

Peter A. Cortese

Dr. Peter A. Cortese, passed away in May, 2008, after a long battle with Parkinson's. Dr. Cortese was born in June 1928, to Nick and Louise (Petrelli) Cortese in Hibbing, Minnesota. Peter was an Air Force veteran of World War II. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he taught school in Minnesota for two years then moving to California and securing a doctorate in public health.

Dr. Cortese started his professional career as a speech therapist with the Los Angeles Unified School District. He eventually was appointed to the school health initiative in the U. S. Department of Education by President Carter in the late 1970's. When the initiative was cancelled in 1981, Peter went back to California State University, Long Beach, where he was the Associate Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences, and Chairman of the Department of Health Science for many years.

Peter went to CDC to help guide DASH's efforts to improve the health of students in institutions of higher education. He started working in DASH in 1992 and served as the project lead for DASH's IHE cooperative agreements. In 1993 Peter assumed the position of the Branch Chief in PDSB during a time of significant personnel change within the Branch. His leadership guided the Branch through this change effectively, ensuring PDSB's high quality workforce and sustaining DASH's leadership role in helping others improve HIV prevention and school health programs. He served as Branch Chief in PDSB until his retirement from CDC on April 30, 1996.

Peter was a tireless advocate for high standards for the health education profession. He had a unique ability to apply his experience in education to public health programs. He was instrumental in advocating for legislation in California that required all teachers to have a health education methods course as part of their pre-service education. He testified before the CA Senate Education Committee on the need for a high school graduation requirement in health education.

Peter was a career-oriented individual, he loved his work and his life was centered around it. His occupation took him many directions. Peter had an extensive record of involvement in professional organizations and was a wise advisor often serving as a mentor to many colleagues. Although this list isn't exhaustive, it will give you an idea of his many years of service to the profession which included serving as AAHE President, recipient of the AAHE Professional Service to Health Education Award, service to the School Health Education and Services Section of APHA; APHA's Action Board; and numerous awards such as ASHA's Distinguished Service Award in 1981 and ASHA's Presidential Citation.

Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, CDC/DASH's founding Director, had this to say about Peter, *During the past several decades, strong but gentle hands among those who most care about children struggled tirelessly to fashion schools that not only educate young people for life, but improve the quality of those lives. Dr. Peter Cortese quietly wielded the strongest and the gentlest of those hands for many decades, for many children. We all shall miss him dearly.*

Memorials are preferred to Parkinson's disease research.

William M. Kane

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Dr. William M. Kane

Dr. William M. Kane, age 59, former executive director of the American Association for Health Education, vice president of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and executive director for the American College of Preventive Medicine passed away in Red Lodge, Montana on Wednesday, March 7, of pancreatic cancer. Dr. Kane had a long career as an educator and advocate of public health.

He was a model for healthy living. Always surprising - quite notably in his personal style - Dr. Kane could be spotted at professional conferences wearing a hat, cowboy boots, starched jeans and his signature handlebar moustache. He brought plain-talking, Midwest sense to public health problem solving.

Dr. Kane also headed and served on many non-profit boards, including the Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Carbon County in Montana, the Foundation for the Advancement of Health Education and the National School Health Education Coalition. He worked with President Jimmy Carter and his wife Roselyn on issues of global health and world peace at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga. He was vice-president for research and professional development of the North American Regional Office of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (NARO/IUHPE), and he was a founding member of the Mohan Singh Society.

Recently, Dr. Kane received several honors. The American Association for Health Education recognized him by naming a "William Kane Scholarship," which will be awarded annually to an outstanding undergraduate student majoring in health education. The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACMP) also recognized him for outstanding leadership. In Resolution #2005-047(C), Dr. Kane was credited with the restoration and development of a solid financial status for the organization, recognized for his leadership in launching the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* and for his development of the College's continuing education program. In 2005, ACPM renamed an award The William Kane Rising Star Award, for an ACPM member who has shown "a commitment to preventive medicine and the potential to make significant contributions to the field of preventive medicine and its organizations." The first recipient of the renamed award is Dr. Paul D. Rockswold, deputy command surgeon for Combined Forces Command in Afghanistan. Dr. Rockswold was on hand to receive the award in person from Dr. Kane at the ACPM annual awards banquet in Florida, shortly before Bill died.

