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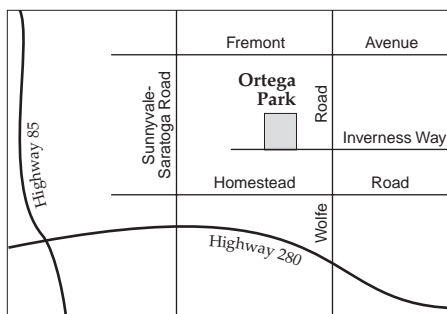
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Annual Wine Tasting, Family Picnic and Awards Ceremony

The Santa Clara Valley Section will hold its annual Wine Tasting, Family Picnic and Awards Ceremony on July 10th (Saturday) at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. Ortega Park is a family-friendly park located on Inverness Way, off of Wolfe Road. The park has picnic tables in the shade and grassy areas for playing Frisbee or catch with the kids. The park also has a playground and a water sprinkler. Wine tasting will begin at 4:30 PM followed by a self-serve buffet starting at 5:30 PM. Wine tasting will feature the wines of Fenestra Winery. Recognition and Awards (50 year members) for

the Santa Clara Valley Section will follow dinner. The price for the dinner will be \$10 for Section members. Each member may bring one non-member at the \$10 price. Additional members are \$15 and children aged 4 to 12 are \$5. The money must be paid before the picnic; we are not allowed to accept money at the park. Dinner is free for children under 4. This is an informal, serve-yourself family picnic. You are welcome to come early with the family to enjoy the park until the picnic starts.



Chairman's Message

April was a busy as we expected. The Medicinal Chemistry and Biotechnology group had a very nice program at San Jose State University. The State Capital day was a success. Please read the details in another section of this issue. Now, I would like to inform you of a new program we are putting in place and we hope it will be of great benefit to you.

Local Section Career program was first established by the American Chemical Society in 1996 to provide the members with assistance in their careers at the local level. This program was a success and in 1998 the Board of Directors approved it as a permanent program within the Society. Until this year, there were 110 local sections participating in this program. Between April 30 and May 2, twelve more sections were added to this list. Your Santa Clara Valley

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RESERVATION FORM

Wine Tasting, Family Picnic and Awards Meeting

Ortega Park, Sunnyvale – July 10, 1999

Deadline for Reservation – July 2, 1999

Name: _____ Telephone No.: (_____) _____

No. of Reservations at \$10.00 (Maximum of TWO) _____

No. of Reservations at \$15.00 _____

No. of Children (age of 4-12) at \$5.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

Make check payable to: Santa Clara Valley Section – ACS

Mail check and reservation form to: Ms. Shirley Radding, 2994 Cottonwood Court, Santa Clara, CA 95051

section was one of these new ones. I participated in this conference as your representative.

A main function for a professional organization is to address its members' career growth and needs. The American Chemical Society, on the local and national level is striving to meet those needs. The objectives of this program are:

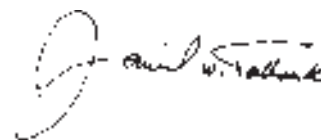
1. Develop and implement a local career program that empowers local sections to deliver career assistance and collect and disperse information on employment trends and issues.
2. Establish local network of employers and chemical professionals to encourage and enhance interaction between the two groups.
3. Identify and initiate alliances with other career- and science-related groups to create opportunities for joint programming and

to keep abreast of changes in the employment and scientific industry.

As you may recall, our 1998-1999 program began with a forum on careers. We invited local and national experts to address the subject. We are going to have an abundant amount of literature material available addressing subjects such as resume' writing, interviewing skills to others showing the new trends and specialties which will be in demand in the future. Videos are also available to check-out.

