
OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

I'm delighted to announce that the OCL now has its own Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov/>. Based largely on community input, this site is dedicated to responding to the concerns of the local community. It allows you to tap into the numerous offerings that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides. You can, for example, keep up-to-date on NIH events and happenings by reading current and past issues of the *OCL Update* online; stay informed on the latest NIH/community issues by viewing minutes from monthly Community Liaison Council meetings; familiarize yourself with the myriad of activities that NIH offers the community; and remain in direct contact with my office via e-mail.



Visitors to our Web site will find information on all the programs and activities that NIH offers to the public, information on construction on the NIH campus, educational and student employment opportunities, and volunteer programs, as well as access to many of NIH's reports and publications.

Some of the programs and activities available to the community include scientific lectures and research opportunities, numerous recreational clubs, access to the National Library of Medicine, concert series, movie screenings, and seasonal seafood and farmer's markets. The site also gives newcomers all of the information they need to get around the NIH campus, including detailed maps and parking information.

Publications available on the site include NIH's master plan, environmental impact statements, and soil testing report. Additional publications and information are available in the Environmental Reading Room, the full listing of which is accessible from the Web site.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, March 16, at 4:00 p.m.** in Conference Room D of the Natcher Conference Center (Building 45) on the NIH campus.

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I encourage each of you to take the time to view the site and send any suggestions or changes to me. This site was put together by you and for you, and I would like personally to thank all of the community members who worked so hard to help us put this together, including David and Robyn Des Roches, Harvey Eisen, Ina Feinberg, Dan Lieberman, John Sateri, Stephen Sawicki, Brian Skiscim, Barry Weinberg, Bill and Sharon Wright, facilitator Steven Kornblatt, members of the Community Liaison Council, and especially Bob Resnik. It is your insight and expertise that has helped us to design what I hope will prove to be a useful and interesting site. Thank you.

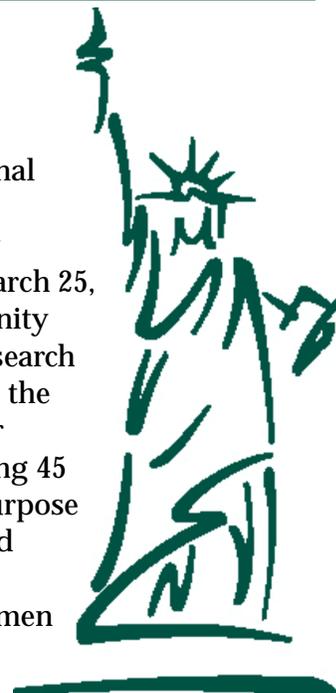
NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NLM Announces Initiative to Help Public Use Online Health Information

Recognizing that the Internet is one of the best ways to provide the public with current and reliable health information, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) announced that it spent more than \$1 million to fund nearly 50 electronic health information projects throughout the nation. "The projects we are supporting will increase Internet access in a variety of settings, from middle schools serving low income and educationally underserved students to shopping malls and senior centers," said NLM Director Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D. "These are imaginative and well-targeted projects that will help us determine how we can best provide millions of Americans who are still not connected to the Internet with access to health information." He is hopeful that these projects will stimulate local government and community organizations to work together to provide electronic health information services for all citizens in the community. Descriptions of the projects are listed on NLM's Web site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nno/hipprojects.html>.

NIH Supports Montgomery County Women's Fair

For the third year, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is supporting the Montgomery County Women's Fair on March 25, 2000. The Office of Community Liaison and the Office of Research on Women's Health donated the site for the fair—the Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH campus. The purpose of the fair, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is to encourage and motivate women to expand their horizons by participating in workshops, networking with businesses, viewing exhibits, and listening to presentations by local women leaders. This year's keynote speaker will be nationally syndicated radio talk show host, Diane Rehm.



