



Saturday, October 17, was a beautiful day, which brought eager patrons of all ages to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum for our Chemistry Day activity. We had 25 KACS member volunteers, along with 7 high school students and several regular museum volunteers, who made the ubiquity of chemistry come alive at 15 activity stations on the first 2 floors of the museum. Each young patron left with a bag full of materials which can be used to further his/her interest in more chemistry fun: they received **Celebrating Chemistry** magazines/activity sheets dealing with how chemistry is involved in the environment, in toys, in sports, in many careers; **ChemMatters**; a letter from current ACS president, Tom Lane, encouraging readers to study math and science so they can make a difference in the world; and games that can be completed using the periodic table also enclosed in their packet. Patrons were greeted enthusiastically by an efficient and friendly safety-glass distributing team, so each of them was safely prepared as they participated at the various stations making slime, nylon, watching liquid nitrogen demonstrations, learning about conductivity, chromatography, and more. Success of our efforts was clear as very happy patrons left looking forward to coming again "next time you have an activity like this".

Thanks are due to all volunteers and especially to Annette Hoppenworth who again very efficiently handled the arrangements at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. I hope many more members will offer their services for next year's event during National Chemistry Week.

Enjoy sharing the importance of chemistry with your neighbors and coworkers during **this year's National Chemistry Week October 19-24, 2009.**

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