

The ACS Newsletter



Newsletter of the Southern Arizona Section of the American Chemical Society

From The Chair

Greetings to my fellow chemists. Now that we are nearly one-third of the way through the year, it is my pleasure to report to you of our activities so far and what we're planning.

The February awards reception gave us the opportunity to provide much-deserved recognition to some of our more illustrious members. The awards presented were: 50-year members - Dr. James W. Berry, Dr. Leslie S. Forster, Mr. Gerry A. Lessells, Dr. David F. Wright; Career Distingushed Teaching Award - Mr. Bob Thomas; 2000 High School Teaching Award - Ms. Teresa Potter of Rio Rico High School.

In March, we co-sponsored the 14th Biennial Marvel Symposium: Supramolecular Materials. Dom McGrath and Zhiping Zheng did a wonderful job as co-chairs of this event and, along with the able assistance of Anne Padias and Mary Carter, ensured another well-attended and highly successful symposium.

By the time you read this, our spring picnic should already be history. I am confident this now-regular event, organized by Wayne Adickes, will be it's usual success.

For May, we have scheduled another joint meeting with the Central Arizona Section in Casa Grande. Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. The speaker will be John Travis, a long-time writer for Science News, who is currently in Tucson as a visiting professor of Journalism. He will be speaking on science communication and the relationship between scientists and science writers. I have assured him that we will have many questions for him.

Also in May, we will be sponsoring a High School Teacher Workshop at Catalina Foothills High School on Hazardous Waste in the High School Chemistry Lab. Those who are interested should contact our Education Chair, Ann Marie Condes, at amcondes@fc.cfsd.k12.az.us.

We will take our normal summer hiatus from activities and resume in August. Some of the events in the planning stage. We will have an early fall dinner meeting featuring an ACS speaker. The talk is titled "Employment Trends and Outlook. What is the job market like today?" Learn about current trends and how to make the most of them. National Chemistry Week is the first week in November. We'll be sponsoring a High School Student Demonstration Competition, open to the public. You're all invited. Also in November, we'll be hosting another ACS Career Opportunity Workshop.

As always, I'm interested in your thoughts. Please direct your questions, comments and ideas to me, Steve Brown, at sbrown@u.arizona.edu, or 621-9980.

Career Assistance

Do you need assistance in preparation of your resume? Are you interested in changing jobs and want to discuss it with someone? Your local section has an ACS trained Career Consultant who would be happy to provide assistance in your search for a suitable position. The section also has a good selection of literature on successful job-hunting which can be made available to you. If you want assistance, call or email Wayne Adickes at 520-621-2862 or adickes@u.arizona.edu

High School Chemistry Teachers Meeting

All High School Chemistry Teachers and pre-service Chemistry Teachers are invited to an informal meeting to discuss issues in chemical education and share ideas with other chemistry teachers from Southern Arizona. This will be our first meeting and will be held at Catalina Foothills High School, May 2nd at 4pm. For more information, please contact Ann Marie Condes at 577-5090 ext.1113.

Regional Meeting

News from the ACS meeting in San Diego is that the ACS National Office is putting more effort into the organization of Regional Meetings to increase participation both at the local section level and at the Divisional level. The increased effort includes not only additional grants available to organize special symposia, but also increased help in planning and running a meeting from staff at National.

The Southern Arizona Section is a member of two Regional Meeting Steering Committees: The Rocky Mountain Region and the Western Region. The Rocky Mountain Region includes the sections of Central New Mexico, Central Utah, Colorado, Salt Lake, Wyoming, and newly admitted Central Arizona, while the Western Regional is centered around the 10 California sections, Boulder Dam (Las Vegas) and the 2 Arizona Sections of Central and Southern.

The next Western Regional meeting will be held October 28-31, 2001, in Santa Barbara, CA. More information, including a call for papers, can be found at www.2001werm.org, and will include a Noble Symposia featuring Professor Sir Harry Kroto, Professor Alan Heeger, and Professor F. Sherwood Rowland.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Meetings occur every two years, and the next meeting is being organized and hosted by the Central New Mexico Section and will be held in Albuquerque in October 2002. Watch the newsletter for further information.

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Visit the Southern Arizona Section web pages at http://membership.acs.org/S/SArizona/home.htm

SOUTHERN ARIZONA SECTION &

CENTRAL ARIZONA SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY JOINT DINNER MEETING

Friday, May 18

The Property Conference Center Casa Grande, AZ

Guest Speaker: Mr. John Travis, Visiting Professor of Journalism, University of Arizona

> Dinner 7 PM Speaker 8 PM

Cost - Members and Guests - \$ 15 Students - \$5

RSVP to Steve Brown, sbrown@u.arizona.edu, 621-9980, by Tuesday, May 15th

Directions to The Property Conference Center

From Tucson, take I-10 North to Casa Grande Exit. Travel west on Hwy 84 and proceed under the railroad tracks to the first light, Thornton Road. Just past Thornton Road you will cross over another set of railroad tracks. Look for The Property Conference Center (Restaurant) immediately on your left.

From the Phoenix area take I-10 East to Exit 185 (Pinal Ave., Rt. 387). Follow Rt. 387 to Rt. 84 (Florence Blvd.). Turn right onto Rt. 84 and proceed under the railroad tracks to the first light, Thornton Road. Just past Thornton Road you will cross over another set of railroad tracks. Look for The Property Conference Center (Restaurant) immediately on your left.







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