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Santa Clara Valley Section Member Elected to Board of ACS

Howard M. Peters, Ph.D., J.D., a Palo Alto, Calif., chemist and patent attorney, has been elected to the board of directors as a director-at-large for the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society. He will serve through 2007.

A founding partner of Peters, Verny, Jones & Schmitt, LLP, he has



been an ACS member since 1963. For more than 40 years Peters has been active on a wide variety of ACS committees and has served on a number of ACS division programs. He has had more than 10 papers published in journals and monographs, performed his first industrial/patentable research at

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February Dinner Meeting

Date: February 17, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Lecture

Location: Palo Alto Elks Lodge
4249 El Camino Real
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Speaker: Steven Seligson
of Smith Barney

Cost: \$17.00

Menu: To be posted at
www.scvacs.org

Reservations: www.scvacs.org
Shirley Radding
408-246-2564
408-296-8625 Fax

Reservations should be made by February 14th stating your name, address, company affiliation, number of people in party, and menu selection.

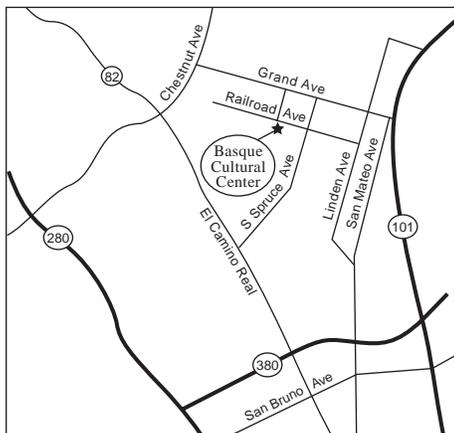
If you are unable to honor your reservation and do not cancel by the February 16th, you will be invoiced following the dinner meeting.

(Look for further details of the meeting to be printed in the February issue and on the website.)

state your name, address, company affiliation, and the number of people in your party. If you are unable to honor your reservation and do not call to cancel by Tuesday, January 18th, you will be invoiced following the dinner meeting.

January Dinner Reminder

Join Dr. Paul Anderson, the 2004 Mosher Award Recipient, to discuss "Drug Discovery: Where have we been and where are we going?" on January 20th for our monthly dinner meeting. Prior to his presentation, Dr. Paul Anderson will be holding a questions and answer session beginning at 4:45 p.m.



We will convene at the Basque Cultural Center, which is located at 599 Railroad Avenue in South San Francisco, starting at 6:00 p.m. for registration and social hour and 6:45 p.m. for dinner. The \$27.00 dinner includes your choice of Salmon with Champagne Sauce, Breast of Chicken Chausser or Vegetarian Pasta, served with soup, salad, bread, ice cream for dessert and coffee.

Dr. Paul Anderson's presentation will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. If you choose to solely attend the talk, no fee will be charged.

Please make your reservations by Friday, January 14th, either online at www.scvacs.org or by contacting Shirley Radding (408-246-2564 or 408-296-8625 FAX). Reservations should

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21, is a co-inventor on 7 U.S. patents, given numerous technical and legal lectures and has filed and written hundreds of U.S. and foreign patent applications.

Peters has been involved in ACS programs dealing with patents, economics, chemical information, minority affairs, awards, chemistry and the law and chemical education.

He believes the Society should

focus on using additional resources and programs "to benefit ACS members in their career development and career transitions." Peters also would like the ACS to expand programs to improve science literacy and science education in the U.S. from pre-kindergarten through graduate school. He also cites the importance of legal issues to chemistry and chemistry professionals.

Peters received a B.S. degree in chemistry in 1962 from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA. In 1967, he earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the Stanford University and his J.D. in 1978 from Santa Clara University. He and his wife Sally (also a CHAL member and ACS Councilor from the Santa Clara Local Section) live in Menlo Park.



February Dinner Meeting Planning Your Retirement

Abstract

Please join Steven Seligson of Smith Barney to learn how you can plan for your retirement. No matter if you are just starting your journey as a young professional or plan on retiring in five years, Steven will show you how to create saving strategies that are tailored to your unique retirement needs.

- Financial Planning
- Four Steps to Planning
- Define Your Goals
- Establish and Implement
- Three Basic Investment Classes
- Combining the Pyramids
- Sources of Retirement Income
- Prudent Retirement Planning

Biography

Steven E. Seligson is a Financial Planning Specialist. He has fifteen years business experience and has recently moved to Smith Barney from M.L. Stern, one of the premier bond brokerage houses in California. He specializes in financial planning, investments and wealth management. He has a B.A. from The University of East Anglia in Norwich, England and a Masters Degree from the California Institute of Integral Studies. He has also taken numerous classes in the graduate business program at the Marshall School of Business at U.S.C. Steven resides in Belmont with his wife Brenda and son Marshall.



