

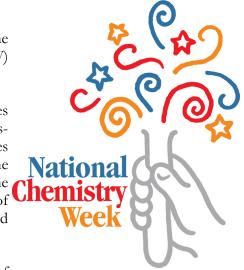
# The CHEMIST

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### Celebrate National Chemistry Week, October 16-22, 2011 Theme: "Chemistry—Our Health, Our Future!"

Explore the positive impacts of chemistry as it relates to nutrition, hygiene and medicine. This year's celebration for National Chemistry Week (NCW) coincides with the forth quarter of the International Year of Chemistry.

Each year, the American Chemical Society's (ACS) NCW campaign reaches millions of people with positive messages about the contributions of chemistry to their daily lives. NCW is a community-based annual event that unites ACS local sections, businesses, schools, and individuals in communicating the importance of chemistry to our quality of life. It is the one time during the year that chemists, regardless of background, unite with the common goal of spreading the word that chemistry is good for our economy, our health, and our well-being.



The Chemical Society of Washington (CSW), along with the ACS Office of Community Activities, is planning several NCW events. Volunteers are needed for these outreach activities. We are in the early stages of these plans and will post additional information on the CSW website and will provide additional information in the October issue of the Capital Chemist. So mark your calendar now and plan on joining us at an event, or plan one yourself.

Ways that you can contribute to the NCW campaign are: performing chemical demonstrations at a neighborhood school; conducting hands-on activities with children at museums, malls, or libraries; or writing articles or letters to the editor of your local paper. If you would like to lead an activity at your local school or library, CSW will provide you with some grade-specific materials to hand out to the students, as well as some simple demonstrations that you can use. ...Continued on page 6

### **Don't Miss this Opportunity! Nominations for CSW's Top** Award, The Hillebrand Prize, Due October 15

of the CSW.

by CSW and is recognized nationally as have received the Nobel Prize. a mark of significant accomplishment in chemistry. The Hillebrand Prize origi- limited to 1000 words. Two seconding nated in 1924 and is named for Dr. Wil- letters may be sent, limited to a maxiliam F. Hillebrand (1853-1925), an inter- mum of 500 words.

Nominations are invited for the nationally recognized pioneer in analyti-2011 Hillebrand Prize, awarded annually cal chemistry and one of Washington's for original contributions to the science most distinguished chemists. The prize of chemistry by a member or members carries an honorarium of \$2000. Many previous Hillebrand Prize winners have The Hillebrand Prize is the won numerous other national and intermost prestigious honor given each year national awards, including three who

> The nomination letter must be The package

### **Important Dates for Award** Nominations

September 15, 2011: CSW Community Service Award nominations due

September 15, 2011: Charles L. Gordon Award nominations due

October 15, 2011: Hillebrand Prize nominations due

November 1, 2011: E. Emmet Reid Award nominations due

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### 71st RETIRED CHEMISTS GROUP LUNCHEON

Pier 7 Restaurant, Washington, DC October 25, 2011

### Agenda

Social: (no host bar) 11:15am - noon

Lunch: noon - 1:00pm

Business meeting: 1:00pm - 1:20pm

a. Election of officers for 2012

b. Installation of officers

Speaker: 1:20pm - 2:00 pm, Charles F. Bingman

**Menu choice:** (1) medallions of N.Y. sirloin, (2) broiled filet of sole and scallops, (3) breast of chicken tarragon, (4) seafood newburg with rice pilaf, or (5) a vegetable plate. Served with potato, vegetables du jour, tossed salad, ice cream log with strawberry sauce, rolls, and beverages.

**Reservations:** Please send your menu selection(s), along with a check for \$28.00 per meal, made out to RCG or Retired Chemists Group, to Dr. Jerome McDonald, 19636 Olney Mill Road, Brookeville, MD 20833.

Pier 7 Restaurant is located in the Channel Inn Hotel on Washington's waterfront at 650 Water Street SW. The luncheon will be held in the main deck, located on the lobby floor. There is free 3-hour parking in the garage under the hotel. Please remember to get your parking validated at the luncheon.



### **CSW Mourns the Loss of Noel Turner, CSW Publications Chair**

It is with great sadness that the Chemical Society of Washington marks the passing of Noel H. Turner. Noel was an active member of CSW for 40 years, since becoming an Alternate Councilor in 1971. Noel held the office of Secretary in 1974 and went on to lead CSW as President in 1985. His contributions to CSW were endless, serving as chairman of the committees on Long-Range Planning, Bylaws and Standing Rules, Publications, Parliamentarian, Hillebrand and Gordon Awards, just to name a few. Noel received the Gordon Award in 1991 which recognizes exemplary service to the science of chemistry and to the CSW. He contributed to the CSW Board for so many years, instilling wisdom as Past-President, Manager, and Councilor, that his absence will be tangibly felt. Noel was a man dedicated to the cause of CSW, and CSW will always be grateful for his hard work. He will be remembered fondly by his many friends. He will be missed, not only for his leadership, but also for his outstanding and noble character.



