On Thursday, October 26, 2006 we are honored to have special guest speaker, Bruce King, as the highlight of our National Chemistry Week Celebration. This year's theme for NCW is “Your Home—It’s All Built on Chemistry”. Along this theme, Bruce will brief us on the history and future of building materials, and share his insight on the prevalence and importance of “green building.” His talk, entitled, “How do we Build Shelter? 10,000 Years of Messing around with Materials—the Past, Present and Future”, is sure to enlighten and entertain!

Bruce King is a registered engineer with a private structural consulting practice in Sausalito, California. He has completed many projects using straw bales, stabilized earth, fly ash concrete, and other alternative materials as structure, has written and lectured extensively on more ecological approaches to building and engineering, and advises building officials around the world on alternative construction technologies.

Mr. King is the founder and Director of the Ecological Building Network (EBNet), a non-profit information resource based in Sausalito (www.ecobuildnetwork.org). He is also the author of "Buildings of Earth and Straw - Structural Design for Rammed Earth and Straw Bale"

**Wanted – Newsletter Editor**

Have you ever thought about being Clark Kent, Lois Lane, or Perry White? If so, here is your big chance: the Silicon Valley Chemist (you're reading it now) is looking for a new Editor (or Co-Editors if you have a friend). The editor gathers monthly input from contributors (harass those who miss deadline) and passes it on to be formatted and printed. Sometimes small filler items are needed which can be obtained from the ACS web site. Please email your interest to Dave Parker and/or George Lechner, Sally Peters, Ean Warren, Peter Rusch, Bonnie Charpentier, Karl Marhenke, or Shirley Radding. Our email addresses are on the back page of the newsletter.
Chair’s Message

This is it – the last hard copy issue of the Silicon Valley Chemist newsletter sent to all 3300+ members of our local section of the American Chemical Society. Most of us will receive monthly email telling us when the latest issue has been posted on the scvacs.org web site and containing a link to the web site. Those who wish to continue receiving a hard copy in the mail can send us a letter (Santa Clara Valley Section, American Chemical Society, P.O. Box 395, Palo Alto, CA 94302) stating your preference and the address to which you would like it mailed. Although mentioned in previous newsletters, I would like to repeat some of the reasons we are moving from primarily hard copy to primarily web distribution of our newsletter: the reduced costs of web publishing should allow us to balance our budget this year and maintain valuable programs and services (monthly speaker programs, scholarships, local and national awards recognizing service and contributions to chemistry, educational opportunities for K-12 students and their teachers, resume’ and interview training for local college chemistry students, to name a few), get monthly information (dinner meeting speaker topics and locations, job openings) to you more quickly, and cut down fewer trees/create less landfill waste.

Speaking of programs, we will not have a dinner meeting in September this year. We do not usually schedule programs in August or December because most of our members have many other activities and commitments those months. We will not meet in September this year because the 232nd National meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held in San Francisco from September 10-14th. We expect many of you will attend and be satiated with new chemistry information for the month. Remember that for the first time at a national meeting, the local sections have planned an exciting new outreach program for the Saturday before the meeting starts. Please join us for a morning or afternoon (or both) of Chemists in the Community providing service. You could find yourself working at the San Francisco Zoo, a school, a park, or a community center. Another special event held before the meeting begins will be an educational symposium for pre college chemistry teachers. Some financial aid will be available to offset costs for the one day event. If you know of a pre-college chemistry teacher who would like to attend, please share your Chemical and Engineering News meeting information with them or direct them to the www.chemistry.org web site.

Satiated makes me think of our annual family picnic and awards ceremony in July at Stanford. I am glad so many of you were able to attend, participate in the beer tasting led by our own biermeister Dave Nehrkorn, socialize and enjoy the catered BBQ picnic, learn who received local and national awards from our local section, and celebrate and hear the stories of our 50 year ACS members. I am always fascinated and impressed by their accomplishments and stories.

Dave Parker

Celebrate NCW, continued from front page

Architecture

He is the founder of the Green Building Press (www.greenbuildingpress.com), whose first publications, "Making Better Concrete—Guidelines to Using Fly Ash for Higher Quality, Eco-Friendly Structures" and "Design of Straw Bale Buildings" are now available.

We will convene at the Mitchell Community Center Main Hall in Palo Alto, which is located at 3800 Middlefield Rd., starting at 6:30pm. We'll enjoy a buffet dinner, featuring salad, hot entrees of chicken marsala and vegetarian lasagna, with plenty of side dishes to fill you up. Since National Chemistry Week is a special celebration, we have planned a special dessert to mark the occasion—a delicious chocolate bonanza! Join us to dip your favorite fruits and sweets into a decadent chocolate fountain! The $20 dinner includes your meal, water, iced tea, and full coffee service with dessert. Bruce King's talk will begin at approximately 8pm.

