Training," the day-long agenda featured a keynote address, a roundtable discussion and reports of many happy returns by former participants. Several key organizers and program graduates discussed the early days of the partnership and offered insights from their experiences.



One of more than a dozen current and former program participants, Jose Gurrola, a third-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University and NIDCD research trainee, offers a slide presentation about his current project.



Allison Kelliher (l), an Alaskan Native medical student at the University of Washington and former research trainee at NIDCD, and Kay Johnson reflect on benefits of the institute's 10-year Partnership Program.



The event's panel included (above, from l) NIH deputy associate director for communications Dr. Marin Allen, Dr. Liza Cariaga-Lo of Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Valerie Petit Wilson of Brown University, Dr. Nicolas Linares-Orama of the University of Puerto Rico and Dr. Melvin Webb of Clark Atlanta University. Also on the panel were (below, from l) Dr. Jennifer L. Bloom of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Kelly Drew of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, Linda Nelson of Morehouse College and Dr. Tom Allen of Gallaudet University.



At left, Dr. Pamela Scott-Johnson of Morgan State University and former NIH'er Dr. Jay Moskowitz (r), who now serves as vice dean for research at Penn State University's College of Medicine, discuss guiding students toward science careers.



At the poster session, partnership program manager Kay Johnson confers with Maritza Rivera, a current NIDCD research trainee.

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