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Letter from the Chair

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A lot is happening in the Permian Basin Local Section. Here is the news:

Web page. The new web page is up! URL: <https://permianbasinacs.org> We are still loading the old data, but that should be finished soon and we will open the site to editing.

Remote meetings. The section is using the GoToMeeting software to host online meetings. Our executive committee has been using it for their regular meetings for a few months. The ASU student section used the software to remotely host a meeting about forensics with faculty from Sam Houston State University. Soon we will host a pair of Town Hall meetings (see below). If your group would like to host an online meeting, please contact me.

Town Hall Meetings. The first town hall meetings will be held online, with GoToMeeting, on Wednesday, October 23 at noon and 6 pm. The entire membership of the Permian Basin Section is invited. Our goal is to discuss how the Permian Basin Section can serve all its members.

Science Cafe. The local section will (someday) be starting a Science Cafe in San Angelo. We are (still) in the planning stages. Watch your emails for announcements.

Sincerely,

John Osterhout, Chair
Permian Basin Section
American Chemical Society

Councilor Corner

Highlights from the 2019 Fall ACS National meeting:

1. As of Tuesday, August 27th, the total San Diego meeting attendance was **12,409**.
2. On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the ACS Board of Directors voted to set the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2020 at \$505 – this amount is equal to the 2019 fee, adjusted for inflation.
3. The Committee on Nominations and Elections: Ballots for the 2019 fall national election will be distributed starting on September 30th, with a voting deadline four weeks later on October 25th. All members are encouraged to vote for President-Elect and the Constitutional Amendment.

A detailed report may be found on the website <https://permianbasinacs.org/>

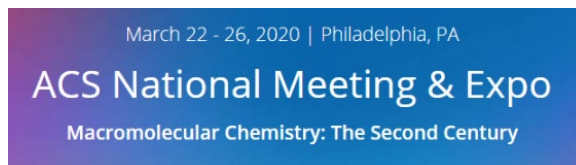
Permian Basin Officer Elections

We will be needing to hold an election for the officer positions in the Permian Basin ACS section soon. If you're interested in running for a position, please contact one of the current officers.

Upcoming National and Regional Meetings and Programs

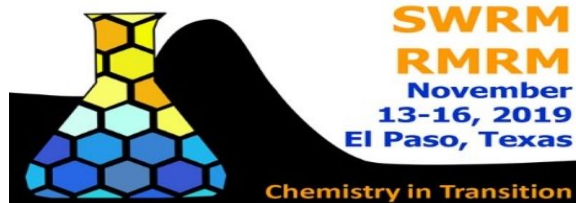
ACS National Meeting & Exposition – Spring 2020

Philadelphia, PA
March 22-26, 2020
Theme: Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century



Southwest & Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting (SWRM/RMRM)

El Paso, Texas
November 13-16, 2019
Theme: Chemistry in Transition



Permian Basin News

NOTE: News about you makes this publication interesting for our members. Please take a few minutes to jot down what you are doing.

- 1) Speeches, papers, symposia, invited talks
- 2) Publications, patents, grants awarded
- 3) New positions, appointments, promotions, awards, honors, retirements, postdoctoral research
- 4) Offices held in professional societies
- 5) Avocational achievements, miscellaneous

ACS Student Chapter News

The ACS Student Chapter at ASU did a Chemistry Magic Show for the ASU Family Day on Saturday, September 28. They performed several demonstrations, including Elephant Toothpaste, Guncotton, Luminol, and a couple of satisfactorily loud Hydrogen Balloons.

