

# KALCHEMIST NEWS

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## Message from the Chair Michael Kiella

**Slate of Officers**

The Section is in need of candidates to fill three very important roles. Please consider taking the opportunity to participate in the leadership of your Section. Contact Monica Whitmire or any member of the Executive Committee to place your name on the ballot. Ballots will go out with the next issue of the Kalchemist News.

In addition, we are looking for a new Editor of the Kalchemist News.

**Student Affiliates**

I have been in communication with the leadership of both the Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University student affiliates. Both organizations have activities planned for the upcoming school year. The Section would like to welcome new members of both organizations and wish them well in their scholastic pursuits. We look forward to their continued participation in Section programs. The next opportunity for us to see many of them will be at Museum Day. For those who have been on summer break, Welcome Back!

**2007 Budget**

Our budget depends on program leaders to recommend appropriations for their specific activities. If you are a Program Leader, please initiate a contact with John. The proposed FY2007 will be presented to the Executive Committee at the December 6th meeting for approval. Final amendment to the budget will be completed at the January 3rd meeting.

**Executive Committee Meeting Time Change**

The KACS EC Meetings are moving to the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

Michael

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**KACS WEBSITE:**

<http://www.wmich.edu/acs/>

## Why do Drugs Cost so Much?

Presented by Patrick Irish

The KACS will be hosting ACS Tour Speaker Patrick Irish, a former KACS section member and EC Chair, in early October 2006 to talk about "Why do Drugs Cost so Much?" Please contact Monica Whitmire (269-375-0060, [howdy\\_mlw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howdy_mlw@sbcglobal.net)) for additional information.

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### Call for National Chemistry Week (NCW) volunteers:

"Chemistry in the Home" is the theme of NCW 2006. Our outreach to the community will be held at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum (KVM) on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from Noon to 4 p.m. With the thought that the "home" is anywhere you are, the KVM has arranged to have an astronaut on the premises during our celebration.

Approximately 1000 children come through the doors of the KVM on a typical Chemistry Day at the Museum - they are always eager to try their hand at each activity and WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST TWO YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE TO STUDY CHEMISTRY BECAUSE OF OUR WORK in this venue!!

As every other year WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER your time and expertise for this event. At a loss for an activity to take charge of, or to help with? Don't be. Please contact Jennifer Larese (269-833-0637, [jennifer.a.larese@pfizer.com](mailto:jennifer.a.larese@pfizer.com)) or Amy St.Charles (269-833-7148, [amy.m.stcharles@pfizer.com](mailto:amy.m.stcharles@pfizer.com)) to volunteer.

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### Project SEED Reception at WMU

The Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society will hold its annual Project SEED Reception and poster presentation on Thursday, **August 10, from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM** at **Western Michigan University** in the **Haenicke Hall third floor Atrium** (maps of campus can be found at the following website (<http://maps.pp.wmich.edu/KaMai/index.html>)).

Project SEED is an ACS program for Summer Educational Experience for (economically) Disadvantaged High School chemistry students aimed at creating a pool of highly motivated students from diverse backgrounds to lead our nation in chemical education, business and research. The students are paid to work side-by-side with an experienced chemical professional in a laboratory setting for eight weeks.

This program is sponsored by funds from National ACS, the local section, and donations from local companies including Pfizer Inc., Kalsec Inc., and A.M. Todd Company as well as donations from individual members.

In addition to the posters, certificates will be presented to the participants and refreshments will be served. To obtain more information about the Project SEED Program or to donate to the program please contact, Donald Schreiber at 387-2856 or by email at [donald.schreiber@wmich.edu](mailto:donald.schreiber@wmich.edu).

