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Comments from the Chair

Doug Williams

I have enjoyed my year as your Chair. I am indebted to our capable Executive Committee and associated committee leaders. In spite of obvious changes in our local market for chemistry jobs, we remain well supported by a variety of academic and industrial partners. This is a great Section. We were particularly encouraged by the turnout for our recent SciMix poster event at Bell's (see page 2). This looks like something that we will consider doing as an annual event, as long as funding support remains adequate. Please let us know your ideas for how we can improve programs and engage our members. Now that our elections are complete, we confirm our officer changes for 2012: Elke Schoffers will be Chair and Carolyn Pugh will be Secretary (through 2013). I will become Past Chair. Lydia Hines was reelected to serve as our Councilor (2012-2014). John Miller will continue as Treasurer through 2012. We are still seeking persons interested in our Chair Elect position.

Comments from the Chair-Elect

Elke Schoffers

As 2011 draws to a conclusion I would like to wish everybody a pleasant holiday season. This is also the time to share that I look forward to working with the many talented chemists in our Section as I will assume the Chair position for 2012. Please note that our first social event will be a meet and greet in early February – please look for details in our next newsletter. Wishing everybody a healthy and successful new year.

KACS website:

<http://www.wmich.edu/acs/>

Do you have questions, comments, or would like to contribute to this newsletter? Send an email to:

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Upcoming events at a glance (Dec - Jan 2011)

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**Happy
Holidays!**
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Do you have an event
that you would like to
have listed in this
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Announcements

Lydia Hines Receives Volunteer Award

Doug Williams

Congratulations to Lydia Hines recognition as the 2011 recipient of the E. Ann Nalley Great Lakes Region Award for Volunteer Service (mentioned in our early October newsletter). Lydia (left) is shown below with Ann Nalley (right) receiving her award at the Joint Regional Meeting in St. Louis on Oct 22.



Lydia Hines (left) receiving her award from Ann Nalley.

SciMix Poster Session:

”Sustainable Science - Recycle a Poster”

Doug Williams

Our poster session mixer on Nov 1 at Bell's Eccentric Café was a very enjoyable event. About 85 people attended (predominantly Local Section members). Keynote speaker Dr. Bob Gadwood presented "Creating Chemistry Jobs in Kalamazoo: The Story of Kalexsyn." We had over 45 posters in the café with lively discussion, good appetizers, and great beverages. We thank Pfizer Animal Health for underwriting and Dr. John Wendt of Pfizer for promoting, organizing and chairing the event. Our expenses for the event totaled \$1631. We are looking forward to trying this again in 2012. Let us know what you thought of it. See our [website](#) for a brief summary and photos.

Announcements

ACS Kalamazoo Local Section Participation in Pennies for PUR^R Water

Lydia Hines

In cooperation with our national organization's project during the International Year of Chemistry 2011, we collected donations at the beginning of each Executive Committee meeting and at several of our Section meetings, as well as our Chemistry Day at the Museum in connection with our NCW celebration. The total contribution was **\$60.00**; at 3.5 c per packet, our contribution supplied **1714 packets**, for a total contribution of **4826 gal of potable water** through ACS's partnership with Procter & Gamble's Children's Safe Drinking Water (CSDW) Coalition.

Thank you to all who participated so generously!

A KACS High School Awards Program Success Story

Lydia Hines

Readers who may have been involved with the Local Section in **1991** may remember a young man from KAMSC who received one of our CRC Handbooks as an award for his success in our series of high school examinations. He still has his award on his office shelf at the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he is now Associate Professor of Chemistry and Astronomy and Affiliate in the Department of Physics**, after taking his post-High School education at Caltech, the University of Chicago and the University of California – Berkeley.

The young man is **Benjamin J. McCall** (website: <http://bjm.scs.illinois.edu>). Among his recent oral presentations was one at the Joint Midwest-Great Lakes Regional Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., on October 20, 2011, where we met to reminisce and give him our Section's congratulations.

The KACS Executive Committee invites others who have been encouraged by any one of our programs over the years (or who know of any such individual) to share the story with us. You may send it to me at lemhwgh@gmail.com