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Chair Column

Where Is Our Heart?

“Every time you spend money, you’re casting a vote for the kind of world you want.”
(Anna Lappe, O Magazine, June 2003)

The local ACS receives money from a variety of sources—our local corporate contributors (Dow Chemical, Dow Corning), the National ACS organization, membership dues, and interest income. Where do we spend it? Where is our heart? Budget planning is always an emphasis at the January kick-off meeting of each new year, and I thought it would be worthwhile to review with our membership what we do with our money, revisiting, in essence, where our heart is.

The largest portion of our budget (46%) goes towards Education and Outreach. The three largest categories are (1) SciFest, our chemistry exposition held at Delta College in celebration of National Chemistry Week, (2) Project Science Literacy, our hands-on laboratory training program for teachers, and (3) Project SEED, our salaried summer internship program that allows economically disadvantaged high school students the chance to conduct original research projects at local companies and academic institutions. SciFest and SEED were highlighted in the December 2007 issue of The Midland Chemist, which can be viewed online at http://membership.acs.org/M/Midl/midchemist.htm. Our programs for student travel grants, teacher conference grants, Professionals Day at the Fair, and in-school mentoring are also supported under our Education and Outreach budget. This budget amount does not include our directed grant for the Watershed project, which has received good press coverage.

Member programs and internal affairs combined make up 40% of our budget. The Fall Scientific Meeting, Younger Chemists Committee, Mid-Michigan Technician Group, and councilor travel for National ACS meetings fall within these two categories. The rest of the budget is spent on The Midland Chemist and on awards that we present to noteworthy members and educators in the community.

So, when you look at the details of our budget, you can see that the heart of the Midland Section is in the community. We are attempting to influence the next generation of chemists through our efforts with the educational system and through our community outreach. It also becomes apparent why our need for volunteers is so high. It takes a strong base of volunteers to continue our high level of community involvement, keep the
Section operating efficiently, and serve and support our members. One of my goals as Section chair is to include in each newsletter a section that clearly defines volunteer opportunities. We hope one of our many activities resonates with you. We always welcome help in all forms!

Dorie J. Yontz

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**Call for Volunteers**

**Program:** Earth Day  
**Position/Job:** Help staff the ACS Booth at Midland Center for the Arts  
**Time/Date Needed:** April 19, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (or portion thereof)  
**Skills Needed:** Willingness to help  
**Contact:** Dorie Yontz, dyontz@dow.com, 989-636-2571

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**Program:** Earth Day  
**Position/Job:** E-mailing and collecting booth forms for MCFTA  
**Time/Date Needed:** By February 20  
**Skills Needed:** E-mail  
**Contact:** Dorie Yontz, dyontz@dow.com, 989-636-2571

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*Editor’s Note: The December issue contained many photos taken by Angelo Cassar for the Fall Scientific Meeting and other events. Thanks, Angelo!*
Meet the 2008 Midland Section Leaders

By Ann Birch
Photos by Angelo Cassar

Below and on the next three pages are contact information and some photos of the 2008 Board of Directors and committee chairs for the Midland Section. Please don’t hesitate to contact a board member or committee chair with any questions you have or if you are interested in volunteering. There is always room for an additional committee member or volunteer. Come to a board meeting sometime and see what’s going on!

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Midland Section Sets Record for Awards

Adapted with permission from the Midland Daily News (Jan. 19, 2008)

Photo by Angelo Cassar

Making science fun and approachable is catching attention for the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society. The local section has won its 12th Outstanding Section Award from the national organization, setting a record for the number of wins for a single section. Local members say community involvement and education efforts are a vital part of the work they do through ACS. “The Midland Section has a real good reputation with the national ACS staff,” said Gretchen Kohl-Cassar, a past Midland Section chair. “We do a lot of outreach activities in the community here.”

The organization is involved in Earth Day activities, mentoring high school students, demonstrating chemistry for middle school students, organizing SciFest at Delta College, encouraging water sampling efforts in local waterways, providing equipment to schools in need, and more. Angelo Cassar, publicity chair with the Midland Section, said Midland has the most awards for not only the medium-sized section category, but overall among any size section in the ACS since the awards were first given in 1968. The national society has 160,000 members and about 190 sections around the world. The Midland Section has over 700 members.

The local section covers Midland, Saginaw, Bay, Isabella, and Gratiot counties. Part of their community involvement involves working with Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, Alma College, and Delta College. The section was started in 1919 by Herbert H. Dow, founder of The Dow Chemical Company. The high concentration of chemists in the area helps the local section stand out, and Dow and Dow Corning provide support for programs.

