

Comments from the KACS Chair

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Dear Colleagues,

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the 2012 Chair of the Kalamazoo Local Section for the American Chemical Society (ACS), which serves chemists in Allegan, Kalamazoo, and Van Buren counties. We have a talented pool of experienced chemists in the area. Among them, I would like to especially thank the many volunteers that have made our Section a success over the years. I look forward to working with a diverse group of ACS members and non-members in academe and industry in addition to the many chemistry students in Southwest Michigan.

As chair, I hope to support a wide-ranging program that appeals to local chemists and the general public. Please join our events to meet up with old friends, make new friends and catch up with KACS. Topic suggestions and recommendations for future events are always welcome.

Please return to this site regularly to learn how future activities take shape. You can find important announcements and reviews in our (bi)monthly Newsletters. Note that there is a segment that lists upcoming events; co-sponsorship with KACS is not required for listing them under this rubric. Feel free to contact me at Elke.Schoffers@wmich.edu (Subject Line: KACS Glance) to announce specific events or to share a relevant link.

The ACS Kalamazoo Local Section offers many opportunities to become involved, may it be as an executive committee member, as a volunteer or by merely attending events. Student groups can apply for support to organize bake sales, high school visits and other outreach activities. KACS now also offers the ChemAble matching grant to support professional development ([see flyer](#)).

I look forward to meeting everybody in 2012.