

KACS Year-in-Review 2020 - Activities that happened !!

Due to the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic, many activities across the state of Michigan were modified, postponed or cancelled/terminated. The **Executive Committee continued to meet monthly (except for July) via a ZOOM/conference call format**. At its first video conference meeting on March 17 our section's Executive Committee made necessary schedule modifications and the following important events happened:

- > A **gathering in celebration of IYPT (and fund-raiser for SEED) was held on March 10, 2020, at Latitude 42**, just before the restrictions were imposed due to virus; ~50 members and invitees gathered for samples of various beers and hors d'oeuvres which were meant to complement the beer taste. One of our members presented the rationale for the selection of the complementary beer-hors d'oeuvres.
- > The **Awards Gathering** usually scheduled for early May was **canceled**, but each teacher/department (HS and College) was encouraged to nominate his/her outstanding chemistry students; awards (\$25 Amazon Gift Cards to HS students and \$250 cheques to college students) and certificates were mailed to those nominated. 50/60-year ACS members received their ACS recognition certificates in person by our councilor, and the outstanding teacher was mailed his \$300 award cheque, a certificate and a one-year AACT membership. All our awardees (HS, College students and HS teacher) as well as our long-term members were **recognized through publicity in our June KACS newsletter**.
- > Hands-on event for **2020 NCW** (theme: Sticking with Chemistry") **did not happen in person** in October, **but** with the help of 7 mostly-member volunteers and Annette Hoppenworth at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum 9 activities and the "story of our KACS/KVM multi-year collaboration" were videotaped and presented **virtually**
- > October 20, 2020 **ZOOM recognition event for Lydia E. M. Hines on occasion of her receipt of ACS' 2020 Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach**; 32 attendees, 6 scheduled speakers and ~ 14 impromptu speakers + Lydia's Keynote address. Hosts were Ed Thomas and Doug Williams