Since we have a common job market place with our colleagues in the California Section, we will be exploring the possibilities of some joint programming, where we can pool our resources to serve all chemists in this area. Please, stay tuned to notices in this publication where we will be placing announce-

ments for future programs. If any assistance is needed between now and then, you may contact me and I will be glad to discuss your individual issue directly with you. Also, for those who are fortunate enough not to need assistance, but rather willing to provide it in the form of volunteer work on this program, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



50 Year Members

Santa Clara Local Section

- Dr. C. Ainsworth
Redwood City
- Dr. Arthur G. Brown
Palo Alto
- Mr. Stanley L. Krugman
Carmel
- Dr. Carl W. Kuhlman
San Mateo
- Dr. William W. Lee
Palo Alto
- Dr. Kirkland E. McCaleb
Portola Valley
- Dr. Robert E. Phillips
Penn Valley
- Mr. Joel Norman Rossen
Los Altos
- Mr. Konrad T. Semrau
Menlo Park

FENESTRA WINERY

Fenestra Winery was established in 1976 by the Replogle family on the historic Ruby Hill property and in 1980 occupied the century-old George True Winery building on Vallecitos Road. The old building had been badly neglected, and the Replogles installed a new roof and strengthened the building. Now part of the Ruby Hill development, the Replogles lease the newly refurbished building and surrounding grounds, which are nearly surrounded by 900 acres of vineyards from the Ruby Hill development. The winery specializes in classically balanced, award-winning wines from primarily Livermore Valley grapes. The owners are Lanny and Fran Replogle.

The winemaker is Dr. Lanny Replogle, Ph.D., who is now Professor Emeritus of Organic Chemistry, San Jose State University.

My aim is to produce flavorful, well balanced wines with a lot of varietal character. Of the whites, I particularly enjoy making Semillon, and a dry table wine blend of Semillon-Chardonnay (Semonnay). I make a lot of red wines, from True Red (a blend) to full-bodied intense Cabernets, and like the challenge of making each varietal, each year, an individual wine.

Wines that are produced are: Semillon, Semonnay, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, True Red, Zinfandel, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, Port, Syrah, Mourvedre. Production is 6500 cases.

An Added Note from Our Chair-Elect

One hydrogen atom ran into another hydrogen atom who seemed to be frantically searching his pockets and the ground and every where around. So he asked him "what is the problem?" "I lost my electron." he replied. "How did you do that? Are you sure?" "Yes! I am POSITIVE". The second atom answered.

State Capital Day

It was a long day. It was an interesting and exciting day. It was California State Capital Day, April 28, 1999. It began at 6:30 AM when Jamil Talhouk, Art Diaz, Cam Ainsworth, Sally Peters, Donna Mena and Carol Mosher started the drive to Sacramento (They were joined there by Richard diPietero, Joe Bunnett and Mrs. Bunnett). Upon arrival at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, they were greeted by Patricia Vrabel from the Legislative and Government Affairs Office of the American Chemical Society. She and her staff had done a superb job in planning and arranging the day's activities, the intent of which was to inform legislators about the policies of the ACS and willingness to provide information to them about issues they wished to discuss. In addition to our Santa Clara Valley Section members, members from other California sections were in attendance, a total of about 30 individuals.

During the morning, brief talks were given by Deputy Superintendent Sonia Hernandez (California Department of Education), Assemblyman Bill Campbell, (Vice-Chair, Assembly Committee on Education) and Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson (Chair, Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) and Dona Mena (Chair, Northern California MTBE and Fuel Oxygenates Committee). Each speaker presented very interesting information about the status of bills on Education or Environmental affairs and had time to answer a few questions.

After lunch Senator Deidre Alpert (Chair, Senate Committee on Education) gave a more detailed review of the problems facing our schools and some of the proposed solutions, including requiring students to pass a final exam before receiving a high school diploma, publishing results of using estab-

lished standards plus attendance records on schools relative standings, and peer review of teachers' performances.