Fair attendees will have the opportunity to attend four workshops, view exhibits, and listen to the keynote speaker during a lunch presentation. More than 45 workshop topics focusing on contemporary issues and concerns facing women today will be offered. Advanced registration is \$10 if postmarked by March 13, 2000, and onsite registration is \$15. Lunch is an additional \$7.50 and will only be offered to those who register in advance. Discounted fees are available for seniors and students.

Net proceeds of the fair will be donated to a number of charities that benefit Montgomery County women. For more information or to register, visit the fair's Web site at <http://mcwomensfair.com> or call 301-949-2055.

OCL Redesigns OCL Update

By now, you've probably noticed that the *OCL Update* looks a little different. The NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL) wanted to work with the community on designing a more attractive, easier-to-read publication. Based largely upon suggestions from the Community Liaison Council,

the publication evolved into its current format. Now that you have had an opportunity to become familiar with the *OCL Update*'s new layout and design, the OCL would like to know what you think. Call the OCL office at 301-496-3931, send a letter to NIH Office of Community Liaison, Building 1, Room 259, One Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-0172, or send an e-mail to jh69z@nih.gov.

This publication is also now available online at the OCL's Web site: <http://ocl.od.nih.gov/>. Many of you may wish only to view an electronic version of the publication on our Web site. For those of you that wish to be removed from the mailing list and receive the OCL Update via the Web site, please contact the OCL office via one of the methods listed above.

New Sleep Disorders Web Site Available

Do you or someone you know have trouble sleeping at night? Worried that you don't get enough sleep? Well, now NIH has made the latest, most accurate information on sleep and sleep disorders available online. The National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSDR) of the National, Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute recently unveiled its new Web site at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/ncsdr>, which provides the public and health care providers with the most up-to-date, science-based information on sleep and sleep disorders.

"Every American needs to understand the importance of obtaining adequate sleep and the risks of excessive sleepiness," said NCSDR Director Dr. James Kiley. "Our new Web site provides information that will help the public and health care professionals recognize the signs of common sleep disorders and the need for professional treatment. It will also encourage communication about sleep within the medical and scientific communities and ultimately lead to more research on sleep and sleep disorders," he added.

The Web site provides the public with news and information about common sleep problems through a variety of fact sheets, an interactive quiz, and public service announcements. Healthcare professionals have access to current information on

diagnosing and treating sleep disorders, can search for sleep-related grants and publications, and keep informed of the Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board.

NIH and Gates Foundation Fund Global Network for Women and Children's Health Research

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will jointly support a \$30 million international research network to improve the health of women and children worldwide. The program, which will begin early this year, will help establish self-sustaining international medical research institutions to help address some of the world's most pressing health concerns. Teams of U.S. scientists will join forces with scientists in developing countries to form the global network. Initial efforts by the network will focus on preventing maternal and infant diseases and causes of death in these developing countries.

Duane Alexander, M.D., NICHD director, said that a key objective of the global network is to encourage the transfer of research skills and expertise among the network scientists. He is hopeful that such research will not only benefit developing nations, but also help improve public health in America.

"Despite the many success stories, there remains an unfinished agenda regarding the health of women and children worldwide," Dr. Alexander said. "Research and other efforts are still needed to ensure safe pregnancies and birth outcomes, improved care of childhood illnesses, appropriate immunizations, and effective nutritional interventions." He said that NICHD along with its research partners hope to fill the "global research gap" that still exists throughout the world. "We want to start the millennium with a concrete commitment to the well-being of future generations."

NICHD will match the \$15 million grant from the Gates foundation to fund the program. Additional funding may be provided by other NIH institutes and international organizations.

NIH and Suburban Hospital Announce Joint Stroke Team

NIH and Suburban Hospital recently announced the implementation of a stroke team at Suburban Hospital to provide continuous, 24-hour coverage for patients with stroke emergencies. Dr. Steven Warach, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the section on Stroke Diagnostics and Therapeutics in the Stroke Branch at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) leads the team comprised of Suburban and NIH neurologists, internists, intensive-care physicians, nurses, radiologists, researchers, and rehabilitative therapists.