Obituary, courtesy of the Washington Post:

Of Springfield, VA on Monday, August 15, 2011. Mr. Turner worked for 30 years as a research chemist for the Naval Research Lab and was very active with the Chemical Society of Washington. Husband of Anne H. Turner; father of Deborah



L. (Andrew) Halpryn and Laura E. (Lee Burnett) Turner. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Magatelli and five grandchildren, Ted, Amelia and Clarissa Halpryn and Zoe and Zachary Burnett. Visitation will be on Sunday August 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at DEMAINE FUNERAL HOME, 5308 Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA where services will be held Monday August 22 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place in Sattley, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name

to Project SEED, c/o the Chemical Society of Washington, 1155 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.



CSW asks that Project SEED donation checks be made out to CSW, with a note in the memo line specifying "Noel Turner's Memorial, Project SEED." Thank you for you understanding and cooperation.

Photos: Above, right: Noel's president-elect photo, 1984l; Lower Left: Noel with then-president Carol Henry and Hillebrand Award-recipient Michael Kurylo, 2009; Lower Right: CSW dinner meeting, January 1990.



### **CSW Calendar of Events**

CSW Board Meeting October 3, 2011

October Dinner Meeting October 13, 2011 November Dinner Meeting November 17, 2011

December Dinner Meeting December 15, 2011

### **Project SEED 2011, In Pictures**

The ACS Project SEED Program places economically disadvantaged high school students in a variety of research environments (academic, industrial, and governmental) for a period of eight to ten weeks during the summer months. For the past 42 years, Project SEED has helped high school students who historically lack exposure to scientific careers expand their education and career horizons. The CSW Board of Managers is proud to announce that our 2011 Project SEED program successfully placed seven students in various laboratory settings in the Greater DC Metro area.



Mentor Dr. Shiow Wang (USDA) with student Alex Calderon, college summer students L. Manning and Linda Li, and CSW volunteers Jim Brown and Rolf Renner



Mentor Dr. Jennifer Giaccai (center) with students Anastasia Lewis (McKinley H.S.) and Donald Williams (Dunbar H.S.) at the Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute in Suitland, Maryland



Mentor Dr. Richard Weiss with student Hyae-In Seo and Dr. Ajay Mallia, Georgetown University



Mentor Timothy Warren, student Aaron Weerasinghe, and Grad Student mentor Grace Jang, Georgetown University



Mentor Dr. Andrei Verdernikov (UMD) with student Pranish Katwal (far right), two Graduate students, and volunteers Jim Brown and Rolf Renner



Mentor Dr. Lystranne Maynard-Smith (Howard Un.) and student Leslie Genao

### **International Year of Chemistry: Materials**

The significant facets of recycling, properties of materials, and nanomaterials will be introduced. Look around you. All the things you use in daily life are made of materials such as stone, wood, metal, paper, or plastic. Each of these materials is made of one or more kinds of chemicals. Since the beginning of time, people have been using the materials in their environment to make their lives easier and better.

Science and technology are amazing. We enjoy the creativity and hard work of scientists every day as we play music, communicate with friends, travel, wear new fashions, cook, stay warm or cool, recover from sickness, and do just about everything else in our lives. In so many ways, science and technology give us the power to live longer, more enjoyable lives.



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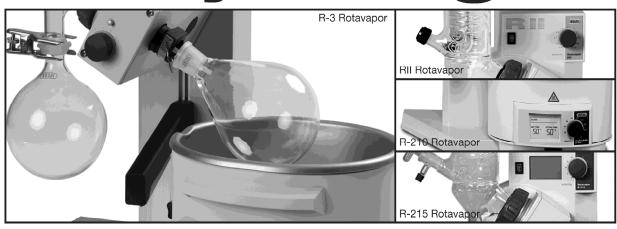
**September 22:** Filling in the Gaps of Employer-Sponsored Coverage

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### Hillebrand, cont. from pg 1

should also contain a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and a proposed citation of not more than 25 words. The nomination package should be submitted by e-mail, preferably as PDF

file(s) to csw@acs.org. Nominations

will be active for three years. In accordance with the CSW Standing Rules, both the nominee and the nominator must be current members of CSW, but this restriction does not apply to writers of seconding letters. If you would like to verify the eligibility of an individual as a nominee or nominator, please contact the CSW Administrator at csw@acs.org. All materials must be received by October 15, 2011. The awardee will be announced before the end of the year, and the Prize will be presented at a CSW dinner meeting in March 2012.

