

To: Community Representatives

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON



Thomas Gallagher, Ph.D.

Discussion at the June Community Liaison Council (CLC) meeting focused primarily on the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility currently under construction at the northeast corner of the NIH campus. The entrance to this inspection facility will be from Rockville Pike, and it will be shielded from Rockville Pike by a landscaped berm. The northeast corner of NIH was chosen because traffic planners had determined that most commercial vehicles approach the NIH campus from the Beltway. Louis J. Slade, vice president of Gorove/Slade Associates, indicated that according to studies done by his company, 90 percent of commercial vehicles approach the NIH campus from the north. According to Slade, these vehicles will turn right from Rockville Pike into queuing lanes between North Drive and Wilson Drive and proceed to the inspection area. NIH employee vehicles will enter the campus through six other designated entrances, and Clinical Center patients and their families will be processed at West Drive and Cedar Lane.

The design for the vehicular inspection facilities had been discussed and planned with NIH's security and traffic consultants as well as joint planning meetings held with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the state of Maryland and Montgomery County. The inspection facility design has multiple inspection lanes and adequate capacity in 500- to 600-foot lanes for vehicles to queue up while approaching the facility. The peak number of commercial vehicles generally arrives in the morning, and the facility design is adequate to process peak numbers without blocking Rockville Pike.

In other Council business, it was noted that the NIH perimeter fence will not be closed before August 2004. There was also mention of an NIH Good Neighbor Program that was under consideration. Such a program could offer regular NIH volunteers a badge to access the campus. Such a program would be subject to the establishment of security clearances and processes, and more details will be made available at a later date.

Stella Serras-Fiotes, NIH, announced that the official submission of the NIH Master Plan Update will be delayed until September. According to Serras-Fiotes, this document will be posted on the Web for public review, and she will announce the timetable for the public meetings of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the NCPC.

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The Community Liaison Council will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, July 15, at 4 p.m.**, in Conference Room D, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45 on the NIH campus.

Serras-Fiotes also announced that consultants had completed air-balancing and tests of the fans in the Porter Neuroscience Research Center and that the system required further measurements by the engineers, who would then propose corrective actions. Serras-Fiotes was not able to give a time frame for resolving the noise problem; however, she felt the situation could be substantially improved by September.

Tony Clifford, NIH, gave a presentation that focused on the South Lawn Drainage Improvement Project that affects a piece of land that interfaces with residences on the south side of the campus. Clifford noted that NIH neighbors and employees use the grounds for recreational purposes year-round. Clifford pointed out the area on a map, northwest of the Whitehall Condominiums and Northbrook Lane, where drainage would be improved. Clifford said that water drained from the NIH hill to a catch basin near Northbrook Lane where it collects and sits. He said that improvement to the catch basin would consist of leveling the site and installing a six-inch underground drainpipe. He noted that this required moving some trees and installing a new lawn on the 350' X 160' site. Clifford said the project would begin in September and take 90 workdays to complete.

Before the project begins, a temporary chain-link fence will be installed to enclose an area for storing project materials, including gravel, topsoil, pipes and equipment. This staging area is near the hill used for wintertime sled riding. He said access to this area would be from Northbrook Lane. Clifford has instructed the construction crew to work on this area without creating dust. Further, he said that all permits and requirements of the Maryland Department of Environment would be met regarding sediment control and storm water management. Clifford will announce the project start date by placing signs in the area and by sending e-mail to the CLC members. He said that both the residential and NIH communities would have a great area to use in the fall when the project is completed.

There were questions from CLC members about the old existing chain-link fence and the NIH perimeter fence. Clifford described the erosion from the parking lot at Building 41 and proposed repairing the

damage underneath the perimeter fence caused by water drainage. Clifford reported that no new fencing would be installed and that the existing chain-link fence delineating neighborhood property lines would remain.

NIH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NIH Director Presents Awards to Health Expo Planners

At an awards ceremony in May, NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D., honored a committed group of NIH staff who went above and beyond their job descriptions to help promote community health. On May 24, 2004, Dr. Zerhouni presented awards to each member of the *Share the Health* expo planning committee and to a select group of individuals who directly affected the event's success. *Share the Health*, which is sponsored by the NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL), is NIH's premier health and fitness expo, promoting health through the prevention of disease.

This year's expo, which was held at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, attracted an estimated 5,000 people from the DC Metro area for a day of health seminars, wellness workshops, fitness activities, exhibits, free health information and screenings.