Chair's Message

Hello, welcome to the first message of 2005.

We have been in a celebratory mode this past year, honoring our founders on the 50th anniversary as an ACS local section. We also celebrated with Bill Carroll the ACS President-Elect 2004 in October, who is now the ACS President 2005.

To extend the celebration into the New Year, I would like to congratulate Howard Peters, who was elected to the ACS Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large, for the 2005-2007 term. He is the first ever from our section to hold this position!

My name is Jack Riley, (technically John F.) and I am your Chair for 2005. To many of you, I am not new to the role having been Chair in 1980 and 1995. Retired from the Lockheed Palo Alto Lab (after 27 years), it is again my honor to serve you.

Under the leadership of George Lechner in 2004, our section had an excellent year. Thank you, George, for the broad array of programs you



provided us with, which included outreaches, joint meetings and new venues.

Our Newsletter is the envy of many sections but its expense in layout/printing/postage is a heavy burden. In 2005 we are looking to move to an electronic means of

delivery. Currently, we have a web site and post a pdf version each month. In fact we have the last six years available at www.scvacs.org.

Communication is the key to greater involvement of our members. We will launch a survey of member needs, using the Newsletter; the results will affect program choices in the coming year.

For January we have the Mosher Award dinner on January 20th. As a special treat, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. there will be an informal question/answer period on medicinal chemistry and biotechnology with Dr. Paul Anderson, before the Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you there!



Thoughts to Ponder...Leadership

Recognition is a powerful leadership tool because it is appropriate for everyone in the organization.

--Joan P. Klubnik

True leadership is the art of changing a group from what it is into what it ought to be.

--Virginia Allan

I can lead, and I can follow. An important aspect of leadership is knowing when to do which.

--Al Garsis, U.S. Marine Colonel

Support Your Local Science Fair and Help Put a Human Face on Chemistry—YOURS!

Change is inevitable. Historically the ACS at the national level has not been particularly active in supporting science fairs. In line with the historic vote and change to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws late last year to encourage and welcome high school chemistry teachers into ACS, a new chapter is being written. ACS President Bill Carroll has stated repeatedly that most chemists were positively motivated to study in the chemical sciences by their high school teacher. He also adds that over 50% of present day high school teachers don't have a degree in chemistry. (FYI – But then consider that over 50% of present ACS members only receive and read C&E News – period. That is – 80,000 ACS members take part in no other ACS service or function -- not even voting.) I encourage local section and division members to increase their outreach and programs to welcome this important new group of high school teachers.

Similarly, some ACS local sections

and individual ACS members have been involved with science fairs for years – and they are to be commended and encouraged to continue. In many cases the first practicing chemist that a high school student will meet will be the judge at the local science fair.

A recent Newsweek article argued that American students are no longer interested in science and engineering. However, judges at science fairs are able to see first-hand the incredible level of focus, energy, sophistication, intelligence, commitment and diversity in these entrants. These are our science stars of tomorrow.

ACS members can learn when and where these science fairs will be held by calling their local schools or by going on the web. For instance in our local area of Silicon Valley of California, we have many science fairs and activities to choose from over the next few weeks and months. A list of these science fairs and activities are provided at the end of this article.

Over the past five years, I have been active in local and national science and engineering fairs. It started when I became a member of the organizing committee, as well as a judge at the local George Washington Carver Science Fair. My participation expanded when I was invited to be a judge at the Intel ISEF in San Jose in 2001. (Thanks to the arm-twisting of Dr. Roy Okuda of SJSU.) I have since been an invited judge at ISEF in Louisville, KY, Cleveland, OH, and Portland, OR in 2002, 2003, and 2004. I recently learned that I have been approved to be a judge at ISEF in Phoenix. Dr. William Glaunsinger, a Chemistry Professor Emeritus at Arizona State University, is the overall judge coordinator for ISEF for 2005.

What is involved with being a judge? You can be approved in a matter of days if you have 6 or more years of technical experience. A Ph.D. is useful, but is not a requirement. Historically chemists have been the largest and broadest group of judges – and they can be relied upon to show up! You travel and volunteer at your own expense.