Suburban's new stroke team evolved from a unique partnership between the hospital and NIH last June, when the two institutions began a study to evaluate whether advanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) would improve the emergency diagnosis of stroke and heart attack, ultimately saving patient's lives. Integral to the research are two highly advanced MRI scanners housed in the NIH-Suburban MRI Center at the hospital. "Suburban is the only community hospital, and one of a small number of facilities in the world with this level of technology," said Wayne J. Olan, M.D., director of neuroradiology and MRI services at Suburban.

Stroke, which affects more than 730,000 Americans each year and is the third leading cause of death in the United States, is a loss of function from a clot or rupture of an artery in the brain and requires immediate medical care. "Stroke is a process, not an event," said Dr. Warach. "The new ultrafast MRI scanners have shown us that the stroke process evolves over hours and days and that injured parts of the brain can potentially be prevented from progressing to permanent damage if treated with appropriate therapies. The MRI allows us to see the stroke as it is occurring in the brain, while the damage is still potentially reversible," he added.

Dr. Eugene Passamani, director of cardiology at Suburban, said, "The good news about stroke is that many victims now recover completely. Advanced technology can help clinicians detect

strokes immediately and make decisions regarding the administration of medications like the clot-busting drug, t-PA."

However, Dr. Passamani added that treatment must begin within three hours to be most effective. Therefore, the public must learn the warning signs of stroke and act appropriately.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2000, Suburban Hospital will sponsor a free health seminar on stroke prevention and rehabilitation in the Rose Room of the B-CC Rescue Squad from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Brendan Conroy, M.D., director of the Stroke Recovery Program, and Paul Rao, Ph.D., vice president of clinical services at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, will discuss ways to prevent stroke as well as rehabilitation after stroke. To register for the free seminar, call 202-877-1776.

R&W Plans Travel and Weekend Getaway Expo

Has all this cold air and snow made you long for a warm weekend getaway? Well, mark your calendars now. On Tuesday, April 4th, the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W) will hold a Travel and Weekend Getaway Exposition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Visitor Information Center of Building 10 on the NIH campus. Exhibiting companies are offering a wide variety of travel information and will be giving away door prizes. For more information, call R&W at 301-496-6061.

Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, and Seafood Available Year-Round

Reid Orchard and the Salt River Lobster truck bring fresh produce and seafood to the NIH campus every Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all year long, in NIH's 41B parking lot.

NIH Blood Bank Appeals for Donations

NIH continues to experience a shortage of blood donations. The NIH Blood Bank urgently needs all blood types. Call 301-496-1048 or stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, the Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Traffic Into and Out of the Nucleus* by Günter Blobel, M.D., Ph.D., the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. professor of cell biology and investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, The Rockefeller University, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Overcoming Procrastination*, 12-1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

March 3

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: *Wilson & Kong Duo*, 8 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information or for tickets, call 301-530-0540.

March 8

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Human Pluripotential Stem Cells* by John D. Gearhart, Ph.D., professor and director of developmental genetics, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

National Library of Medicine Historical Lecture Series: *Plague, the Printing Press, and Public Health in London* by Dr. Stephen J. Greenberg, 2-3:15 p.m., Building 38, Conference

Room B, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

March 9

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Summer Child Care Options*, 12-1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

March 10

B-CC Chamber of Commerce Smart Business Seminars: *Privacy in the Workplace*, 8-9:30 a.m., B-CC Chamber of Commerce, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1204, Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-652-4900.

March 13

1999-2000 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Human Brain Plasticity and its Relevance to Stroke Recovery* by Dr. Mark Hallett, 12 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

The Manchester String Quartet: *Haydn Quartet in D Major, opus 64 No. 5 (1790) and Bela Bartok Quartet No. 2, opus 17 (1917)*, 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon Greenwald at 301-496-4713.