## Update from the Social Coordinator

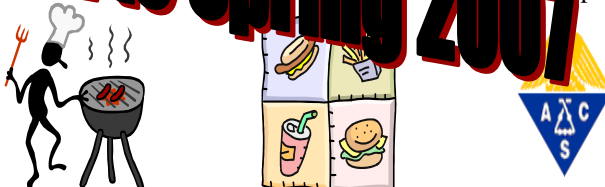
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As the Social Coordinator for the Kalamazoo Section, I am hoping to plan events to bring together current members and also encourage new members to get involved. If you have any suggestions, please email me: [Nildran@gmail.com](mailto:Nildran@gmail.com) or [Jennifer.A.Laresse@pfizer.com](mailto:Jennifer.A.Laresse@pfizer.com).

### Next Event:

#### August 2006 KACS Family Picnic

- Where: 1000 S. Spring Road (eastern side), between Romence and Center Streets
- What: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soft Drinks, Vegetable Tray, Condiments
- Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soft Drinks, Vegetable Tray, Condiments
- Please RSVP by July 28th to Jennifer Larese ([Jennifer.A.Laresse@pfizer.com](mailto:Jennifer.A.Laresse@pfizer.com))



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## Call for Nominations

As we enter the second half of the year, now is the time to bring forward the call for nominations for the 2007 slate of officers. The following offices will have vacancies

Chair-elect

Treasurer

Alternate Councilor

Newsletter Editor

The Chair-elect position is a three year commitment that will begin in January of 2007. The one-year duties at Chair-elect are to assist the Executive Committee (EC) especially by become familiar with the functions of the EC as it brings forward the local programs and coordinates with the National organization. This requires attendance at eleven monthly EC meetings; and to preside at EC meetings when the Chair is unavailable. Ascension to the role of Chair of the EC in January of 2008 is an expectation of the Chair -elect position. The Section will sponsor travel for a weekend meeting called the Local Section Leadership Conference (usually in the Washington D.C. - Baltimore area) in January of 2007. This meeting is designed to provide a platform for Chair-elects, nationwide, to come together and become familiar with the expectations of the role. Previous attendees have raved the meeting as a useful indoctrination into the role of the Chair-elect position. The commitment completes during the 2009 fiscal year as Immediate Past-Chair. This position is advisory; and provides guidance and continuity in transition of Section leadership.

The Treasurer position is a two-year commitment for 2007 and 2008. The duties of the Treasurer are to attend the 22 monthly EC meetings during the term of office; and to handle the finances of the EC. The duties include compiling annual budgets from program leaders; communicating as requested with the National offices; making deposits to checking and investment accounts; paying monthly bills; preparing checks to support programs of the EC; record keeping; and compilation of the annual report of financial activities using a standard template provided by the National office.

The Alternate Councilor position is a two year commitment beginning in January of 2007. The duties of the Alternate Councilor include attending the 22 monthly meetings of the EC; provide guidance and leadership to the Section; and represent the Section Councilor both on the EC and at National meetings when the Councilor is unavailable.

The Newsletter Editor position is appointed by the KACS EC and includes assembling and coordinating the distribution of the bimonthly Kalchemist News. It is a great way to get to know the section better!

Please consider placing your name into nomination for one of these positions. For more information please contact any member of the EC; and to place your name in nomination please contact Monica Whitmire (269-375-0060, [howdy\\_mlw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howdy_mlw@sbcglobal.net)).



# 2006 KACS Calendar

Contact the person in parentheses to answer questions or to volunteer

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|---------------|---|
| August 10     | SEED Reception, 5:00pm, Haenicke Hall Atrium (Don Schreiber, 387-2856)  |
| August 12     | Postponed to Spring 2007: <i>KACS Family Picnic</i> , (Jennifer Larese, 833-0637)   |
| September 6   | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863)   |
| October 4     | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863)   |
| Early October | Patrick Irish, ACS Tour Speaker on “Why do drugs cost so much?” The date, time, and location have not been finalized. (Mike Kiella, 833-9863) |
| October 14    | NCW Chemistry Day at the Museum, Noon to 4:00pm (Jennifer Larese, 833-0637, or Amy St. Charles, 833-7148)                                     |
| November 1    | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863)   |
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