If the format follows last year's, then 1,200 students from around the world, 1,200 teachers, and about 1,200 parents and chaperones will arrive, tour the city and set up their projects. The judges show up at the Phoenix Convention Center on Tuesday to register. By then the exhibits are up and can be viewed and studied without the students present. After a quick box dinner, the judges hear from and have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel of 5-6 invited scientists, all of who are holders of a Nobel Prize. Dr. Dudley Herschbach, Chemistry Professor Emeritus at Harvard (Nobel, 1985), is a trustee of ISEF and is always present. (He grew up in San Jose and received his BS from Stanford before moving on to Harvard.)

Next, there is a detailed discussion of the judging process to make certain the judges understand the uni-

My Life as an Editor Has Only Just Begun

"In the most unsuspecting moments, the most radical changes occur." - C. Freeman

It all began harmlessly, really, as I sat waiting for ACS President-Elect Bill Carroll to give his presentation on October 21, 2004. I had never been an editor; once a writer for the high school newspaper, but never an editor. Yet, Bonnie Charpentier sat next to me, and asked if I wanted to "be an editor." Next thing I knew, I was the proud, new editor of the Silicon Valley Chemist. No one asked to view my resume or to see print work and samples, they just gave me the job – if only life could be that easy!

Having recently moved from my homestead in Houston, Texas, I am



excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with the Santa Clara Valley Section of ACS. I have found out first hand that the SCVACS Section is composed of some truly brilliant, amazing and generous people.

As the new editor of the Silicon Valley

Chemist, I would like to learn more about you, the reader, and what interests you have. If there are certain topics you would like to see in future newsletters or if you know of any upcoming events that would be valuable to the chapter, feel free to email me at editor@scvasc.org. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

form criteria that are being used. The science projects are judged with the students present all day on Wednesday until about 6 pm, followed by a dinner and later a reception for the judges. On Thursday the public is invited to view the exhibits and the national organizations and universities doing the special judging make their award presentations. On Friday the Intel sponsored and funded Grand Awards are made - and the top three students over all the categories receive a \$50,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip in December to the Nobel Prize Award ceremony in Stockholm.

For ISEF in Phoenix, plans are presently in motion to have an ACS information booth for student attendees, teachers, judges, and for the general public. We are also trying to increase the ACS annual awards level at ISEF from the present total \$2,000 to over \$10,000.

On a personal level, my education and specifically my chemistry education have been the basis of my present career as a patent attorney. The abilities to analyze and understand technical data, take it apart and recombine it are important skills honed in chemistry that have great value in many professions. And as a high school student 45+ years ago in Pennsylvania, I was a science fair participant at Penn State and Bucknell. I never won anything, but the technical lessons I learned were and are invaluable.

Again, I encourage you to take part in your local and national science fairs. I have always gotten more value back from my volunteering as a judge for these science fairs than my time, money and energy investment - and so will you.

Below is a list of science fairs and activities in and near Silicon Valley:

- **San Mateo Science Fair**
(February 22-27) at the Hillier Museum in San Carlos
www.usc.edu/CSSF/Fairs/400.html
- **Monterey Bay Science and Engineering Fair** (March 5)
at CSU-Monterey Bay

www.montereycountysciencefair.com

- **Santa Cruz County Science Fair**
(March 5-6) at the Santa Cruz City Auditorium in Santa Cruz
science.santacruz.k12.ca.us/mambo
- **Sciencepalooza** (March 12)
at the San Jose County Fairgrounds in San Jose
www.outreach-foundation.org/judges.html
- **Synopsis Championship**
(March 16-17) at the San Jose

Convention Center in San Jose
www.science-fair.org

- **San Francisco Science**
(March 20-27) at the San Francisco County Fair building
home.pacbell.net/sfbasf
- **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair** (May 11-12) at the Convention Center in Phoenix, AZ
www.sciserv.org/isef
- **California State Science Fair**
(May 23-24) at the Cal ScienCenter in Los Angeles
www.usc.edu/CSSF

Howard Peters

Call for Nominations Shirley B. Radding Award

The Santa Clara Valley Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) announces the call for nominations for the 2005 Shirley B. Radding Award.

First awarded in 1994 to its namesake, the Shirley B. Radding Award annually honors someone who has been a member of the ACS for at least 20 years. Nominees must have demonstrated dedicated, unselfish leadership, service and significant contributions over a sustained period of time to industrial, applied or academic chemistry and to the ACS through elected or appointed positions at local, district and national levels.

Award Criteria

- Member of the American Chemical Society for more than twenty (20) years.
- Demonstrated dedicated and unselfish service to ACS and its members over a sustained period of time.
- Provided leadership through elected and appointed ACS positions at local, district and national levels.
- Made significant contributions to industrial, applied or academic chemistry.