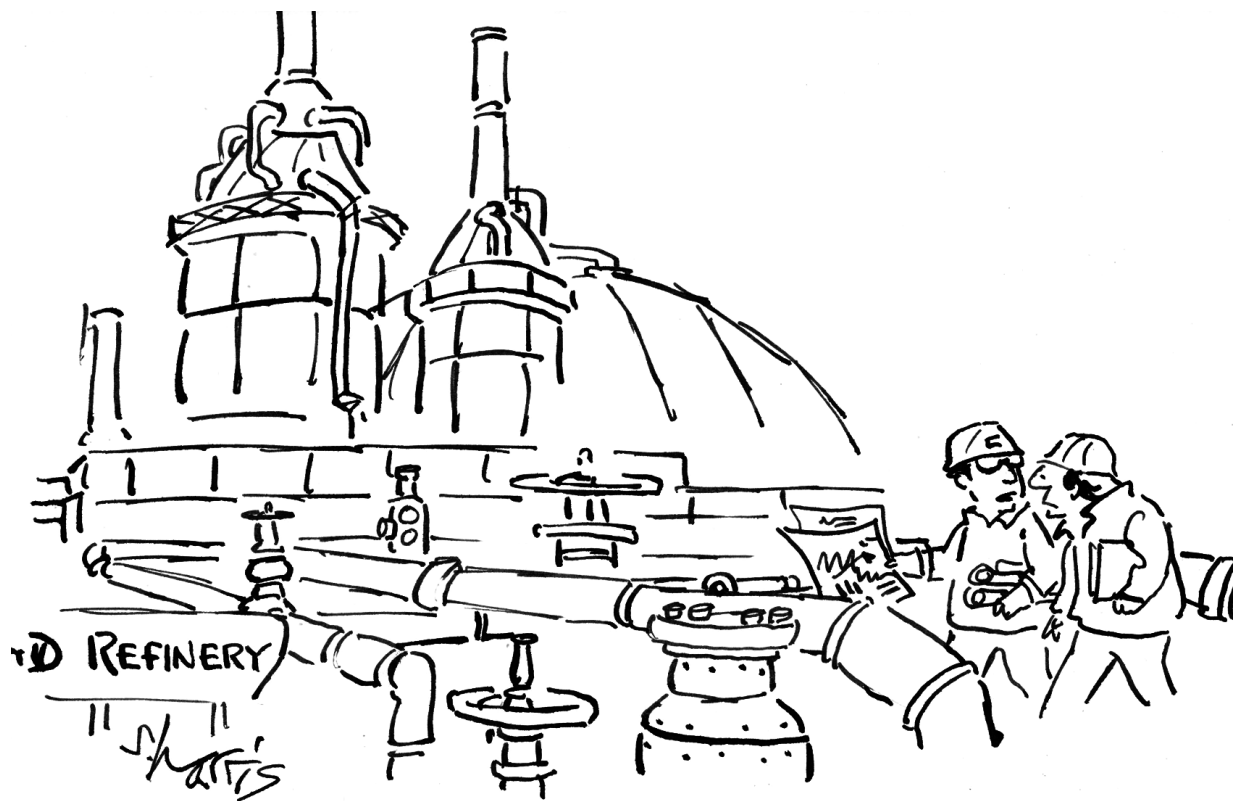
A Chemical Thought

Put off your imagination, as you put off your overcoat, when you enter the laboratory. But put it on again, as you put on your overcoat, when you leave.

Claude Bernard

Chemists Just Want To Have pHun

Why do chemists enjoy working with ammonia? Because it's pretty basic stuff.



"IN OTHER WORDS, IT BREAKS LARGE MOLECULES INTO SMALL ONES."

All chemists know that refineries really separate mixtures of molecules into highly purified versions of oil, sugar, natural gas, etc., on a scale that is suitable for society-wide consumption. However, the public's image of chemistry is too often associated with industrial refineries, and the accompanying smoke stacks, sulfurous smells and, more recently, the impact of CO₂ and methane on climate change. Perhaps the refineries for the future will be images of CO₂ removal and mineralization, or the cleansing of drinking water on a global scale. From a Scotsman's perspective, however, my favorite refinery will always be the Glenfarclas distillery in Speyside Scotland — sustainable, beautiful and one of the greatest man-made products on earth.

— David MacMillan – Princeton University

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If you have news about local activities, student activities, new employees, new members, good (or bad) science/chemistry jokes, or any other events related to the local section that you want to be included in the newsletter, please send the information to Kevin.Boudreaux@angelo.edu.