Thank You Carlene!

For 2 years now Carlene Freeman has been our volunteer newsletter editor. Many of you may not know that she is not a member or a chemist. She volunteered when we needed help and has done a super job.

Recently she has had a long stay in the hospital due to an allergic reaction, but she is now on the mend. Carlene has to curtail her volunteer activities and concentrate on regaining her full strength, so she is passing her Santa Clara Valley duties to a new editor. We will miss her cheerful interactions and her attention to detail, but we also want her to get well.

Thank you, Carlene!
Science in School is a free new online journal for science teachers. It aims to promote and inspire science teaching by encouraging communication among science teachers across Europe, and between scientists, science teachers and other stakeholders in science education.

Science in School addresses science teaching both across Europe and across disciplines: highlighting the best in teaching and cutting-edge research. It covers not only biology, physics and chemistry, but also math and earth sciences, drawing the potential for interdisciplinary work.

The contents include teaching materials; cutting-edge science; education projects; interviews with young scientists and inspiring teachers; education research; book reviews; and European events for teachers. An online discussion forum (coming soon) will enable direct communication across national and subject boundaries.

Science in School will be published quarterly and is freely available on this website; print versions are being distributed. Online articles are published in many European languages; the print version is available in English.

Look at the website http://www.scienceinschool.org/ for more information and enjoy!

ACS Short Courses at the 232nd ACS National Meeting in San Francisco

These courses are one- to three-days in length and most are conveniently scheduled the same week as the national meeting. Register for an ACS Short Course in San Francisco to obtain new solutions to meet essential bottom-line needs. Courses cover virtually every area of importance to chemical scientists and technicians, including chromatography, spectroscopy; quality; organic, polymer, and physical chemistry; biological, medicinal, and pharmaceutical chemistry; and management and business. In addition, the San Francisco short courses program features 11 new courses to meet your evolving needs as a professional. With ACS Short Courses, you’ll obtain knowledge and technical skills in new areas. Broaden your level of expertise in your current field. And keep pace with breakthrough discoveries in your area of research.

Check out the ACS website for more information on these and other courses. http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=education%5cprofessional%5csbort.html

Recipient of 2006 Shirley B. Radding Award

Dr. Janan “Jan” Hayes

The recipient of this year's Radding Award is Dr. Janan “Jan” Hayes of the Sacramento Section. She recently retired as professor of Science, teaching Introductory and General Chemistry and Physical Science at Merced College in Merced, CA. Earlier in her career in Sacramento she taught Quantitative Analysis at American River College and, as an adjunct professor at local universities, both upper-division and graduate chemistry courses. In addition to teaching during her thirty plus years in the California Community College system, she served 12 years as an administrator, in both the Los Rios District in Sacramento and the Merced District, rising to be Vice President of Instruction at Merced College. During this period she was director and/or primary investigator on grants of over $1.2 million from a variety of sources including NSF and the Department of Education. With a B.S. and M.S. in Science Education from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. in Inorganic/Analytical Chemistry from Brigham Young University, she has now moved into special projects and teaching focused on the pre-service and in-service of K-16 teachers. Her involvement with Project Inclusion is a major part of this service.

Dr. Hayes was the recipient of the 2005 National Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society. She has served on the ACS Council for 32 years and is now a member of the Council Policy Committee. She also serves on the Taskforce of National Chemical Historic Landmarks and the Committee for Leadership Development of the Board Oversight Group on Leadership. She is finishing her third term as chair of the Sacramento ACS section and was General Chair for the 2004 Western Regional ACS meeting.

Chemistry is not Jan's only area of volunteer service. An outreach use of her expertise in curriculum development resulted in her service for over 15 years as Educational Advisor to the California Commission on Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training in development of courses and an associate degree program for correctional staff throughout the California State Prison system. On a different note, Jan is quite active in her local ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) including teaching adult gospel classes and coordinating the teacher improvement program for all teachers in her ward.

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An integral part of National Chemistry Week for our section every year is public outreach. It is a great opportunity for us to show our friends, neighbors and community members the importance of chemistry to our quality of life. National Chemistry Week is a community-based program of the national ACS Office of Community Activities, and is celebrated October 22-28. This year’s theme is “Your Home—It’s All Built on Chemistry”. It’s a chance for us to consider the fascinating and ever-changing chemistry of building materials.

