



Dear Fellow Chemists:

Your Louisville Section #229 of the American Chemical Society celebrated our **summer activity** on the afternoon of June 14th with an attempted tour of the Louisville Mega Caverns. Unfortunately, due to the inability to reach them by phone, we only went with the times listed and could not make reservations. They cancelled that time, so the crew simply went to the Frisch's Big Boy near the caverns for a fun meal. We will try again next year, continuing the exploration of "ancient elements" where we did water for a couple of years, then fire with glassblowing, now earth with the caverns tour. Any suggestions for what you would like to do for "air" to complete the group of ancient elements?

Our **Councilor**, Jim Francis, has moved out of the area and has had some health issues and has resigned that position. Our Alternate Councilor, Jim Tatera, automatically has assumed those duties for the remainder of the year and is serving well as he has done in that position before. ACS National has insisted that we appointed him officially as our councilor, so that he can approve our annual report each year. Michael Purvis has been coerced into accepting the Alternate Councilor position until elections. We are, however, seeking a new Councilor so that we may be represented at the National ACS Meetings. For a young professor interested in attending those semi-annual meetings, but for whom money might be tight, this would be a chance to get one's expenses paid. Anyone interested, please contact our webmaster (lfholz229@gmail.com) or our chair (MUCL@hotmail.com).

National Chemistry Week (NCW) is October 19 through 23 this year, and our secretary, Kaya Muller (kaya.muller@kctcs.edu) is the contact person for any info as we again do demonstrations for students at the Kentucky Science Center. Please contact her directly to volunteer for one morning [which looks good on an employment resume].

The **2026 Gold Mass** this fall will again be on November 15th, the feast of St. Albert the Great, but at Bellarmine University's Frazier Hall (right off the parking lot) at 6 pm that Sunday afternoon (their usual Mass time). Anyone is welcome to come and get a blessing for you and your scientific endeavors. [Sadly, the blessing is not guaranteed to protect against explosions.] A talk by international celebrity, Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, recently retired Director of the Vatican Observatory in Rome will follow the Mass with customary refreshments—but not a whole meal as in the past due to Bellarmine University's Food Service labor contract. The Local section is subsidizing food for the event "up to \$500" worth and our Local Section Chair is substituting for the Archbishop of Louisville at the Mass this year.

Upcoming Employment News: If any company has employment opportunities and wants them listed in our newsletter 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 our webmaster (lfholz229@gmail.com).

Louisville Section By-Laws: The Louisville Section By-Laws are being updated in conjunction with the ACS Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B). Once the initial draft is approved by the C&B Committee it will be sent to all Louisville Section members for review, comment and approval.

May God's blessings be with you all,

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