"This was absolutely the largest attendance and most successful expo in the event's five-year history," stated OCL Director Tom Gallagher, Ph.D. "We couldn't have achieved this success without the passionate, dedicated and hard-working individuals on our event's planning committee."



NIH Director Dr. Zerhouni (second from left) poses with OCL staff and Presidential Management Fellow award recipients.

After thanking the planning committee for all of its efforts in improving community health outreach efforts, Dr. Zerhouni said, "I encourage every one of you to work together toward improving the event year after year. I envision *Share the Health* one day becoming a national event!"

Award recipients are listed in the box below. Congratulations to all for their incredible hard work in making this event such a success!

Award Recipients

SHARE THE HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ruth Ault—National Institute of Mental Health
Anne Baur—NIH Office of Science Education
Sibyl Bowie-Page—National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Toni Campbell—National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Therese Clemens—Friends of the Clinical Center
Linda Doty—National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Marianne Duffy—National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Karla Ehrler—National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Margaret Farrell—National Cancer Institute
Nina Ghanem—National Cancer Institute
Harriet Greenwald—NIH Alumni Association
Nancy Hart—National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Jiwon Kim—National Library of Medicine
Jan Lipkin—National Institute on Drug Abuse
Lonnie Lisle—National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Ann London—National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Vicki Malick—Office of Research on Women's Health
Jilliene Mitchell—National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Jeannine Mjoseth—National Institute on Aging
Melanie Modlin—National Library of Medicine
Barbara Moquin—National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Laina Ransom—National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Randy Schools—NIH Recreation & Welfare Association
Nicole Schuett—National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
Geoff Spencer—National Human Genome Research Institute
Donna Wells—National Eye Institute
Cindy White—NIH Clinical Center
Shalanda Young—National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

MINI-LAB SESSION COORDINATOR

Susan Gagnon—National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

INTERN COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE (ICSI)

Tisha Fowler—Presidential Management Fellow
Frank Holloman—Presidential Management Fellow
Marquette Roher—Presidential Management Fellow

SHARE THE HEALTH SPANISH WEB SITE TRANSLATORS

Omar Echegoyen—National Library of Medicine
Isabel Otero—U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Emerging Leader

President Bush Visits NIH to Discuss "Reading First" Initiative



Pres. Bush speaks about reading at NIH.

On May 12, President George W. Bush was back on the NIH campus to lead a five-way conversation on "Reading First" with national experts and local officials. The discussion, which

focused on key aspects of President Bush's education legislation, addressed the science behind reading and how his "Reading First" initiative can address the nation's literacy problem.

Speaking to a diverse audience in the Natcher Conference Center, the President said, "Reading is more of a science than people think. We've got a problem in America. Not every child can read at grade level." He added that the successful teaching of reading was a "national obligation" and that reading was "the new civil right."

President Bush credited G. Reid Lyon, Ph.D., chief of the Child Development and Behavior Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, for his investigations into "phonemic awareness and phonics" as the basis of recent improvements in national reading test scores.

Dr. Lyon said that NIH has been studying reading issues since 1965. "Reading is complex. It requires great physiology and good genetics, but most of all, it requires teachers and adults to interact with kids to give them the foundations to be able to pull print off of the page." He added that teaching phonics, the matching of phonemes to the letters that represent them, is crucial.

Other conversation participants, who ranged from a university professor to a first-grade teacher, testified to Lyon's successful approach. Audience members included area school children and local leaders, including Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich and Lt. Governor Mike Steele; NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D.; Rod Paige, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education and Ralph Regula (R-OH), chair of the House appropriations subcommittee in charge of the NIH budget.

Free Movies in Virginia Benefit NIH Charity

Movie lovers don't have to wait until the NIH/Comcast film festival in August to enjoy free summer movies. *Cox Movies Under the Moon* is a relatively new outdoor film festival held in Fairfax, Virginia, July 16–24, 2004. The series features nine evenings of free movies under the stars, with proceeds from food and beverage sales benefiting Special Love/Camp Fantastic, an NIH children's charity, and Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children. The films will be screened at Robinson Field on the campus of George Mason University. Filmgoers can take advantage of plenty of free parking and dinner from area restaurants. Restaurants open at 6:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8:30 p.m. The movie schedule is listed below. For more information or directions, visit <http://www.moviesunderthemoon.org> or e-mail info@moviesunderthemoon.org.