This year we have a fun public outreach booth planned for the afternoon of Saturday, October 14, 2006. While our venue details are still being finalized (for example, the Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto), we are seeking some enthusiastic volunteers to staff our booth. We’ll have the crowd-favorite Chemistry Wheel of Fortune up and running, and we’ll be distributing the ACS publications, “Chemistry Matters” and “Celebrating Chemistry” to all kids that visit our booth. In addition, we have several hands-on activities planned to showcase the chemistry of building materials to eager mall patrons. If you would like to get in on the fun, please contact NCW Coordinator Abigail Kennedy at akennedy@exelixis.com. And be sure to check for venue and time updates in the upcoming October newsletter!
Nominees for 2007 Operating Year

CHAIR-ELECT

Mark Kent

Mark Kent received a B.S. in Chemistry from Cal Poly, SLO, and an MS in Organic Chemistry from University Arkansas, Fayetteville. He is a process chemist and medicinal chemist, and is currently searching for another position. He has been an Alternate Councilor in the Santa Clara Valley Section for the past four years. Mark is a member of the Division of Organic Chemistry.

STATEMENT: I am pleased to be a candidate for Chair of the local section. Our local section has been blessed by a hard-working group of volunteers for the executive committee. I would focus on the following: 1) Encourage more chemists in the section to participate in chemistry outreach activities in their local communities, and also to participate in the executive committee. 2) Work with local corporations to increase their support of our programs and outreach projects.

SECRETARY

Karl Marhenke

Dr. Marhenke attended Berkeley public schools 1941-1953 and attended U.C. Berkeley 1953-1957; received B.S. in Chemistry. He joined the Student Affiliates of ACS in 1955. Karl worked at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory 1957-1958 and joined the ACS 1958. He attended University of Minnesota in Minneapolis 1958-1965; received Ph.D. with analytical chemistry major and physical chemistry minor; and his major advisor was Professor E. B. Sandell. Dr. Marhenke became a full-time instructor of chemistry at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA 1965-1986, division Chairman of Biology, Environment, Chemistry and Health Occupations Division at Cabrillo, 1986-1994. He returned as a full-time instructor of chemistry (again) at Cabrillo College 1994-1995. Karl was elected as Secretary of Santa Clara Valley Section 1989-present.

STATEMENT: The principal jobs of the Santa Clara Valley Section Secretary are to attend Executive Committee meetings and take minutes; to attend dinner meetings, collect money and provide name badges; to assemble, prepare and submit the Section’s annual report, to maintain assigned parts of the Section web page, and to produce a printed directory of section members for the Executive Committee. I distribute minutes to members via e-mail and paper, and I post a summary on our web page as soon as I have the Chair’s approval to do so each month. Our annual report this year went in ahead of the February 15 deadline, thanks to the efforts of our Past Chair and many other members of the Executive Committee. I have enjoyed this work since I became Secretary in 1989, and I still do. I again ask for your vote for Secretary for 2007.

TREASURER

Herb Silber

Dr. Silber obtained his B.S. (1962) and M.S. (1964) from Lehigh University, and his Ph.D. from University of California at Davis, 1967.

Statement: I ask for your vote for electing me treasurer for 2007.

COUNCILOR

Linda S. Brunauer

Linda Brunauer received the B.S. degree in Chemistry with an emphasis in Biochemistry from San Jose State University and the Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles. Following graduate school, she was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Chemistry, Stanford University. In 1988 she joined the faculty of the Department of Chemistry, Santa Clara University where she is currently an Associate Professor. In 1996 she was named Faculty Advisor of the Year at Santa Clara University for her work with the SCU Chemistry Club and in 1999 she received the Ottenberg Award for Outstanding Service to the Section. In 1999 she was awarded an Excellence in Teaching Award for her work in Santa Clara University’s summer school program and in 2003 she received Santa Clara University’s highest award for teaching, the Brutocao Award for Teaching Excellence. She is active in the Santa Clara Valley Section of the ACS and has served as a member of the Executive Committee as Student Affairs Chairperson (1989-present) and Councilor (1998-present).

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the Section as a member of the Executive Committee. Over the past 18 years, I have endeavored to increase the level of communication between the local section and the various "Student Affiliates of the ACS" (SAACS) groups. 

George Lechner

George Lechner received his B.A. in Chemistry and Biological Sciences at San Jose State University in 1963. His work life has had him analyzing rocket motor fuels and space ordnance chemicals, helping employees conduct their work safely and in environmentally sound ways while in the semiconductor manufacturing and also in the copiers and printers industries. He is currently retired. He is well-versed in safety and environmental training programs, hazardous waste operations and regulations, injury and illness prevention processes and industrial hygiene. He is a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) in comprehensive practice. George has been a member of the American Chemical Society since his student days at San Jose State University and currently serves as a Councilor on the Section’s Board of Directors. He is also Chair-elect of our local section.

Statement: I continue believe that the ACS-Santa Clara Valley Section is a vibrant and exciting organization whose members contribute substantially to science in local industries and academia. Our members are deeply involved in the development of the chemical and biological sciences as well as educating the public with knowledge about the good and not-so-good chemicals that affect our lives. Our Section is very active locally and is effective at the national level. Our Society and our Section face many challenges in the upcoming years and we can and will make a difference. I have served as an Alternate Councilor and Councilor for the last several years and, if elected to a new term, will continue to support our existing programs and will help develop new policies that will enhance the effectiveness of our Society.