He was a prolific writer, having authored many health education textbooks and curricula used in classrooms throughout the United States. One of his most widely known texts is *Healthy Living: An Active Approach to Wellness* (Bobbs-Merrill, 1985). He authored over ___ publications on health education topics as a member of the ETR staff. He was a staunch advocate for theory-based school health education, and effectively designed health behavior change strategies grounded in theory. He was known for his advocacy for health equity, social justice and health for all.

In his personal life, Dr. Kane loved people, and he was a caring and sharing friend to colleagues around the world. Together with his wife Ann, he designed and helped build his dream home on Rock Creek in Red Lodge, Mont., even while fighting a terminal illness. He also took up painting and was well known as an accomplished chef. In his 2006 commencement address to the University of New Mexico's College of Education, he quoted Lord Byron as saying "Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine" - advice he heeded every day. He lived an abundant life, never forgetting that life was a gift to be shared.

Dr. William "Bill" Kane will be missed by all who knew him, and by the profession. He was taken from us at too young an age, with too many things left in life to do, and too many people yet to inspire and enliven.

NOTE: NARO, in conjunction with the IUHPE Paris office, announces the establishment of the Bill Kane Health Equity Fellowship Program. The purpose of the program is to support work in health education to reduce health disparities by providing training opportunities, student scholarships, mini-grants and other activities. To make a contribution to the Bill Kane Fellowship Fund, send your tax-deductible contributions to SOPHE, c/o Bill Kane Fund, 10 G St, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Elena Sliepceвич



CARBONDALE - Elena M. Sliepceвич, 88, died Monday, March 3, 2008, in Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Okla. Elena was the third child born to Maksim and Jovanka Sliepceвич on July 29, 1919, in Anaconda, Mont. At the age of 17, she became the youngest student in the state of Montana to earn an elementary teaching certificate. A 1939 graduate of the University of Idaho, Elena received her master's degree from University of Michigan in 1949. She was the first woman awarded the Doctor of Physical Education degree by Springfield College.

Elena was a professor and coordinator of health education at Ohio State University from 1956 to 1961, when she was selected to direct the School Health Study from 1961 to 1972. Most health education curricula developed since have been based on the 10 conceptual areas identified by the School Health Education Study. Dr. Sliepceвич was also a visiting professor during summer sessions at University of Florida, University of California in Los Angeles, University of Oregon and Colorado State College. She joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she was a professor in both the Department of Health Education and School of Medicine until her retirement in 1992.

Elena received many honors during her life, some of which included William Harold Payne Scholar, which was the highest award to master's degree candidates at University of Michigan from 1949 to 1950; the Distinguished Service Award from the American School Health Association in 1963; the honor award from Alpha Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma in 1986; and election to Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Lambda Theta. She and was elected into University of Idaho graduates Hall of Fame in 1963; received an Honorary Doctorate from University of Idaho in 1987; and was honored as one of the outstanding graduates of the University of Idaho during their Centennial commencement in 1989. The textbook, *Advancing Health Education: The Case Study Method*, written by Helen P. Cleary and others, was dedicated to Dr. Sliepceвич in 1984. In 1979, she was the recipient of the Luther Halsey Gulick Medal, the highest honor the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) can bestow in recognition of long and distinguished service. In 1977, she was the first to receive the AAHE Scholar Award in recognition of a scholarly record for a number of years as evidenced by publications and presentations related to health promotion and education.

Dr. Sliepceвич has contributed outstanding service in numerous professional activities. She served as vice-president of AAHPER and chairman of the Health Education Division, chairman and member of numerous AAHPER committees; membership on the Health Education Curriculum Commission and the Teacher Education Commission; delegate to American National Council for Health Education of the Public. She also served as vice-president for health education for both Eastern and Northwest Districts and at the state level was president of both the Montana and the Massachusetts associations. She was active in related organizations as chairman for School Health Section of American Public Health Association, member of Editorial Board of *Journal of School Health*; fellow of the American Association for Health Education (AAHE), the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the American School Health Association (ASHA); and in 1972, was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). She also was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the World Future Society and the Hastings Center.

Dr. Sliepceвич has published professional articles in the AAHPER Journal, *Journal of School Health*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *NEA Journal* and many others. Dr. Sliepceвич has contributed vitally to the profession through her effective, creative teaching, competent organization and leadership, forceful writing, careful and scholarly research and sincere dedication to her profession.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 105 E. Sixth St., Anaconda, MT 59711; St. Sava Seminary Fund, P.O. Box 371, Grayslake, IL 60030-0371; Hearst Free Library, 401 Main St., Anaconda, MT 59711; or Marcus Daly Historical Society, 401 E. Commercial Ave., Anaconda, MT 59711.