July 16	<i>Spy Kids 3D: Game Over</i> (rated PG-13, 84 minutes)
July 17	<i>Seabiscuit</i> (rated PG-13, 141 minutes)
July 18	<i>Jurassic Park</i> (rated PG-13, 127 minutes)
July 19	<i>Casablanca</i> (unrated, 102 minutes)
July 20	<i>Men in Black</i> (rated PG, 113 minutes)
July 21	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (rated G, 101 minutes)
July 22	<i>Lord of the Rings—The Return of the King</i> (rated PG-13, 201 minutes)
July 23	<i>Ghostbusters</i> (rated PG, 107 minutes)
July 24	<i>Spider-Man</i> (rated PG-13, 121 minutes)

FAES Announces Fall Schedule of Classes

The Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) announced its fall schedule of graduate and undergraduate courses for the 2004–2005 school year. Classes meet once a week, beginning on September 13, and end December 17. Courses, which are offered in the evening on the NIH campus, are open to NIH staff as well as the general public. A wide variety of topics are covered, including biochemistry, biotechnology, chemistry, medicine, languages, statistics, pharmacology, alternative medicine, biology, genetics and topics of general interest.

Mail-in registration is possible through August 6, and walk-in registration begins August 30 and runs through September 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Building 60, Suite 230, on the NIH campus. Tuition is \$115 per credit hour. Visit <http://www.faes.org> or call 301-496-7976 to receive a current class schedule or to obtain more information.

NIH Launches Web Exhibit on Nobel Laureate Marshall Nirenberg

Deciphering codes has been a task that has occupied some of the greatest minds of our time, but “breaking the genetic code” is a feat that only Marshall Nirenberg can claim. The Office of NIH History and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute have launched a new Web-based exhibit on NIH's first intramural Nobel Laureate, Marshall Nirenberg, Ph.D.: <http://www.history.nih.gov/exhibits/nirenberg>. Though Dr. Nirenberg is



Credit: National Library of Medicine

known best for breaking the genetic code in 1961, this new exhibit explores genetics research in the 1950s and 1960s and explains the importance of his experiments and discoveries. It also answers fundamental questions, such as “what is the genetic code?” and “how did Nirenberg decipher it?” Outlining the history of genetics research, the online exhibit focuses on the work of Dr. Nirenberg in the 1960s leading to a new understanding of the genetic code. The online exhibit is complemented by a physical display in the NIH Clinical Center (Building 10) on the NIH campus, where visitors can view the actual instruments used in the experiments.

The Children's Inn at NIH Opens New Wing

This spring, NIH officials celebrated the first major expansion of the Children's Inn at NIH in its 14-year history. The new wing, which opened May 5, provides 22 additional resident rooms and new public spaces for pediatric outpatients and their families.

On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson, NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D., ABC political commentator and ceremony emcee Cokie Roberts, current and past patients of the inn and many other government officials.

“Together we have created this beautiful—and now expanded—‘place like home’ for 59 families who can live here each night,” said Dr. Zerhouni during his remarks.

The Children’s Inn, which opened in 1990, provides a place for sick children and their families while being treated at the NIH Clinical Center. More than 6,000 children from all over the nation and from 57 other countries have stayed at the inn during its history.

The new wing more than doubles the size of the original inn. Additions include new, fully equipped kitchens, dining and lounge areas, outdoor patios, a teen room with electronic equipment, staff spaces, a conference room and a fitness center with exercise equipment donated by the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

July 7

NIH Recreation & Welfare Association Seminar Series: *Investment Strategies that Work!* by American Express Financial Advisors, noon–1 p.m., Room B, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, free and open to the public. To register or for more information, call Brad Davis at 443-394-5579 or e-mail Brad.P.Davis@aexp.com.

July 8

DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Memorial Lecture: *Pathways to Public Health: Research with Genetically Modified Mouse Models at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences* by Sara Shostak, Ph.D., M.P.H., Office of NIH History, and Raymond W. Tennant, Ph.D., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 1–3 p.m. followed by a reception, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-6610.

July 9

National Eye Institute Bench-to-Bedside Seminar Series: *Diabetic Retinopathy* by Emily Chew, M.D., National Eye Institute, and *The Role of PEDF Interactions in Neurotrophic and Antiangiogenic Activities* by Patricia Becerra, Ph.D., 3–4:30 p.m., Ground Floor Auditorium, Building 50, NIH campus. For more information, contact Belinda Davis at 301-451-6763 or e-mail davisb@nei.nih.gov.

July 13

2004 NIH Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Innate Defenses Against Infection: Keeping Microbes at Bay* by Steven M. Holland, M.D., National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more

information, call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 or e-mail dc26a@nih.gov.

