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National Historic Landmark Event

We have a prestigious ACS event taking place right here in Kalamazoo in the upcoming months. Please see the following link to learn more about the two events that are open to the public. These events celebrate a dedication towards steroid chemistry and the related advancements in chemistry that took place right here in Kalamazoo.

<https://kalamazooacs.org/event/2019/05/16/chemistry-landmark-dedication.html>

We encourage you to buy tickets to attend the dinner and hear the panel of great speakers.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

The WMU Chem Club will be hosting the Celery Flats Table on the April 13th Earth day Event.

We have an invitation to volunteer at our Bronson Park table on Earth Day, April 20th. The event will Take place from noon to 5pm and will accompany our KACS Chair Luke Chadwick. More information to come once our Councilor Lydia Hines receives more information.

KACS Hosting 15 mile Water Stop for Kalamazoo Marathon

Our Kalamazoo ACS Local Section is again running the 15 mile water stop for this year's Kalamazoo Marathon, Sunday, 5 May. We had a great crew last year for this event (thanks all), and are looking forward to a fun time again this year. This is our call for volunteers.

Below are some details and photos from last year, which will for the most part apply again this year.



Please reply to message to let me know if you can help this year, no experience necessary. Your help will very much be appreciated by the marathoners.

Water Stop Location:

On Oakland, near the corner of Oakland and Whites, in front of Christy's Consignment Shop (by Water Street Coffee), near the course 15 mile marker.

Schedule:

7:30am-8:00am, set up tables (3 tables to be arranged as water-GuBrew-water alternated), make the GuBrew (40tabs/jug of water, takes a while to dissolve), set up our KACS props

8:00-9:00am

fill cups half full (I've been told that one layer of filled cups per table is enough for this stop, and we've been requested to have our three tables arranged water - GuBrew - water), pass out volunteer t-shirts, eat provided breakfast.

9:00am-1:30pm

pass water and GuBrew cups to runners, and cheer them on, YouTube video shows how to pass the water: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81blqZ4hn0Y&t=190s>



11:00am-12:00noon

start cleaning up discarded cups thrown in the street (course comes south-bound down Oakland and turns left onto Whites, so thrown cups will be on both Oakland and Whites, we will put out trash cans, but not everyone uses them)

(I'll bring a snow shovel and leaf rake to help gather up the thrown cups, if anyone else can bring those, that could help).

11:30am-12:30pm

finish breaking down and cleaning up the site

This stop will have porta-potties available, but we don't have to do anything with those.



Meritorious Service Award Nominees Needed

Our KACS recognizes **long-term meritorious service to our section** at our Awards Program (you may see the list of awardees to date on our website kalamazooacs.org/about/section-award-recipient.html).

If you have suggestion(s) of such a candidate, please send his/her name along with your rationale for the nomination to our Awards Committee chair, Lydia E.M. Hines, by **April 12**. Thank you.

GLRM Reminder

Be on the look out for a reminder about the Great Lakes Regional Meeting **May 1-4** in Lisle, IL, at the Sheraton Hotel. 2019acsgrm.org is the website for registration and program information.

Congratulations to Michael P. Curtis ACS Technical Achievement Award for Organic Chemistry

Congratulations are in order to **Michael P. Curtis**, of Zoetis, a KACS member who was named one of thirteen winners of the ACS Organic Division's 2018 "Technical Achievement in Organic Chemistry Award"; this award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of organic chemistry from bachelor's or master's chemists pursuing careers in industry or government.

Awards Gathering Announcement

Our annual KACS Awards Gathering is May 6th. This is a prestigious time for the Kalamazoo ACS chapter where about 50 awards will be presented to deserving students, faculty and staff in the Kalamazoo region.

Marvelous Metals at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Announcing the National Chemistry Week (NCW) event! Our annual **Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum** is going to take place from 12-4pm on Saturday, October 12th.

The theme this year is *Marvelous Metals*.

Anyone interested in sharing a “hands-on” chemistry activity with the ~1000 children and adults who visit during that event, please contact Lydia Hines or Hershel Jude for project review and to get signed up for a table.

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