During the rest of the afternoon, the ACS members, in small groups, met with individual legislators. All of the SCVS members met with their Senator, Byron Sher; interestingly, he expected that the ACS was "lobbying" on some issue and was pleased to receive information about the ACS policies in regard to education and environmental affairs. Other legislators (or in several cases, their aides) that were vis-

ited included Assemblymen Jim Cunneen, Mike Briggs, Anthony Villaraigosa, Howard Wayne and Senators Theresa Hughes, John Vasconcellos. All of the legislators were given literature on Public Policy Priorities of the ACS.

It was a most interesting and rewarding day for those who were able to attend the first State Capital Day in California. Ten other states will have similar days this year, and the hope is that in future years more states will also do so. The national ACS office is ready to make the necessary arrangements; members from the local sections must participate. A wonderful experience!

Notes from the 217th Meeting of ACS

March 20-25, 1999 in Anaheim, California

Your six Santa Clara Valley Section councilors attended the Council meeting and were also busy working on several committees on Saturday and Sunday. Highlights that they reported include the following:

Attila E. Pavlath and Alan Schriesheim were selected as candidates for President-Elect in 2000. ACS members will select one by ballot vote in the fall.

As announced on Wednesday morning, registration for the meeting was 10,517 with 13,042 in attendance, including exhibitors; more than 5100 papers were presented in the various divisions.

In the National Employment Clearing House, 1400 jobs were posted; 1020 job seekers were interviewing for those jobs

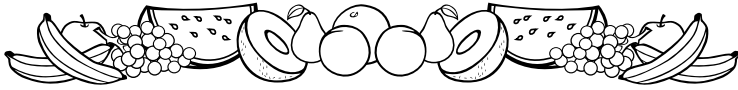
A new long term care insurance plan is now available. Members of the ACS and their families, including parents and parents-in-law are eligible to join. For more information, call the ACS Health Insurance Administrator, Albert H. Wohlers & Co. at 1-800-503-9230 or send an e-mail to info@ahw.com

A motion from the committee on Meetings and Expositions at the National meeting in Boston in August, 1998 that the fee for advance registration to National meetings in 1999 be raised to \$235 failed to pass in the Council (in Boston). However, the Board of Directors chose to override the Council and therefore the registration fee for both of the 1999 National meetings were \$235. The national meetings have been operating in the red and the projected deficit in the future is growing; the increase in registration fee is just one of the measures considered to reduce the deficit.

The current dues of \$105 have been raised to \$108, as mandated by the escalation rate.

An endowment fund for National Chemistry Week has been established; to date 80% of the necessary funds have been pledged.

A motion that the national meeting in March 2009 be held in Salt Lake City was seconded and passed.

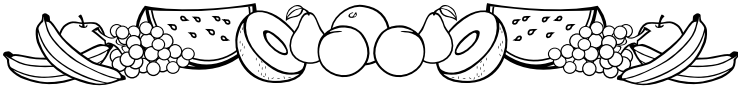


Editor's Corner

Last month I ask members to send me commercial web sites that they think would be of interest to our readers. The response was, well, "limited". I'll therefore hold off a month on discussing them here to see if I can get some more submissions. This is your chance to give some free publicity to your favorite company.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic. I, for one, plan to bring Nicky, my Australian Cattle Dog.

Note: The deadline for submission to the next issue of this newsletter will be June 11th at 8:00 AM.



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LITERATURE SEARCHES

Petition Candidates ACS/SCV NOMINATIONS FOR 2000

Petition candidates can be nominated by the membership.

Officers are: *Chair-Elect* *Secretary* *Treasurer*
Councilor *Alternate-Councilor*

The requirements are:

- (1) Member (Grade) of the Santa Clara Valley Section
- (2) Agreement to run for office
- (3) Agreement to attend Executive Committee meetings
- (4) Signatures of 15 Members (Grade) of Santa Clara Valley Section
- (5) Petitions along with a brief biography and statement must be received by August 2, 1999

Mail nominations to Dr. Karl Marhenke
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Jul 10	Wine Tasting, Family Picnic and Award Ceremony
Aug 22-26	National ACS Meeting

For the latest information, please visit the SCVACS Web Site: <http://www.scvacs.org>

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