Kensington Park Community Library Live Music Series: *Dr. Medea Namoradze, opera*, 7 p.m., Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Ave., Kensington, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

March 14

Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Seminar Series: *Strategies for Success in Science: Patents and Intellectual Property* by Susan E. Cullen, Ph.D., Strategic Analysis, and Prema Mertz, Ph.D., U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Cloisters Chapel, Building 60, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 301-594-2379.

Free Library Talks with Music: *NSO Docent Frederick J. O. Blachly on Antonin Dvřrřk (1822-1890)*, 12:15 p.m., Bethesda Regional Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, contact National Symphony Orchestra Docent Jo Bever at 301-925-7203.

March 15

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Oxidative Processes and Signal Transduction in Alzheimer's Disease: Insights from Brains, Peripheral Cells, and Animal Models* by Gary E. Gibson, Ph.D., professor of neurosciences, Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Burke Medical Research Institute, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Estate Planning*, 12-1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

Bethesda Regional Library Parenting Workshop Series: *Sibling Rivalry: Why Kids Fight & What to Do About It*, 7:30-9 p.m., Bethesda Regional Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 301-229-1347.

Foreign Films at the Bethesda Senior Source: *Kwaidan (Ghost Stories)*, 2 and 4 p.m., \$4 (free for members), Bethesda Senior Source, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. For more information or to register, call 301-951-1990.

March 16

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: *The Love Triangle: Brahms and the Schumanns*, 8 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information or for tickets, call 301-530-0540.

March 19

Cinema Bethesda Movie Screening & Discussion: *Beseiged* by Bernardo Bertolucci, 5:30 p.m., Bethesda Theater Cafć, 7719 Wisconsin Avenue, \$12. For more information, call 301-365-3679.

March 20

1999-2000 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Genes for Human Hereditary Deafness: Multiple Entry Points in the Inner Ear Physiology* by Dr. Christine Petit, 12 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

The 1999-2000 Audubon Lecture Series: *Wild Places for Wild Species: Monitoring Grizzly Bear Populations in Glacier National Park* by Katherine Kendall, 6 p.m., Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC, \$14. To register or for more information, call 202-357-3030.

March 22

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Research Advances and Clinical and Public Health Implications of Genetic Therapy*

by Helen M. Blau, Ph.D., Baxter professor and chair, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and director, gene therapy technology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

1999-2000 Nights of Notes Music Series: *Flute and Classical Guitar Concert: Ms. Alice Nicklas and Mr. Andrew Aylward, 7:30 p.m.,* Gaithersburg Regional Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-840-2515, TTY 301-840-2641.

March 24

1999-2000 NIH Director's Seminar Series: *Dissecting T Cell Death Uncovers a Role for Apoptosis in Alzheimer's Disease* by Dr. Luciano D'Adamio, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, 12-1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Ms. Audrey Boyle at 301-496-1921.

March 26

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Pamela and Claude Frank, violin and piano, 4 p.m.,* Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH, \$25. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: *Opus 3 Trio, 3 p.m.,* Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information or for tickets, call 301-530-0540 for more information.

The Bethesda Chase, 10K run through downtown Bethesda followed

by street festival with food and prizes, 10 a.m., Rock Bottom Restaurant, 7900 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda, \$20. Register in advance. For more information, call 240-777-6820.

March 27

1999-2000 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Growth Factor Signaling Mechanisms in Developing Sympathetic Neurons* by Dr. David Ginty, 12 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

March 28

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *University of Maryland University College Graduate Program Options, 12-1:30 p.m.,* Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

March 29

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *The 26S Proteasome: A Molecular Machine Designed for Controlled Proteolysis* by Wolfgang Baumeister, Ph.D., professor and head, Department of Structural Biology, Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry, Germany, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

March 30-31

Curing Epilepsy: Focus on the Future, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 1-877-804-2377 or visit the conference Web site at <http://aesnet.org/nihepilepsycure.htm>.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Glass Menagerie Opens at the Roundhouse Theatre

The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee William's classic tale about a Southern family trapped by circumstance and by each other, opens this month at the Roundhouse Theatre. The play begins March 15 and runs through April 9. Show times and ticket costs vary. For more information, call the theater at 301-933-1644 or visit its Web site at <http://www.round-house.org>.