Elena was preceded in death by her parents, and infant brother, Milrod Sliepceвич. She is survived by her sister, Natalie Sliepceвич of Norman, Okla., and her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Chedomir M. Sliepceвич of Goldsby, Okla.

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Dr. Beverly G. Ware

Dr. Beverly Giss Ware died at 3:15 a.m., Jan. 25, 2008 in her home at Merriman House North Conway after receiving excellent and loving care there for eight years during the downward slide into the nothingness that is Alzheimer's disease. She was born June 30, 1933 in Chelsea, Mass., to Benjamin and Ruth Giss. She graduated from Boston Latin School, Forsythe School for Dental Hygiene, Boston University (BS, 1955), University of Michigan (Master of Public Health, 1957) and University of California, Los Angeles (Doctor of Public Health, 1969). In 1986 she was elected as Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Public Health Education as recognition for her professional accomplishments. Earlier, she had been president of the society.

Dr. Ware's career began in county health departments in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Denver, Colo.; and Santa Clara, Calif. She served on the faculties of the school of Dentistry, University of California; the school of Public Health, University of Hawaii, California State University at Northridge and at the University of Michigan. Students rated her as a teacher of great ability. She participated in a World Health Organization mission in Southeast Asia. More recently, she was on a health mission to South India.

In 1976, Dr. Ware joined the Medical Department in Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters, where at Henry Ford II's request she pioneered a program to reduce the risk and cost of heart disease in Ford management.

The following year she became corporate health education programs coordinator for Ford

Motor Company. She developed and organized innovative programs to maintain good health in an occupational environment, including industrial work sites (coke ovens, pattern making shops, etc.) She instituted "heart healthful" menus and installed them in Ford Headquarters dining facilities. She developed an exercise walk in Ford Headquarters known as the "Headquarters' Shuffle."

The reputation Dr. Ware earned in Ann Arbor and at Ford Motor Company brought about her services as consultant to or committee member of health organizations in Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan. At the national level, she was associated with the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Center for Health Education. She was called upon as a consultant by the chief of U.S. Naval Operations and by corporations. She chaired the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. She organized and directed many conferences and seminars, presented more than 40 professional papers and was listed in Who's Who in the Midwest.

Aside from her professional life Beverly kept a comfortable home where she enjoyed dinner guests as a gourmet cook, especially with Chinese food. College football was a favored sport, perhaps because at Boston University she learned how to diagram plays and talk strategy. Books took much of her time from school days until she no longer could read. Golf was a game she enjoyed as a member of the Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor and the North Conway Country Club.

In 1985 Beverly stepped

aside from her career to join her husband, Richard Ware, in retirement at their home in Kearsarge, on Hurricane Mountain Road. She loved the old farm house and the woods surrounding it. She was proud of the patch of partridge berries she grew. She climbed to 130 White Mountain summits and a few in Scotland, England and Austria. Cross country skiing was a favorite winter sport. She and her husband made many trips to Europe (including the Soviet Union), Asia, and Central America. She had been president of the North Conway Women's Club and a member of the Mountain Garden Club.

Dr. Ware is survived by her husband, Richard A. Ware of Kearsarge; her step-children, Alexander W. Ware of Sedona, Ariz.; Prof. Bradley J. Ware of Fall River, Mass.; Patricia E. Ware of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Alison E. Gittens, a step-granddaughter of Phoenix and two step-great grandsons. She had an especially close relationship with Alison having taken her for the grand tour in Europe. A step-daughter, Janet, died in 1973. She is survived by two sisters, Edith S. Brown, Stoughton, Mass. and Harriet Bern, Lake Wales, Fla. Four nieces and three nephews also survive her.

The time and place of a gathering of remembrance and thanksgiving will be announced. Burial of ashes with a graveside ceremony will be in the Kearsarge Cemetery in the spring. Contributions in Beverly's honor to The Merriman House Activities Department, P.O. Box 5001, North Conway, NH 03860 will be appreciated.

Furber and White Funeral Home is providing arrangements.

I read these words of such "finality" with a mixture of sadness, affection and love and thanksgiving for a merciful God.

Richard