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Chair's Message: Thank You

As we approach the end of 2018, I want to thank the hundreds of volunteers and all of our Section members for helping to make this year one of our brightest yet.

Our Education Committee continued their excellent work for our Section and our Orange County community members by organizing and running National Chemistry Week, our High School and College Awards Dinners, the Chemistry Olympiad, and First Year Chemistry Exams. I watch them work with awe, as they continue to give of their time and talent to provide outstanding programming for our Section and community.



Our Environmental Committee continued to have meetings that address some of the key environmental issues in our county, state, and country. They are an active group in our Section – one that will continue strong into 2019. Our Section Dinner Meetings not only had wonderful, topical programming, but we also honored our 50-year members, our 60-year members, and our 70-year members!!

These 2018 efforts are going to continue into 2019 – and if you want to get involved in these activities, you are welcome! Please contact us at <u>OCACSChair@gmail.com</u> for more information.

The work our volunteers and members do for our Section has inspired me over my last 2 years as Chair of the Section. I can't thank you enough for all that you do. Our Section leadership moving into 2019 is dynamic, excited to get to work, and some of the best our Section (and Society) has to offer. I encourage you to get to know them.

I will be working in 2019 to kick off a vibrant Women's Chemist Committee in Orange County, including introducing and fostering a number of activities, seminars/presentations, and volunteer efforts for this group. If you are interested in attending WCC events, planning an event, or getting our OCACS WCC Newsletter, please reach out to me at <u>OCACSWCC@gmail.com</u>. I'm excited to build our Women's Chemist Committee, because staying involved in our Section is a priority for me.

If you have not participated in our Survey, our Executive Committee wants to know what you want from your ACS Local Section. Do you want networking opportunities, technical tours, presentations, volunteer opportunities, or do you just want to be left alone?

I promise that <u>this survey</u> will take you less than 10 minutes to fill out, and it will really help us more than you know. Also, 4 respondents will receive Amazon gift cards as a thank you for taking the time. There are so many great activities we can plan for you, but we don't know if you will attend. This survey will help us, so take it here:

OCACS Local Section Interest Survey

It has been an honor being your Section Chair for the past 2 years. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our Section. Have a happy and healthy new year, and I look forward to seeing you or meeting you in 2019.

Dr. Sandra Thompson Chair, Orange County Local Section American Chemical Society

Congratulations and Thank You to our 50, 60, and 70+ Year ACS Members!

70+ Year Members:

Dr. Norman R. Byrd Dr. Howard Steinberg Mr. Robert L. Morris (73 years) Dr. A. Spencer Lehmann (76 years)

60 Year Members:

Mr. John B. Bush, Jr. Mr. Joseph C. Danner Dr. Nathan Gochman Dr. Gene A. Hiegel

50 Year Members:

Dr. Fu Tai A. Chen Mr. Robert Stephen Cohen Dr. William John Evans Dr. Raymond Eugene Foscante Dr. Carol Jane Grimes Dr. Sylvia Teich Horowitz Dr. Chau Der Li Dr. John Yol Park Dr. Amulf Vollmar Dr. Clifford Allen Woolfolk



2018 OCACS Environmental Committee Recap

In 2018, we successfully held five environmental meetings. We would like to thank everyone who attended our meetings. Special thanks to all the speakers for their excellent presentations including:

- Dr. Stephen Lyon (SRL Environmental)
- Dr. Megan H. Plumlee (Orange County Water District)
- Mr. William Chen (LA County Sanitation Districts)
- Mr. Ron Johnson (Santa Margarita Water District)
- Mr. Raj V. Divi (California State University, Fullerton)

We also like to thank Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for providing us the meeting space for the committee meetings.

We will resume our bi-monthly meeting in January. If you want more information about the environmental committee, please contact the committee chair Dr. Ganesh Rajagopalan (Kennedy/Jenks Consultants <u>RGanesh@KennedyJenks.com</u>).

Happy Holidays!

Education Committee 2019 Calendar



Don't miss our upcoming events and meetings and for more information, please visit our <u>website</u>.

January 29: Education Committee Meeting, Vanguard University, 6:30PM
March 2: Chemistry Olympiad Exam, Part 1, Irvine Valley College, 9:00AM
April 24: College Awards Dinner, Concordia University, 6:00PM
April 27: First Year Exam, CSU-Fullerton, 9:00AM
April 27: Chemistry Olympiad Exam, Part 2, Vanguard University, 9:00AM
May 21: High School Awards Dinner, CSU-Fullerton, 6:00PM



Congratulations to our 2019 Elected Officers

Thank you everyone for participating in our 2018 elections for our 2019 officers. The following members will be continuing on or joining the Executive Committee in 2019:

Dr. Richard Deming: Chair-Elect (2-year term) Dr. Beverly Matsuda: Secretary (2-year term) Dr. Sanda Sun: Councilor (3-year term) Dr. Keisuke Ikehata: Alternate Councilor (3-year term)

If you are interested in chairing a Committee or getting involved in leadership on the Executive Committee, please contact us at OCACSChair@gmail.com.

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If you want to network with over 1300 chemists in Orange County, host a technical tour, speak at one of our dinner meetings or science cafes, explore leadership opportunities, or advertise with our Section, please visit our website or E-mail us at OCACSLocalSection@gmail.com and OCACSChair@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you!

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