Long Branch Library Holds Community Forum on Temporary Closure

On March 16, 2000, Long Branch Library will hold a community forum to discuss the library's efforts to continue service during its temporary closure for renovations. Due to close on April 1, 2000, the library has invited the community to attend "Visions: A Community Perspective." Jan Wilson, county architect and project manager, will discuss the library's plans for the renovation, and library branch manager, Jan Baird-Adams, will explain how the new bookmobile will service library patrons until the renovations have been completed. The forum will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will include refreshments, and will take place in the main meeting room of the library, which is located at 8800 Garland Avenue in Silver Spring.

BAPA Announces Summer Schedule

Do you know what your children are doing this summer? If not, why not consider enrolling them in an enriching course at the Bethesda Academy of the Performing Arts (BAPA)? BAPA has announced its summer schedule of programs, catering to children from age 3 to 18. BAPA offers children the opportunity to participate in a variety of acting and dance classes, allowing them to grow creatively, to find artistic challenges, and to flourish in an environment where self-expression is encouraged. Classes are offered throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. For more information or to receive a summer schedule of programs, call 301-320-2550.

Suburban Hospital Holds Free Community Health Seminars

Do you have trouble sleeping at night? Frustrated because you can't remember simple facts? Learn proven techniques to sleep better and enhance memory at one of Suburban Hospital's free community health seminars. These topics and more will be addressed throughout the month of March. All seminars are held at 1 p.m. (except where noted below), and pre-registration is required. To register, call 301-896-3939 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dates, locations, and topics for the community health seminars are as follows:

March 14 *Tired of Counting Sheep?*

Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, Wasserman Social Hall

March 15 *Stroke Prevention and Rehabilitation**

B-CC Rescue Squad, Rose Room

**Seminar is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call 202-877-1776 to register for this seminar.*

Taking the "In" Out of Incontinence!

Friendship Heights Community Center

March 21 *Heart Healthy Cooking Demonstration***

Suburban Hospital Atrium

***Seminar is from 6 to 8 p.m.*

March 22 *Why Joint Replacements are Totally Hip (Or Knee!)****

Suburban Hospital Conference Center

****Seminar is from 9 to 10:30 a.m.*

March 23 *Minding Your Memory!*****

Rockville Senior Center

*****Call 301-309-3050 to register for this seminar.*

County Historical Society Needs Photographs, Sponsors Workshops

Visual images are powerful tools in illustrating historical records. In an effort to better preserve the history of the 20th century before the 21st century takes over, the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) is looking for visual records of Montgomery County, Maryland. Part of its "Images 2000" program, MCHS is searching for pictures with identified people, places, and events in Montgomery County during the last century. Photographs can be donated to the society's archives or they may be copied on March 5 or April 2 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at MCHS, Beall-Dawson House, 103 West Montgomery Ave. in Rockville.

The society is also sponsoring two workshops in March. An archivist will answer questions on the best methods to preserve family pictures in "Preserving Your Family Photos" on March 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., free with museum admission, and the Genealogy Club of MCHS is sponsoring "Using the LDS Family History Center" on March 11 from 9 a.m. to noon for \$20. Both programs will be held at MCHS in Rockville.

For more information about Images 2000, call 301-340-6534. For further information on MCHS workshops or to register, call 301-762-1492.

Bethesda Senior Source Offers Spring Writing Classes

Ever wondered what it would be like to write down some of those stories or fond memories that you have experienced—but you didn't know where to begin or how to start? The Bethesda Senior Source is offering two writing workshops this spring focusing on these issues. "Life Writing: Telling Your Own Story in Pictures and Words" provides practical tips for recording personal travel experiences using photos, words, and memorabilia. It is offered on March 16, 23, and 30 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and costs \$10 (\$9 for members).