NIH Recreation & Welfare Association Camp Fantastic Barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Building 31 outdoor patio, NIH campus. Proceeds benefit the Camp Fantastic programs for children with cancer. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-4600.

NIH Science in the Cinema: *Miss Evers’ Boys*, 7 p.m., AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-495-6720 or visit <http://science.education.nih.gov/cinema>.

July 14

NLM History of Medicine Seminars for 2004: *Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee and the Organization of Women Nurses in the Spanish-American War* by Laura Prieto, Ph.D., 2–3:15 p.m., Lister Hill Auditorium, Building 38A, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call the National Library of Medicine’s History of Medicine Division at 301-594-5983 or visit <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/happening/seminars/index.html>.

July 20

2004 NIH Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Thirteen Years at NIH: An Eosinophil Odyssey* by Helene F. Rosenberg, M.D., Ph.D., National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 or e-mail dc26a@nih.gov.

July 27

2004 NIH Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Navigating Endosomal Transport Pathways: Lipids and G Proteins Pave the Way* by Julie G. Donaldson, Ph.D., National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, noon–1:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 or e-mail dc26a@nih.gov.

July 28–29

National Cancer Institute Workshop on Research Strategies, Study Designs and Statistical Approaches to Biomarkers Validation for Cancer Diagnosis and Detection, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 7/28 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 7/29, Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call Carolyn Swanson at 301-670-4990 or visit <http://www.scgcorp.com/biomarkers2004>.

*Calendar items subject to change. Call to confirm your event.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Suburban Hospital Offers Free Community Health Workshops

Suburban Hospital is offering local community members the opportunity to participate in several free health seminars this month. Seminar dates, locations and times vary but focus on topics such as understanding your cholesterol, hand conditions, allergies and sinus problems and skin cancer. This month's tentative schedule is listed below. For more information or to reserve your place in the seminar, call 301-896-3939 or visit <http://www.suburbanhospital.org>.

July 14 What Do the New Cholesterol Numbers Mean?
1 p.m.

Learn what the changing cholesterol numbers mean for the average person and how tools such as diet, exercise and new medication can help.
Friendship Heights Community Center, Chevy Chase

July 15 Ahhh-choo! Is It Sinus or Allergy?
1 p.m.

Sinus problems that can be related to climate, infections and allergic conditions will be addressed along with treatments and prevention strategies.

Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, Rockville

July 15 Skin Cancer Prevention and Treatment*
1 p.m.

Learn how to identify suspect skin lesions and moles and learn about the importance of proper prevention and treatment.

Rockville Senior Center, Rockville

*Call 301-314-8810 to register for this seminar.

Free Summer Concerts, Art Exhibits Featured at Strathmore Hall Arts Center

Music and art are bountiful this summer at Strathmore Hall Arts Center in North Bethesda. On Thursdays in July, Strathmore is hosting a variety of free classical music performances during its *Summer Serenades* outdoor concert series. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion. A tentative schedule is listed below.

July 8 Monumental Brass, performing works by Bach, Vivaldi and Copland.

July 15 National Philharmonic Brass Quintet, performing pieces by Handel, Purcell and Dukas.

July 22 American Balalaika Symphony, performing Khachaturian's "Masquerada" Suite, Waltz No. 2 by Shostakovich and Verdi's "Prelude" to La Traviata.

July 29 Silver Spring Composer David Kane, performing his world premiere of *Emergence: A Cicada Serenade*.

Strathmore is also hosting a "Beasts and Bugs" outdoor sculpture exhibition July 1–August 14. The exhibit pays tribute to the cicadas that have emerged after their 17-year absence and coincides with the world premiere of David Kane's *Emergence: A Cicada Serenade*—a musical piece commissioned by Strathmore—scheduled for July 29. The exhibit features larger than life-sized beasts and bugs created out of mixed media.

Strathmore is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda and is within walking distance of the Grosvenor–Strathmore Metro station on the Red Line. No pets are permitted. Call 301-530-0540 for more information or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

Free Shakespeare Festival Brings "Classic" to Local Communities



Credit: Olney Theatre Center for the Arts

The famous balcony scene. As part of the 15th Annual Summer Shakespeare Festival, the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts (OTC) and Boston University (BU) are bringing free performances of the timeless classic *Romeo & Juliet* to several area communities. With a cast comprising OTC veteran performers and students from BU, the production promises theatergoers a captivating evening under the stars. Local area performances are listed below. Reservations are recommended. To make reservations or for more information, call the OTC box office at 301-924-3400 or visit <http://www.olneytheatre.org>.

