

Dear Fellow Chemists:

Your Louisville Section #229 of the American Chemical Society has continued to serve you in small ways these past few months since the last newsletter—but perhaps done just enough in these busy summer days (when so many other activities are taking place) so as to be enjoyable for you but not intrusive. Here are the activities:

Completed:

1. Our Annual Awards banquet took place on Tuesday, April 8th at the Wildwood Country Club and was appreciated by all attending. Because families bring along many children, we are looking for a less formal, more family-friendly venue for future activities. [Paying about \$60 per meal for a child who only ate two cookies does not make good fiscal sense.]
2. Our Summer outing was at Flame Run, located in “The Glassworks” on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, and included a long but remarkably interesting demonstration of glass blowing, followed by a pizza meal at Mr. Gatti’s on Dixie Highway.
3. Our Councilor, Jim Francis, participated in the National ACS meeting and will fill anyone in on any details from there to whomever is interested. Anything important was already in C&EN’s reporting of that meeting.
4. Ongoing recovery efforts continue from a PNC Bank transfer scam. The FBI is involved but we have no results yet. Because of that event, we are changing banks.

Upcoming:

1. **National Chemistry Week (NCW) activities** on Spice Chemistry at the Kentucky Science Center (727 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202) on Friday morning October 24th during NCW will include chemistry demonstrations for many school children on field trips. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kaya Muller, our secretary at kaya.muller@kctcs.edu for free entrance to the Science Center and other benefits.
2. **General Meeting:** At 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 11th at the Bristol Bar and Grill on Hurstbourne Lane in Louisville, all are invited to this required meeting, where next year’s officers are elected (or reconfirmed). Because we have no Chair-Elect, the chair is expected to remain in place until a Chair-Elect, is nominated and elected. Likewise, our present secretary and treasurer and webmaster and College and High School liaisons are willing to continue to serve in those capacities—for the burdens are minimal and combine well with their “day jobs.” For anyone interested, we have openings for a Chair Elect, Indiana University-Southeast liaison, and member(s) at large. The meeting includes a free delicious meal (casual attire and finished by 8 pm.) and the chance to get to know the workings of the local section. If you intend to come, please let the secretary (kaya.muller@kctcs.edu) know so that we can alert the restaurant about the number of attendees.
3. The **Gold Mass** will be on Saturday November 15, 2025, the feast of St. Albert the Great (Albertus Magnus of Medieval fame) at 10 am, in St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Dr, Louisville, KY 40222 with a special blessing for all scientists by the Louisville Archbishop, Most Rev. Shelton Fabre.

This will be followed by a science talk over lunch (food provided by your local ACS section). One may simply attend the meal and talk or attend the Mass as well, regardless of one's own denominational background, and be thanked for what we do and who we are. Open to all, no RSVP needed.

4. **US National Chemistry Olympiad** and Science Fairs are beginning, and we thank our local section secretary Kaya Muller, for coordinating the Olympiad, and for helping recruit science fair judges. If you are interested in helping judge the science fairs, please contact Kaya as above.
5. **Employment News:** If any company has employment opportunities and would like them listed in our newsletter and website for free, we are happy to do that as a service to our members—especially any graduating students who love the area and want to stay and work locally. Please email me (below) to pass on to our webmaster.

May God's blessings be with you all—and even with your sometimes uncooperative chemical reactions.

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