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## Message from the Chair Patrick A. Irish

Greetings,

We had a pretty good turnout for the Spring Tour Speaker. Ann Mary Nefcy gave a talk on "Today's Environmental Chemistry: What are we doing? Where are we going?" There were about 45 people in attendance, many of which were college students. Ann Mary graciously took the time to personally greet the students, and at the end of her talk gave an inspirational message to them.

The **28th Annual Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Monday, May 24. At the banquet, we will honor the Outstanding High School and College Chemistry students from area schools, the Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher, and local section Fifty Year ACS members. We will also present awards and certificates to the winners of the Kalamazoo Section Competitive Examination Program. If you are interested in attending, a **registration form** is available in the March/April edition of the Kalchemist News (available on the website).

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's **Executive Committee nominations**. If you are interested in serving on the EC or wish to nominate someone, please contact me ([patrick.a.irish@pfizer.com](mailto:patrick.a.irish@pfizer.com), 833.6818) or another EC member.

Now is also a good time to start thinking about **Chemistry Day at the Museum**, November 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Lorenz ([julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com](mailto:julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com), 833-2209).

Patrick

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## **“Career Corner”**

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### **Do you know what the ACS Local Section Career Program (LSCP) is all about?**

LSCP was established in 1996 to complement the career services offered by National ACS and we have had LSCP coordinator in place since 2000. The mission of the program is “To equip local sections with the materials and information needed to offer employment assistance in their geographic area”

As your LSCP coordinator, my goal has been to provide members with information on local employment and career assistance as well as provide services complementary to those offered by National Career Services, such as one on one assistance for things such as resume review, interviewing techniques, and job search strategies.

Should you be in need of any of these services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## **The 36th ACS Central Regional Meeting**

June 2 – 4

IUPUI campus in Indianapolis, IN

There are over 450 abstracts submitted for this meeting. The program offers a range of areas including a strong emphasis in the following areas: analytical chemistry, biological chemistry, inorganic chemistry (molecular electronics), organic (synthesis, combinatorial chemistry), physical chemistry (molecular clusters, nanochemistry, interstellar space), and chemical education.

Most of these topics have significant overlapping content between multiple areas, especially biological processes. Special symposia include solid-state NMR and NMR involving membranes, honoring Leo Paquette, regulatory strategies, and forensic chemistry - but this is just a short list of the meeting content!

Visit our website, <http://membership.acs.org/c/cerm2004>, for more information on the technical program and the exciting special events.

Special Conference Center hotel room rate blocks for this meeting expire soon, so please reserve now by calling 1-800-627-2700 and referencing the 'ACS Central Regional Meeting'. For meeting registration, follow the link on the meeting home page above.

**We hope to see you in Indianapolis for the 36th CRM!!**

# News from the Women Chemists Committee of the KACS

05/11/04 by Sheryl Loux

## GIRL SCOUT CHEMISTRY MERIT BADGE

The Girl Scout Chemistry Badge laboratories were held on 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 13, 2004 for 92 Girls Scouts at WMU. Newspaper articles about the labs were seen once in the Portage Hometown and twice in the Kalamazoo Gazette (the last on April 19<sup>th</sup>). The WCC Steering Committee thanks Jerrie Fiala, freelance writer, for the great Gazette article with pictures and Mark Crockhite, Glowing Embers Council Program Director, for the excellent job in coordinating the event for the Girl Scouts. The WCC Steering Committee showed its appreciation in the form of a certificate to each volunteer during the labs. Again, the WCC steering Committee thanks the following **volunteers** for the 2004 Girl Scout Chemistry Badge. (Any omissions or errors are solely the responsibility of Sheryl Loux, who misplaced the last minute additions and deletions list she created while attempting to facilitate activities in the labs.)

### Volunteer List

#### WMU:

Sue Stapleton LEADER  
Tom Norton  
Len Harris  
Vivian Locke  
Elke Schoffers LEADER  
Theresa Obias  
Jie "Christine" Zhuang  
Alhaji N'jai  
Deepti Goel  
Stacey Pierce  
John Miller  
Joel Lwande  
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Joan Esson LEADER  
Ellie Toskey  
Nena Wendzel  
Paul Schramm  
Amelia King  
Regina Truss LEADER  
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Dan Huffman  
Nick Beimer

#### Others:

Desiree Quizon-Colquitt LEADER  
Valerie Valoppi

#### Pfizer:

Delara B. Godrej  
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Adam M. Jakob  
Mary M. Kellogg  
Donna Upchurch (& daughter, Catherine Upchurch)  
Mari Stephan  
Kimberly F. Greve  
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## Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Saturday, November 6, 2004

The National Chemistry Week theme for 2004 is "Health and Wellness". Please be thinking of experiments that you would like to share during our annual Chemistry Day at the Museum event on November 6 from Noon to 4:00pm.

We need the list of experiments and demonstration leaders by October 1.

If you're interested in participating please contact Julie Lorenz (269-833-2209 or [julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com](mailto:julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com)).

[http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=ncw\ncw\\_index.html](http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=ncw\ncw_index.html)

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### Call for Nominations for 2005

The KACS Executive Committee is requesting nominations for the following positions for terms starting in 2005:

Chair Elect

Treasurer

Alternate Councilor

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### Position Available

#### WMU Chemistry Instructor – Sabbatical Replacement

The Department of Chemistry, Western Michigan University is seeking a one-year (AY 2004-2005) sabbatical replacement pending budgetary approval.

The candidate will be expected to teach two to three classes in each of the fall and spring terms with the potential for offerings in the summer sessions. The courses to be assigned would be general and organic chemistry. The preferred candidate will have a Ph.D. in Chemistry with recent undergraduate teaching experience at a junior college or four year institution, though other qualified applicants will be considered. A complete application will include: a curriculum vitae, the syllabi of past courses (if applicable), student ratings of the instructor (if available), a statement of teaching philosophy and the names and contact information for three references.

Application materials should be forwarded to Professor Michael J. Barcelona, Chair, Department of Chemistry, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5413. Western Michigan University, a student centered research university, encourages applications from underrepresented groups and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Screening of applications will begin on May 1, 2004 and will continue until the position is filled.



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## 2004 KACS Calendar

Contact the person in parentheses to answer questions or to volunteer

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| May 24     | Kalamazoo Section 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet<br>West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University<br>6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, (Don Schreiber, <a href="mailto:donald.schreiber@wimich.edu">donald.schreiber@wimich.edu</a> ) |
| June 3     | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Bell's Eccentric Cafe, 5:00pm   |
| August 5   | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Bell's Eccentric Cafe, 5:00pm   |
| November 6 | Chemistry Day at the Museum, Kalamazoo Valley Museum,<br>Noon to 4pm, (Julie Lorenz, <a href="mailto:julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com">julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com</a> )   |

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