July 12 Lubber Run Park Amphitheater
8 p.m. Arlington

July 13 7:30 p.m.	Courthouse Square Park Rockville
July 19 7 p.m.	Carroll Arts Center Westminster
July 25 7:30 p.m.	Silver Plaza Silver Spring

Local Communities To Hold National Night Out Against Crime

On August 3, nationwide, communities will participate in a national crime and drug prevention event known as "National Night Out." Designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness in the community, the event helps local law enforcement officials generate support for anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out provides a safe and fun atmosphere in which to learn about crime prevention efforts in local communities. Most locales feature free music, games, prizes, free ice cream, child identification kits, tours of emergency vehicles and more. To learn if your community is participating, visit your local government's Web site or visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno> for more information about the national effort.

The City of Wheaton "Sizzles" with Two Free Summer Concerts

The city of Wheaton is bringing two free outdoor concerts to the area this summer. On Saturday, July 24, area residents can enjoy Jr. Cline and the Recliners with vocalist Julia Nixon. Jr. Cline and the Recliners have long delighted local audiences with their distinctive musical style. Couple this with the vocals of Julia Nixon (who has been compared to Aretha Franklin and Tina Turner), and audience members are sure to have a good time.

On Saturday, August 14, the Deanna Bogart Band will take the stage. The Maryland-based blues and boogie pianist/saxophonist combines the energy of 1930s-style boogie piano blues with the contemporary blues sounds emanating from places like New Orleans, Chicago and Memphis.

Come early and dine in or enjoy a picnic on the lawn during the show. Many area restaurants will

be offering 15 percent off dinner checks from 5–11 p.m. Carryout will be available. Stop by the "ask me" booth the night of the event to locate participating restaurants or call 240-777-8100 to have the list sent to you.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at the corner of Grandview Avenue and Reedie Drive. The event is within walking distance of the Wheaton Metro, and free parking is available after 6 p.m. in the county parking garage located at Amherst Avenue and Reedie Drive. For more information, call the events line at 240-777-8115.

Magic and Wizardry Light Up BAPA's Imagination Stage

Are you looking for a little magic and wizardry for your family this summer? If so, then you may want to consider the world premiere of *Merlin and the Cave of Dreams* by local children's theater BAPA's Imagination Stage. Playing now through August 8, the show follows a teen-aged King Arthur as the wizard Merlin takes him on a journey of self-discovery. Recommended for children seven and up, the magic unfolds in BAPA's Lerner Theatre, located at 4908 Auburn Avenue in Bethesda. Ticket prices are \$7.50–\$12. Daily and weekend performances are available. For more information or tickets, visit <http://www.imaginationstage.org> or call 301-280-1660.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/air/index.asp>

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Air Information Center Web site offers visitors information on air quality, pollution control and tips on how to reduce health risks associated with air pollution. Visitors to the site can see daily ozone forecasts for their neighborhood and learn what those forecasts might mean for their own health and that of their loved ones. The Web site offers recommendations on reducing the emission of air pollutants and provides access to a variety of informative publications and fact sheets. Info Centers for citizens, businesses and researchers provide additional resources, including information on environmental emergencies, public health surveillance data and citizen participation in pollution-prevention efforts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cataract Eye Study

Doctors at the National Eye Institute (NEI) at NIH need healthy volunteers and patients between the ages of 18 and 80. Study participants will undergo a complete eye exam, cataract photography and testing with a special cataract detector developed by NEI and NASA. For more information or to participate, call Manuel Datiles, M.D., or Rita Hiller at 301-496-6581.

Need A Kidney Transplant?

Do you have kidney failure and need a kidney transplant? If so, you may be eligible for an NIH kidney study designed to reduce your need for anti-rejection drugs. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222, TTY: 1-866-411-1010. Interested individuals should refer to study 99-DK-0120.

NIH Blood Bank Needs All Blood Types

The NIH Blood Bank at the Clinical Center currently needs all blood types. Blood collection hours are by appointment on Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To see if you are eligible or for more information about donating, call 301-496-1048 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/dtm/index.htm>.

Healthy Volunteers Needed

Researchers from the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program at the National Institute of Mental Health are looking for healthy volunteers to participate in a variety of studies. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18 and 65, be medication free and have no history of or current psychiatric illness. Study participants may receive PET scans, MRIs, psychological interviews, neuropsychological testing and other procedures depending on the project. Compensation is available. Call 1-866-627-6464 for more information.

The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931. 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 send her an e-mail at tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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