Previous Award Recipients

1994 Shirley B. Radding	1995 Agnes Ann Green*
1996 John F. "Jack" Riley	1997 Howard M. Peters
1998 Alan C. Nixon*	1999 Valerie J. Kuck
2000 Halley A. Merrell	2001 Norman A. LeBel*
2002 Paul H. L. Walter	2003 Jean'ne M. Shreeve
2004 Maureen G. Chan	* deceased

The award consists of an honorarium of \$1,000 and a suitably inscribed memento. Nominations must consist of at least one letter of nomination stating how the nominee's work relates to all aspects of the award. It is strongly recommended that seconding letters accompany the nomination.

Nominations are due on or before May 1, 2005, and must be mailed to:

Radding Award Committee
Santa Clara Valley Section ACS
P. O. Box 395
Palo Alto, CA 94302

Student Career Coaching - Volunteers Needed

The Santa Clara Valley Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is working with the ACS California Section and the AIChE Northern California Section to develop training for volunteers to become Student Career Coaches. The team is also putting together materials to be used in workshops for students. Volunteer training will begin in February. Teams of coaches will visit college campuses and hold workshops with students to help with resume preparation, to teach effective interviewing skills, and to share job search strategies. The primary focus of the workshop is to provide students with the opportunity to practice their interviewing skills. Volunteers are welcome in the following areas:

- Train to be a coach
- Help set up volunteer training venues
- Organize materials, supplies and food for volunteer trainings

- Contact schools to arrange student workshops
- Organize materials, supplies and food for student workshops
- Help create and place advertisements for the student workshops
- Work with students on resume reviews – either in person or via email

If you are interested in any of the above jobs or have any suggestions or questions about the program, please contact Bonnie Charpentier at bcharpentier@genitope.com. Details about the location and time of the training will appear in future editions of the SCVACS newsletter and on the Section's web site at www.scvacs.org. Now is your chance to become a coach or to help organize the trainings and workshops for the next generation of scientists – they need your help.

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS JANUARY 2005

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3765

Position Title: Process R&D Research Associate, Process Chemistry

Job Description: We are seeking a self-motivated, creative & independent thinking individual to conduct early process development & large scale synthesis of preclinical drug substances.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: Requires a MS in synthetic organic chemistry/BS with a minimum of 2-4 yrs of proven industrial exp in process chemistry.

Experience: Will develop & implement effective procedures for scale-up, supporting the production of bulk intermediates & APIs & technology transfer to CMO/CRO. Advanced knowledge of analytical procedures, good oral & written communication skills are also essential.

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: South San Francisco

Description of Employer: Theravance is an established pharmaceutical company focused in the research & development of novel human medicines.

Application Instructions: For immediate consideration for this job opening please email your resume to resumes@theravance.com, referencing job code: 04-047

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3766

Position Title: Chemical Engineer

Job Description: We are seeking a highly motivated & talented individual to develop novel ideas & devices for use in the synthesis and testing of new materials on small scales.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: M.S. chem engrg or related field of science.

Experience: This position requires 2 years experience with a strong analytical/ theoretical background in the topics of heat transfer, mass transfer, fluid dynamics, and reaction engineering. Add'l exp. in the design & analysis of systems used in the areas of physical properties testing, reaction engineering, and/or analytical chemistry. Hands-on exp in the design and manufacture of microfluidic & MEMS devices is preferred & experience with computational methods of CFD and/or FEM is a plus.

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Salary: Competitive

Description of Employer: Symyx specializes in the development of novel high throughput research methods and screening technology. In collaboration with approximately 20 industrial partners, Symyx designs and executes research programs for the discovery and optimization of novel materials and catalysts.

Application Instructions: Please submit your resume to hrstaffing@symyx.com referencing job code SESB-4.

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3767

Position Title: Research Associate

Job Description: Seeking to add a new member to the high throughput catalyst screening team. This group consists of Organic, Organometallic and Analytical chemists that work closely together to develop and execute high-throughput catalyst research programs. Members of the team design & execute array based organo- metallic synthesis and screening protocols employing state of the art library design software, robotics and parallel reactor technology to discover and develop new catalyst families.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: M.Sc. in Chemistry

Experience: Exp in the areas of synthesis, anal chem & organometallic chem is particularly valued, but not a prerequisite for consideration. Excellent communication & organizational skills are essential

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Salary: Competitive

Description of Employer: Symyx specializes in the development of novel high throughput research methods and screening technology. In collaboration with approximately 20 industrial partners, Symyx designs and executes research programs for the discovery and optimization of novel materials and catalysts.