Sally Peters


Statement: I have been a member of the ACS for more than 20 years and have been active in our section for 15 of those years. The ACS is the largest professional society in the world and the most important aspect of its size is that it has activities for chemists interested in education, research, computers, information, management, and a wide variety of other areas. Our local section mirrors those facets. The backbone of the national Society is the local section. The Santa Clara Valley has a healthy and active local section, and I will continue to work to keep it that way. I have been a councilor for 11 years, and if re-elected I will continue to serve at the local and national level. As a councilor currently I am a member of the national LSAC, the Local Section Activities Committee, and serve on the Awards committee. In Santa Clara Valley I am the chair of the local Chemistry Olympiad committee and also serve on the Finance and hospitality committees.

Peter F. Rusch

Peter received his B.S. in 1965, his M.S. in 1966 from Southern Methodist University, and the Ph.D in 1971 from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Rusch is an Electronic Information Consultant 1995 to present.


Statement: My goal is to work diligently for the membership of our Section in all of its activities. As one of our Section’s representatives on the...
ALTERNATE COUNCILOR

Natalie McClure

Natalie obtained a B.S. in Chemistry from University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Stanford University. After completing her doctorate, she joined Syntex Research as a process development chemist where she worked on the development of scaleable new synthetic methods for the production of peptides. After more than 10 years as a process chemist, Dr. McClure changed career paths and joined the regulatory affairs department at Syntex. She has over 20 years of experience in regulatory affairs embracing all aspects of CMC, Clinical and Compliance. This has included senior positions at Syntex Research, Matrix Pharmaceutical, IntraBiotics Pharmaceuticals, and Tularik. She has shepherded more than 5 products through the U.S. and E.U. New Drug Application approval processes. She has published one book chapter, several scientific and regulatory papers and has one issued patent. She is currently Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Cerimon Pharmaceuticals. Dr. McClure has been a member of ACS for 30 years.

STATEMENT: I have been involved in local section activities for several years. My primary interests are to enhance the public perception of chemists and to provide mentoring to younger chemists at the college and high school level. I have been an active participant in the Silicon Valley Section workshops designed to enhance the interviewing skills of college students. In addition, I chair the committee that selects and administers the Mosher award. I would be honored to continue my involvement in the local section as an alternate councilor.

Maureen Scharberg

Dr. Scharberg is Director of the Science Education Program and Associate Dean, Special Projects, for the College of Science at San José State University. Her research interests involve developing effective teaching and learning curricula and strategies for the chemistry classroom and developing and implementing course and program assessment plans. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in teaching chemistry, especially for non-science majors. Some of her past projects have included serving on the writing team for the ACS Chemistry textbook project. Her main contribution to this project is the "Faculty Resource On-Line Guide" (FROG), an instructor "script" for teaching inquiry-based, activity-based general chemistry curricula. She serves on ACS’s Society of Education (SOCED) Committee as chair of Subcommittee B (Higher Education and Continuing Education). She is currently chair of the ACS’s Two-Year College Guidelines Revision Task Force which is working with the Committee of Professional Training to align the two-year college guidelines revision with CPT’s four-year college certification guidelines revision.

Maureen has been Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair for the SCV Section. She also was a Councilor for the Section and is now asking for your vote to become an Alternate Councilor.

Ferenc Makra

I have received my undergraduate and graduate degree from Technical University of Budapest, Hungary in Medicinal chemistry. After immigrating to the U.S. I started working for SYNTAX in 1988 (later became Roche Palo Alto) and I'm still there as a research scientist at the Medicinal Chemistry department. I'm member of the SCV ACS since 1988. In 1992 I joined other volunteers from SYNTAX and taught science at the Menlo-Oak elementary school, in the year of 1999 I started volunteer work for “Teach the Teachers” yearly workshop during the National Chemistry Week and since 2000 I'm co-organizing the event for the entire Bay Area. In 2002 I volunteered as a judge in the Washington Carver Science fair. In 2005 I also joined “Interview Coaching” workshop as a volunteer coach for undergraduate students for local universities. It has been an honor to be nominated as an Alternate Councilor to the local ACS.

STATEMENT: During my long membership years I realized how important education is, particularly science, in early young age. I was very happy to learn, our local ACS section has a wide variety of activities and programs to educate the public specially kids and students in science and science related subjects. With my peers at ACS we reach out for every community in the Bay area which is very important for me. I’m very proud to be the member such a great organization and I would like to continue this work for as long as it serves a good cause. Now I am asking for your vote for Alternate Councilor.

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(Four to be elected)
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