

## Archives

### Joseph M. Doherty, DDS, MPH

#### Retirements

**Paul M. Turner** has retired after more than 33 years from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) effective January 1, 1999. Mr. Turner served in numerous managerial positions in CDC field assignments and at CDC headquarters in Atlanta. His field assignments were in South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas. In 1977 he was assigned to the Division of Immunization at CDC's headquarters in Atlanta as one of the first immunization program consultants. In 1983 he was transferred to the Dental Disease Prevention Activity as deputy chief. Paul was instrumental in DDPA being upgraded to division status in 1991 and served as the Division of Oral Health's first deputy director. He remained in this role until 1997, when he accepted the position of director of Coalition Development for Oral Health America through an Interpersonnel Agreement with CDC, a position he still holds in retirement. He also serves as executive director for the Georgia Spit Tobacco Education Program and coordinator for the Georgia Oral Health Coalition. Dr. Turner also served on the board of directors and executive committee of the National Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition from 1990–94. For his public health and voluntary efforts he has received numerous awards. Included in these awards are recognition from the secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), the assistant HHS secretary of health, the director of CDC, and the US Public Health Service chief dental officer. Dr. Turner will be remembered for his tireless enthusiasm and dedication to dental public health, and in particular for his work with the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. He was a member of AAPHD for many years.

**R. Frank Martin, DDS, MPH**, retired in April 1999 after serving with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) for 28 years. Dr. Martin served all but six of those 28 years with

the Indian Health Service (IHS)—the last four as acting chief of that branch and the IHS HIV/AIDS Headquarters Liaison. Dr. Martin received his DDS from the School of Dentistry of Virginia Commonwealth University in 1970, and his MPH from the University of Michigan in 1978. He completed his residency with the IHS in 1979, and became a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1985. Dr. Martin started his distinguished USPHS and IHS career at Sells, Arizona, as the only dentist serving a reservation population of over 10,000. He next became chief of the Service Dental Unit at Gallup, New Mexico, and eventually assumed the role of the Special Dental Operations for the Dental Branch in Albuquerque, NM, before becoming the assistant chief of the IHS Dental Branch in 1989. During his career he received many awards from the USPHS, including its Meritorious Service, Achievement, and Outstanding Service medals in 1996, 1994, and 1996, respectively. He also received the Jack D. Robertson Outstanding Dentist Award in May 1991. Dr. Martin has been a member of AAPHD since 1976 and cochaired the Future of Dental Public Health Work Group with Dr. Steve Corbin. He also participated in the 1988 Workshop to Develop Competency Objectives in Dental Public Health and served as the association's historian in the late 1970s.

**William C. Maurer, DDS, MPH**, recently retired as chief of the Dental Health Bureau, Iowa Department of Health, a position he held since 1976. Dr. Maurer received his DDS degree in 1956 from the College of Dentistry, University of Illinois, and his MPH degree from the University of Minnesota in 1970. Upon graduation Dr. Maurer joined the United States Air Force and served for two years. Upon his return he enjoyed the private practice of dentistry for 10 years and then joined the Dental Division of the Illinois Department of Health in 1971 as a regional dental consultant. In 1975

he became the dental director for Quadri-County/Tri-County Health Department in Cairo, Illinois, and in 1976 he joined the Iowa Department of Health as dental director, a position he held until his retirement. Dr. Maurer was very active in the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. He twice served on its board of directors, as historian since 1994 and as president in 1989. He received the association's Outstanding Achievement Award in 1994 and the Outstanding Service Award from the Iowa Dental Association in 1985. Dr. Maurer has been a member of AAPHD for many years.

#### Appointments

**Raymond A. Kuthy, DDS, MPH**, has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, effective July 1, 1999. Just prior to his appointment Dr. Kuthy served as professor in the Section of Health Services Research at Ohio State University College of Dentistry. During his tenure at Ohio State University, Dr. Kuthy also served as a Robert Wood Johnson Dental Senior Research Fellow at the School of Dental Medicine at Harvard University for two years. Dr. Kuthy received his DDS from Temple University in 1973 and his MPH from the University of Minnesota in 1979. He completed his dental public health residency at Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry in 1979. In addition to his positions at Ohio State University, Dr. Kuthy served as chief of the Division of Dental Health for the Illinois Department of Public Health, dental director of Rural Health Associates in Farmington, ME, and attending dentist at Children's Beach House in Wilmington, DE. He has served as dental consultant to several state dental public health programs and has published extensively on a wide variety of dental public health subjects. Dr. Kuthy is a diplomate and present member of the American



*Dr. Stephen B. Corbin*

Board of Dental Public Health. He has been an active member of AAPHD since 1976 and has served on its Executive Council from 1991-94, and as secretary-treasurer from 1994-97. He received the association's President's Award in 1997.