### National Chemistry Week, cont. from pg 1

tion, CSW will be sponsoring a local ACS web site (www.acs.org/ncw). NCW Illustrated Poem contest. Write and illustrate a poem using More information about local activi-Our Future!" Your poem can be in available. For further information, received by the local NCW coordi- Morehouse via e-mail nator no later than Monday, Octo- Kim.Morehouse@FDA.HHS.GOV, ber 24, 2011. Entries should be or by phone at 240-402-1889 (day) mailed to the NCW Coordinator at or 301-384-7311 (evening). the CSW office. Winning entries from each grade category will be forwarded to the ACS for the national competition and will receive a local section award as well. Additional information on the contest, as

As part of the NCW 2011 celebra- well as NCW, is available on the

the National Chemistry Week ties will be posted the CSW web site theme, "Chemistry - Our Health, (www.csw-acs.org) as they become any style as long as it is no more or to volunteer, contact the CSW than 40 words. All entries must be NCW coordinator, Kim M.

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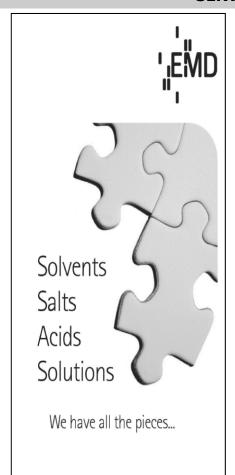
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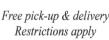


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### Green Chemistry conference held in June in Washington, DC

The 15th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference was held June 21-23, 2011 in Washington, DC, in partnership with the 5th International Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry. The annual conference is organized by the ACS Green Chemistry Institute® (<u>www.acs.org/</u> Planning is already underway for the greenchemistry). A record number of 16th Annual Green Chemistry & Engiover 660 attendees (42% increase over neering Conference (www.gcande.org), 2010) participated in three days of which will be held June 18-20, 2012 in events along the theme, "Global Chal- Washington, DC. We hope you can join lenges, Green Chemistry Solutions." As us as an attendee, volunteer, sponsor, or an official event for the International exhibitor! Year of Chemistry, there was strong representation from around the world with 23% international attendees (versus 12% in 2010) from 29 different countries, as well as locally from members of our Chemical Society of Washington. The breakdown of attendees by professional discipline was very similar to 2010, as well as the percentage (65%) of first-time attendees: 36% industry, 25% academia, 18% students, 11% government, and 10% other.

Keynote speakers included Dr. H. Fisk Johnson (CEO of S.C. Johnson), Dr. Paul Anastas (Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development and Science Advisor to the Agency), Professor Ei-chi Negishi (Purdue University and 2010 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry), Dr. Martyn Poliakoff (Professor of Chemistry and Green Chemistry pioneer), and Dr. Janine Benyus (founder of the Biomimicry Institute).

Even if you missed the conference, you can watch some of the activities through these links:

- Interviews conducted in the Press room were broadcast live and are available online, http:// www.ustream.tv/channel/acslive.
- Recordings of over 40 hours of keynote speakers and technical sessions are also now publically available,

- http://www.softconference.com/ ACSchem/slist.asp?C=4532.
- Take a look at the conference photo album of these events, http:// www.flickr.com/photos/acsgci/ sets/72157627152772233/.



Photo: Dr. Martyn Poliakoff, University of Nottingham

### Auto Industry Session at the 15th ACS Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference 2011, Washington, DC.

Through the efforts of Joyce Kilgore of the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, General Motors provided a demonstration model of the Chevy Volt for the

GC&E meeting participants to explore, but not drive! The Volt emphasizes the auto industry's current interest in green technologies and fuelefficient, hybrid and electric cars. The first automotive session at the GC&E conference demonstrated the industry's



progress to date in green chemistry and engineering applications. The challenges and barriers to further applications were discussed, as well as the difficulties in setting goals for global environmental sustainability standards.

Photo: From left to right, Bob Peoples, ACS Green Chemistry Institute, Conference Co-Chair; Carol Henry, George Washington University, Auto Industry Session Chair and Past President Chemical Society of Washington; Berkeley "Buzz" Cue, BWC Pharma Consulting, LLC, Conference Co-Chair; Chao-Jun "CJ" Li, McGill University, Conference Co-Chair; and Craig Crawford, CEO Ontario BioAuto Council.