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CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACT 3768

Position Title: Staff Scientist

Job Description: The Homogeneous Catalysis Group consists of Organic, Organometallic and Analytical chemists that work closely together to develop and execute high-throughput catalyst research programs. We seek a new member to the org synthesis team. Members of the organic team develop novel chemical approaches to diverse ligand frameworks, execute micro-scale library-based and individual ligand syntheses, & support the scale-up syntheses of ligands for lead compound development.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: Ph.D. in Chemistry

Experience: Possess very strong organic synthesis skills. Exp in the areas of library-based combinatorial small molecule syntheses, ligand design, and homogeneous catalysis is particularly valued, but not a prerequisite for consideration

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Job Location: Santa Clara, CA

Salary: Competitive

Description of Employer: Symyx specializes in the development of novel high throughput research methods and screening technology. In collaboration with approximately 20 industrial partners, Symyx designs and executes research programs for the discovery and optimization of novel materials and catalysts.

Application Instructions: Please submit your resume to hrstaffing@symyx.com referencing job code PCTV-3.

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3769

Position Title: Process Economics Program Consultant

Job Description: SRI Consulting is looking for a chemical engineer to join its Process Economics Program (PEP) as a consultant. PEP develops models and costs commercially-viable process designs for the chemical and other major industries, and conducts private research and process evaluations for individual clients.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: A degree in chem engineering.

Experience: The successful candidate will preferably have a degree in chem engrg & 3-5 years of experience in evaluating chem process technologies with a major chemical company. Excellent written and verbal communication skills as well as experience with relational databases are required. Knowledge of AspenPlus and other process design and simulation software is an advantage.

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: Menlo Park, CA 94025

Salary: Depending on Experience

Description of Employer: SRI Consulting is a division of Access Intelligence, LLC. With offices in Menlo Park, CA, Houston, TX, Zurich, Beijing and Tokyo, SRI Consulting is world-renowned for its subscription-based consulting services.

Application Instructions:
Sandi Lucas, SRI Consulting
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ph: 650.384.4318 fax: 650.384.4273

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3770

Position Title: Chemical Industry Consultant

Job Description: A professional whose responsibility will include researching chem markets & writing market research repts on the chem ind for the Chemical Economics Handbook. Responsibilities include providing advisory services to clients & customer service liaison; marketing reports and program to prospective clients; maintaining existing databases; and attending conferences in your specialized area.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: BS or BA in Chem or Chemical Engrng or biol sciences; an MBA is a plus.

Experience: A min of 2-5 years exp in market research and/or marketing; the ability to critically analyze and formulate conclusions, combined with knowledge of database & literature search; a self-starter & team player that is flexible & can handle a variety of assignments under time & budget constraints with minimal supervision. Excellent written & oral communication and computer skills are also required.

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: Menlo Park

Description of Employer: SRI Consulting (SRIC) is the world's leading business research publication service for the international chemical industry.

Application Instructions:
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Phone: 650-384-4318 Fax: 650-384-4273

CHEMPLOYMENT ABSTRACTS 3771

Position Title: Medicinal Chemistry Research Associate

Job Description: As members of a multi-disciplinary research teams, Chemistry Research Associates are responsible for the synthesis of novel molecules & working closely with senior members of the department identifying drug candidates suitable for clinical development.

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Education: B.S. or M.S. in Chemistry and 2+ years of lab experience in organic synthesis.

Experience: Demonstrated ability to work productively and independently in a quality research environment. Willingness to set and achieve research goals.

LOCATION, SALARY, MAIL ADDRESS

Location: South San Francisco, CA

Description of Employer: Our commitment to serving patients lies at the heart of Amgen's success.

Application Instructions: Amgen's outstanding compensation package features comprehensive benefits and relocation assistance. Come be a part of the extraordinary process at Amgen! To learn more about other Amgen opportunities throughout the country, and to apply online, please visit www.amgen.com/career. As an EEO/AA M/F/D/V employer, Amgen values and encourages diversity in the workplace.



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FUTURE MEETINGS

- Jan 20** SCV Dinner Meeting
Mosher Award Presentation
South San Francisco, CA
- Jan 23-29** Winter Conference on Medicinal
and Bioorganic Chemistry
Steamboat Springs, CO
- Feb 6-9** ACS ProSpectives
Process Chemistry in the
Pharmaceutical Industry
Miami, FL
- Feb 17** SCV Dinner Meeting
Planning for Retirement
Palo Alto, CA
- Mar 13-17** ACS National Meeting
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- Mar 17** SCV Dinner Meeting
- Mar-Apr** Chemistry Olympiad Local Section
- Apr 16** Chemistry Olympiad National Exam
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