Discover how to write and share life experiences through creating a personal journal in "Writing Your Memories," April 4 through May 16 on Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for \$25 (\$22 for members). All classes are held at the Bethesda Senior Source, located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane in Bethesda.

For more information about these or other classes offered by the Bethesda Senior Source, call 301-951-1990.

Brookside Gardens Plans Flower Shows for Spring

Tired of looking at all of that snow? Spring into spring with Brookside Gardens. Featuring two free flower shows this spring, visitors can admire and purchase items for their own gardens. See hundreds of cut camellia blooms on display in a variety of different forms at the camellia show and sale on March 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

On April 1, Brookside Gardens and the Potomac Rose Society will provide visitors with everything they ever wanted know about roses during Rose Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase roses and rose products and attend various programs and workshops on everything from culture and care, to old roses and climbers. Special exhibits and flower arranging demonstrations will also be featured. For more information about these free events, call 301-949-8230.

Literary Luncheon Series Continues at Strathmore

Join Lawrence J. Hogan, former FBI agent, congressman, and county executive of Prince Georges County, for an afternoon of murder and intrigue at the Twelfth Annual Literary Luncheon Series at Strathmore Hall Arts Center on March 16, 2000. He will be telling the true crime story of the Osage Indian murders during the 1920s. The program, which begins at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by lunch is \$15 or \$13 for members. For more information or for tickets, call the Friends of the Library at 240-777-0020.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:
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Visit the Office of Community Liaison's brand new Web site and tell us what you think. This site was created for you, and we want it to serve your needs. Use the site to keep up-to-date with NIH events and programs through the office's monthly memorandum, the *OCL Update*, now available online. Take advantage of convenient links to important NIH information and reports, such as the NIH master plan, the environmental impact statement, and soil testing report. View numerous NIH publications online in the Environmental Reading Room, and learn about the wide variety of resources and opportunities that NIH makes available to the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interpreters Sought

The Clinical Center Volunteer Office is in need of in-house language interpreters to serve as back-ups when others are not available. The interpreters would assist patients and their families who are not fluent in English. Speakers of Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and Korean are particularly needed. To help, call Andrea Rander at 301-496-1807.

Healthy Mothers Needed

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch, NIMH, seeks right-handed mothers age 20 to 40 with non-adopted, first-born children age 5 to 12 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Mothers who volunteer should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders and should not be taking prescription medication (including birth control pills). The first-born children should have no history of psychiatric illness or chronic medical problems. Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a 3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Lisa Kalik or Neil Santiago at 301-496-8381.

Female Volunteers Needed

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health is seeking female volunteers between the ages of 40 and 50 to participate in a 6-month study of the effects of aging and reproductive hormones on measures of cerebral activity, blood flow, and stress hormone production. Volunteers must have regular menstrual cycles with no changes in mood in relationship to menses, be free of medical illnesses, and not take any hormones in or medication on a regular basis. Payment will be in accordance with the duration of each visit and the type of protocol. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Mothers Needed for Postpartum Depression Study

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health is seeking volunteer mothers between the ages of 18 and 40 who **either** have no psychiatric history of depression or one or more past episodes of postpartum depression following a full-term pregnancy. Participants must be free of medical illnesses and medication-free. Volunteers may be asked to participate in a six-month protocol investigating the effects of ovarian and stress hormones on brain and behavior in an endocrine model of pregnancy and will be paid for their participation in the study. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Healthy Married Men and Women Sought

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch, NIMH, seeks healthy men ages 56 to 73 and women ages 51 to 59 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Participants must be right-handed and currently married. Volunteers should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders, and should not be taking prescription medications with the exception of hormone replacement therapy (estrogen and/or progesterone), thyroid medication, and/or medications for high blood pressure (diuretics or ACE inhibitors). Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour

screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a 3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Lisa Kalik or Neil Santiago at 301-496-8381.