**Stephen B. Corbin, DDS, MPH**, has been selected as director of Health Initiatives for Special Olympics, Incorporated (SOI), in Washington, DC. In this newly created position he will lead all health-related activities for the organization, including development and implementation of a research initiative. For over 30 years, SOI has provided sports training and competition opportunities for individuals with mental retardation. SOI activities take place in all states and in over 150 countries, serving well over 1 million individuals and their families. In recent years, SOI has started providing health assessments and service delivery for their athletes, including Special Olympics Special Smiles Program. Dr. Corbin recently completed a two-and-a-half-year tenure with Oral Health America as vice president for professional development and institutional advancement. Prior to that, Dr. Corbin spent 23 years with the United States Public Health Service, including serving as the chief dental officer and chief of staff to the surgeon general. Dr. Corbin is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and served as its president in 1997-98. Dr. Corbin has been a member of AAPHD since 1976. He

served on the Executive Council from 1986-89, was chairman of the Infectious Disease Committee from 1985-87, chairman of the Policy Committee from 1986-89 and 1992-93. He was one of the coauthors of the "Future of Dental Public Health." He also served on its Select IOM Committee on the Future of Dental Education and on the Planning Committee for the Workshop to Develop Competency Objectives in Dental Public Health. Dr. Corbin can be reached by phone at 202-824-0283, faxed at 202-824-0352, or e-mailed at corbinso@aol.com.

**Robert E. Peterek, DDS**, has been appointed director, Oral Health Programs, Office of Public Health, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, effective June 1, 1999. Prior to accepting the position in Louisiana, Dr. Peterek served for 26 years with the City of Austin-Travis County Health Department, 21 years as its director. Dr. Peterek received his dental degree from the University of Texas Branch at Houston in 1971 and served in the United States Army for two years. Dr. Peterek has been a member of AAPHD since 1988.

#### **Award**

**M. Dean Perkins, DDS, MPH**, chief of the Bureau of Dental Health, Missouri Department of Health, is the recipient of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) Outstanding Achievement Award for 1999. It's the association's highest award and is given for outstanding service to the association and dental



*M. Dean Perkins*

public health. Dr. Perkins received his DDS degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1976 and his MPH degree from the University of North Carolina in 1989. He has served as chief of the Bureau of Dental Health in Missouri since 1991 and is also an adjunct assistant professor at Saint Louis University School of Public Health and an associate clinical professor at UMKC School of Dentistry. Dr. Perkins is an active pilot and holds a Corporate and Business Aviation Airline Transport Pilot rating. Dr. Perkins served the ASTDD as its secretary-treasurer, and is the only member to serve three continuous years as its president. During his presidency, the association consummated its first-ever Cooperative Agreement with the CDC Division of Oral Health to create a national office in Washington, DC, and discussions were initiated with AAPHD that resulted in a three-year trial of merging the annual meetings of the two associations. Dr. Perkins has been a member of AAPHD since 1986.

#### **Obituary**

**Naham C. Cons, DDS, MPH**, died on June 8, 1999, at the age of 85. Dr. Cons was one of public health dentistry's pioneers. Dr. Robert Collins, in presenting Dr. Cons with the AAPHD's Distinguished Service Award in 1998, noted that the association "wishes to recognize your career in dental public health, which spans five decades and includes significant contributions in both organizational and administrative leadership as well as clinical research and academia." Dr. Cons also received APHA's Knutson Award in recognition of his outstanding service to dental public health. He was active in many dental public health associations, including AAPHD, having served as a member of its Executive Council. He was president of the American Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors from 1972-74, and was the APHA's Dental Health Section Council Member. Dr. Cons was a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and served as its president in 1975. He was born and raised in New York City. He earned his DDS degree in 1940 from New York University College of Dentistry and his MPH degree in 1958 from Columbia University. He practiced dentistry in Brooklyn for 15 years

before joining the Air Force, where he served until 1957. His first position in public health was as dental director for the greater Cincinnati, OH, area. From there he moved on to become assistant director of dental health for the state of New York. He became its director in 1966. Upon his retirement from state government in 1978, he became professor of preventive and community dentistry at the University of Iowa. He, along with his wife, Dr. Joanna Jenny, developed the Dental Aesthetic Index, which combines the psychosocial and clinical measurements of occlusal conditions into one score, a landmark procedure for measuring orthodontic problems that has been adopted by the World Health Organization. During his career Dr. Cons wrote and published over 45 articles on various aspects of public health dentistry. He was a member of AAPHD since 1958. Dr.

Cons is survived by his daughter, Dr. Alexandra Cons; his son, Dr. Jonathan Cons; and two grandchildren, Jason and Rabia Cons. Before her untimely death, his wife requested that donations in Dr. Cons' honor be sent to the Naham C. Cons Fellowship, which is being established by the American Association of Public Health Dentistry at the AAPHD National Office, 3760 Southwest Lyle Court, Portland, OR 97221-3363.

**Joanna Jenny, PhD**, died on October 2, 1999. Dr. Jenny was born on October 25, 1931, in Missouri. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her doctorate from the University of California at Los Angeles. She taught at the University of Minnesota, and met her future husband, Dr. Naham Cons, in 1975 at a dental convention in Chi-

cago. They were married in 1979 in Iowa, where Dr. Jenny was teaching at the University of Iowa and where Dr. Cons, recently retired as dental director for the state of New York, moved to accept a position with the School of Dentistry there. Dr. Jenny helped Dr. Cons in the development of the Dental Aesthetic Index. They both retired in 1989 and moved to Davis, CA, where they lived until their deaths. Dr. Jenny is survived by her brother Edward, her sister-in-law Iren, five nephews and nieces and their children. The family has established the Dr. Joanna H. Jenny Fellowship with AAPHD and would like to direct all those interested in remembering Joanna to make donations to the fellowship in her name. Funds may be sent to the AAPHD National Office, 3760 Southwest Lyle Court, Portland, OR 97221-3363.

## FUTURE AAPHD ANNUAL MEETING DATES

May 1-3, 2000 .....	Oak Brook, IL
Spring 2001 .....	Portland, OR
Spring 2002 .....	East Coast location