Awards Banquet for the Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society

On May 28th the Detroit Section of the ACS acknowledged these distinguished ACS members for their 50, 60, and 70 years of membership.

70 Year Members
George Luckey
John Nasea Jr.

60 Year Members
John Alf
Henry Catherino
John Chinn
Edward Compere Jr.

50 Year Members
James Bershas
Stefan Korcek
Richard Racusin
Kurt Reimann

John Sievert
Tamar Susskind
Jiri Zemlicka

Students were also recognized for their top academic performance in their major.

Detroit Local Section Distinguished Undergraduate Student Awards

Alexandria Corbin
Lawrence Technological University (Chemistry)

Jake Farnsworth
Oakland University (Chemistry)

Mena Jirjees
Oakland University (Biochemistry)

Nicholas Boynton
University of Detroit Mercy (Chemistry)

Jordan Manno
University of Detroit Mercy (Biochemistry)

Eryn Arble
University of Michigan-Dearborn (Chemistry)

Zain Jawad
University of Michigan-Dearborn (Biochemistry)

Katelyn Keene
University of Michigan-Flint (Chemistry)

Jacob Rothera
University of Windsor (Chemistry)

Jonathan Chiaramonte
University of Windsor (Biochemistry)

Kip Nieman
Wayne State University (Chemical Engineering)

Kayla Belavek
Wayne State University (Biochemistry)
We would also like to thank the numerous volunteers that dedicated their time to local outreach events. Of these volunteers, the individuals below were honored for their exemplary service.

Volunteer of the Year
Mark Benvenuto
University of Detroit Mercy

Salutes to Excellence Awards
Michele Williams-Harry
BASF
Sue White
Wayne State University

Distinguished Service Award
Sue White
Wayne State University

Past Chair Award
Denise Grimsley
BASF

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and dedication!

Coming to Detroit, June 28th

Career Navigator Live presents ACS Career Day Detroit- June 28, 2019. This is an exciting one-day event filled with career changing workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities for chemistry professionals. This free career day is designed to help job seekers reach their career goals.

ACS members are permitted exclusive access to additional resources, such as, 1:1 career consulting including résumé reviews, mock interviews, and more!

Join us at the Alexandria Ballroom – room 126 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch is included. Registration is free so tell your friends and colleagues.

Find out more about this exciting opportunity.
Visit www.acs.org/detroit2019

Events Calendar
Available at detroit.sites.acs.org

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American Chemical Society – Detroit Local Section – Younger Chemists Committee Presents:

Brewing
Chemistry
Detroit, Michigan

Brewing Chemistry is a monthly lectures series. These informal talks are designed to make science fun and accessible for all. The lectures take place at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of every month at:

Traffic Jam & Snug, 511 West Canfield Street, Detroit, MI 48201

There is no admission charge, and free parking is available. Feel free to join us before the talk at 6:00 PM for a dutch-treat dinner.

For more information, contact Meghann at 313.993.1259 or meghann@brewingchemistry.com

Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 7 PM

What is it?
Annual Chemistry Show and Tell

A grown-up version of the exercise usually associated with schoolchildren will be enjoyed with a chemistry twist. Bring your most unique piece of lab glassware or something from your element collection. Tell how you discovered your treasure and discuss possible uses for your prized objects. What do you know about them, the object & the chemists who used them? Share your personal history through these objects. Can you imagine what we will see & share? So go search your laboratories, attics, basement, storage units, boxes & bags and bring that chemistry item that means something to you.

www.brewingchemistry.com
ACS Social Event at the Michigan Science Center!

Sunday, June 23rd from 1-5 pm

*This family-friendly event will include:*

- Heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages at 1 pm
- Free exploration of the Michigan Science Center
- A planetarium show for the first 110 guests to register!

*Advance tickets are required! Deadline: Thursday, June 20th*

Please visit the following link to purchase your tickets:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-science-center-acs-social-event-tickets-60138520935

**Tickets:** $11 for adults & $6 for children, including Eventbrite fees

*Please come bring your families and meet fellow ACS members!*

**Questions?**

Please contact Shannon Timmons at stimmons@ltu.edu.
Brewer/Midgley Family-Friendly Event
Hopefully will be the First of a Series

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 23rd from 1-5 pm, the Detroit Local Section of the ACS is presenting a new family-friendly event the we, the Executive Committee, hopes will attract sufficient member support to justify it becoming the first of a series of annual family-friendly events. If this type of program appeals to you, please show your support by attending.

First, a word about the event. The event has a fee ($11 for adults and $6 for children, including Eventbrite fees) to partially offset the cost and to help provide a reliable estimate of attendance for catering purposes. Included in your fee is admission to the Michigan Science Center and, for the first 110 registrants, a ticket to the planetarium show (for reference, adult admission plus planetarium show cost the public $16.50). In addition, we have planned what promises to be a very nice reception in a private area with hors d’oeuvres, cheese, fruit and non-alcoholic beverages – giving you an opportunity to meet and mix with fellow chemists and their families. Please note that tickets must be purchased through the Eventbrite link on the attached flyer by Thursday, June 20th!

Major financial support for this program comes from an endowment established by the late Dr. George E. F. Brewer, a prominent chemical engineer and inventor, former Chair and long-time Councilor for the Detroit Local Section of the ACS. The endowment was originally setup to support the section’s Midgley Medal. Because in recent years the Midgley Medal has not been awarded annually, the Executive Committee decided to use the income from the endowment to support an event of significance in years in which the Midgley Medal is not given. The upcoming June 23rd program is our first attempt to carry out this mandate. Below you will find brief biographies of both Drs. Brewer and Midgley.

Dr. George E. F. Brewer: Dr. Brewer, was a chemical engineer (PhD, U. Vienna), inventor (Ford Motor Co.), and Marygrove College professor, who was a long-time officer and councilor for the Detroit Local Section of the ACS. He was highly regarded in the electro-coatings research community and was the fifth recipient (1969) of the Midgley Award, being honored for inventing an electro-chemical process that was widely used in the industry for electro-coating metal body parts. (Dr. Brewer also received a number of awards from within the coatings industry for his achievements.) Dr. Brewer subsequently chaired the Detroit Local Section’s Thomas Midgley Award committee for many years and it became one of his cherished projects. In his will, he left a bequest to provide additional support to the Midgley Award. Several years later a good friend of his added significantly to the endowment.

Dr. Thomas Midgley Jr.: Dr. Midgley was a mechanical engineer by training (Cornell), but spent much of his professional life involved in chemistry. He played a major role in developing leaded gasoline (tetraethyllead) and some of the first chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), better known by its brand name, Freon. He was granted more than 100 patents over the course of his career, which was sadly cut short at the age of 51. Dr. Midgley was active in the American Chemical Society for 25 years. During his lifetime, in addition to being active in the Detroit Local Section, he served the national ACS as Director for 14 years, as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 10 years, and as President in 1944.