Postmenopausal Women Wanted for Blood Study

The Clinical Center and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute seek postmenopausal women to take part in a study of normal blood. To be eligible, participants must have had no abnormal bleeding or clotting in the past, and be willing to stay off of any hormone treatment for nine months. Participants will give a small sample of blood in the initial screening. Based upon the screening results, some women will be asked for additional small blood samples once a month for three months. The study involves no hormones or medications, and participants will be paid \$50 for each blood draw. For more information, contact 301-496-5150.

Long, Short Sleepers Wanted

To complete a sleep study, NIMH is looking for male and female volunteers between the ages of 20 and 35 who routinely sleep 9 hours or more nightly, or who sleep 6 hours or fewer nightly. Volunteers must have no sleep disturbances or insomnia, plus no history of mental illness. Volunteers must be in good general health and not taking any medication or birth control pills. The study requires living on the research unit for four consecutive days. Compensation is available. For more information, call 301-496-5831 or 301-496-6981.

Depressed, Anxious Teens Sought

The Child Psychology Branch, NIMH, is looking for depressed and anxious teens (ages 14 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study about how young people experience emotions and how feeling sad or worried can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

Healthy Men Needed

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch, NIMH, is seeking male volunteers age 18 to 45 to participate in a 5-month study of the effects of reproductive hormones on brain and behavior. Volunteers must

be free of medical illness and not taking any medication on a regular basis. Participants will complete daily rating forms and be asked to participate in one of several protocols. Payment will be made in accordance with the duration of each visit and the type of protocol. For more information, contact Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Difficult Teens Sought

The Child Psychology Branch, NIMH, is looking for difficult teenagers (ages 11 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study about how young people experience emotions and how anger and bad moods can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

THE PATIENT RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICE

1-800-411-1222

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The Patient Recruitment and Public Liaison Office (PRPL) is a service of NIH's Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (CC) in Bethesda, Maryland. PRPL staff members assist patients, their families, physicians, and healthy volunteers by providing information about participating in research conducted at the CC. NIH offers all study-related evaluation, testing, and treatment at no charge to the participant.

There are more than 900 studies available to patients and healthy volunteers. They cover a wide range of diseases and conditions. Below are some of the studies for which the PRPL currently is recruiting. For information about these or other CC studies, visit the CC Web site at <http://www.cc.nih.gov>, or call the PRPL at the toll-free number listed above:

- **Endometriosis.** The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development invites women with pelvic pain associated with endometriosis to take part in a study of a potential new treatment.
- **Shingles.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases seeks healthy volunteers age

60 and older who have never had shingles for a study to determine whether an enhanced version of the chickenpox vaccine can prevent shingles. Study participants need to make one outpatient visit to the NIH Clinical Center and monthly phone calls via a toll-free number for up to 5 years.

■ **Psoriasis.** National Cancer Institute researchers seek people with psoriasis for study of a potential new treatment.

■ **Sjögren's Syndrome.** The NIH researchers seek adults aged 18 or older who have been diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome to take part in studies of a potential new treatment.

■ **Teen Obesity.** Parents: Is your teenager overweight? Overweight teens are at risk for developing serious medical conditions during their teen years and as adults. NIH doctors are enrolling teens, ages 12 to 17, in a research study of a new weight loss medication. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug, Orlistat, for use in overweight adults. There is

no charge for study tests, exams, medication, and weight-control education.

■ **Uveitis.** The National Eye Institute seeks adults and children with uveitis for research studies to help find ways to improve diagnosis and treatment. The studies take place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. NIH patients receive study-related eye exams, testing, and care at no charge.

■ **Uveitis and Pregnancy.** If you are in your first six months of pregnancy and have uveitis or a history of uveitis, consider taking part in an important new study. NIH provides eye exams, evaluation, and treatment as needed at no cost to you. You will remain under your personal doctor's care while in the study. Call to find out if you might qualify.

If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or e-mail: tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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