Wendell Dilling, a past chair of the Midland Section, said in the past, its membership primarily comprised employees of Dow and the Dow Corning Corporation. “That has changed now,” he said, with more academic
members and people from other companies getting involved. According to Dilling, receiving the awards “says we’re doing a good job.” Cassar said while the recognition is nice, the real work still needs to be done to make sure chemistry fields in the United States don’t fall behind the rest of the world. That’s why projects with local schools and in the community play a large role for the section, helping students and teachers become comfortable with basic chemistry.

Earth Day 2008 Activities Planned

Mark your calendars! Planning has begun for Earth Day on Saturday, April 19. Once again, ACS and the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art are organizing activities at the Midland Center for the Arts from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Streaming Chemistry,” and a variety of booths and activities are being planned. Some of the organizations anticipated to participate include the Midland Section, Chippewa Nature Center, and Delta College. There are even rumors that there might be a live animal show. Check the Midland Section web site for updates.

CERMACS Scheduled for Columbus in June

The Central Regional Meeting is scheduled for June 10–14 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus in downtown Columbus. The meeting is planning a special opening reception that will take place at the COSI. Attendees will be able to tour the museum. Keynote speakers include Carl Kohrt and Rich Rosen from Battelle, Bruce Bursten, ACS; and Professor Ming-Daw Tsai, Ohio State University. Visit their website at http://www.cermacs2008.org/site/ for details and to submit an abstract.

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Thinking About Retirement?

An increasing number of chemists are approaching normal retirement age or are thinking about or facing early retirement. Surviving and thriving in retirement takes planning. This planning should start at least several years before being faced with critical decisions regarding post-retirement activities and plans and how those will be funded.

The ACS Committee on Economic & Professional Affairs (CEPA) is sponsoring a Special Interest Group on Retirement Planning. The group will meet from 1:30 to 4:00 on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at the 234th National Meeting in New Orleans. What follows is a partial list of the critical issues and questions to be considered in planning for your retirement.

Financial Issues

- Do you have a budget plan?
- Corporate benefits after retirement
- How secure is your pension?
- What is your investment strategy in your retirement years?
- Reverse mortgage implications
- Relatives social security, 401K and IRA regulations
- Taxation

Health Issues

- Healthcare/insurance planning
- Medicare
- Prescription drugs
- Health care supplemental insurance
- Long-term care issues

Explore Your Passions

- Where do you want to live?
- Do you want or need to continue working?
- Do you want to keep active as a professional or volunteer?
- Interest in continuing education?
- Interest in traveling, learning new things, expanding your hobby, etc.?

Think about retirement as another job search. You are looking for ways to spend the rest of your life. What will you do with your time? If you do not have a set plan, think about putting together a résumé that includes your objective, your skills, and your work or hobby experience.

Come join the discussion group to learn and share ideas for planning
Lin Dorman, a member of ACS and the Midland Section since 1957, is one of the Midland-area individuals featured in a six-week exhibit at the Midland County Historical Society titled “Midland African-American Pioneers: Legacy for a New Generation.” Lin was hired as Dow Chemical’s first African-American chemist at a time when there were very few black families. Lin and other African-American pioneers created a life in Midland in which they became prominent business owners, students, teachers, community leaders, and other professionals.

The exhibit is open now and continues through March 2. Through a variety of photographs, documents and artifacts, this exhibit celebrates the history of the African-American people and their achievements and tells the story of the struggles and journeys of Midland’s African-American community and how their accomplishments and influence have helped shape Midland.

Tickets to the exhibit are $5 for adults, $3 for children, and free for Historical Society members. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The history center is located at 3417 W. Main St. For more information, call 989-631-8250 or access www.mcfta.org.
Call for Nominations

2008 Science Teaching and Education Volunteer Awards

Each year the Midland Section of the ACS presents awards to recognize outstanding achievement in the teaching of the chemical sciences. Nominations for the 2008 awards are invited. Awards are presented for Outstanding Achievement in the following areas:

- Elementary Level Science Education
- Middle Level Science Education
- High School Chemistry Teaching
- College Chemistry Teaching
- Science Education Volunteer

Candidates for the teaching awards must be educators at schools in the five county geographical area of the Midland Section: Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, and Saginaw counties. The Science Education Volunteer of the Year award will be presented to an individual who makes a substantial contribution to science learning in the Midland Section through voluntary efforts. Recipients of all awards will be selected by the Awards Committee. Nominators should write a letter indicating the award and describing the attributes of the candidate. Supporting letters from students, colleagues, supervisors, and community leaders are strongly encouraged. The deadline for nominations is **March 31, 2008**. Electronic submissions are preferable. All submissions must be accompanied by the name, position, address, and phone number of the nominator. Award recipients as well as high school and college student award recipients and Chemistry Olympiad winners will be honored at the ACS Science Education and Awards Banquet in April 2008. (Please see the local ACS Section web site for updated awards information, http://membership.acs.org/M/Midl/.) The Awards Committee greatly appreciates the efforts involved in nominating someone and thanks you for helping to recognize deserving educators in our section. See pages 12 and 13 for lists of previous award recipients.

Parents: Does your child have a great science teacher? If so, consider nominating him/her and pass this flier along to that teacher’s principal or section head.

Please submit nominations to:
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Elementary Level Science Education

1992  Karen Ziemelis
1993  Lela Wade
1994  Constance A. Dullock
1995  Joan Klopacic
1996  Mark Hackbarth
1997  Denise Koppleberger, Cheryl Ruthig
1998  Barbara McGivern
1999  John Clark
2000  Sue Burtch, Robin Harshman-Rogers, Vicki Richard, Clare Jorgensen
2001  Cathy Egerer, Amy Hindbaugh-Marr
2002  Maureen Becker
2003  Leon Katzinger
2004  Joan Roels
2005  Curt Moses
2006  Robin Allen
2007  Diane Huckins

Middle Level Science Education

1992  Derrell Steffen
1993  Laurie Hepinstall
1994  JoAnn Kraut
1995  not awarded
1996  Barbara J. Bibbee
1997  Gary J. Johnson
1998  not awarded
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2002  Joel Mikusko
2003  not awarded
2004  Christine Brillhart
2005  not awarded
2006  Matthew Miller
2007  John Hoving

High School Chemistry Teaching

1989  Robert Wallace
1990  Gary Ronk
1991  not awarded
1992  John Clark, Edna Konwinski
1993  Mary Irons
1994  Jo Ann Pelkki
1995  not awarded
1996  Sandra Schafer
1997  Mary Fredell
1998  Dale Ressler
1999  Robert Enszer
2000  Steven Kelly
2001  William Stokes
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## In Memoriam

**Pamela Thompson**

Pam Thompson, a Midland Section ACS member since 2000, died January 16. Pam had a master’s degree in chemistry and was a respected and dedicated teacher of chemistry and other sciences at Saginaw Arthur Hill High School. In 2005 she received the Outstanding Achievement in High School Chemistry Teaching award from the Midland Section. As quoted in The Midland Chemist (June 2005): “Pam is a living proof of a teacher’s dedication. Three days before the 2003–2004 school year started, she was diagnosed with cancer. However, she still managed to come to school and teach her students. Most people would choose to stay home and take care of themselves, but she always had her students in mind and was driven by the need to teach them.” Pam went on to receive the High School Teacher of the Year award from the Central Region of the ACS in 2006.
Call for Nominations

2008 Promotion of Diversity in Chemistry, Related Sciences and Engineering Award

The Midland Section of The American Chemical Society presents the “Promotion of Diversity in Chemistry, Related Sciences and Engineering Award” biannually to a person or group residing in Midland, Bay, Saginaw, Isabella or Gratiot county for outstanding achievement in enhancing the participation of underrepresented groups in the study of chemistry, related sciences and engineering. The award will be presented at the ACS Science Education and Awards Banquet in April. (Please see the Section website for complete awards information, http://membership.acs.org/M/Midl/.)

The criteria for this award include teaching, mentoring, serving as a role model, and active and sustained participation in organizations that support diversity which have had a demonstrable impact on the promotion of diversity in chemistry, related sciences and engineering. Members of the Midland Section Minority Affairs Committee are ineligible to receive this award. Previous recipients of the award include:

2002 George Gant and Richard Stringfield
2004 Smallwood Holoman, Jr.
2006 Joan Sabourin

Recipients of this award will be selected by the Midland Section Awards Committee. Nominators should write a letter describing the attributes of the candidate. Supporting letters from students, colleagues, supervisors, and community leaders are strongly encouraged. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2008. Electronic submissions are acceptable and preferred. All submissions must be accompanied by the name, position, address, and phone number of the nominator.

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Another Exciting Year Planned for MMTG

By Dana Fuerst

MTG ended 2007 with a bang…or should we say, a BBQ! Over 30 members attended the annual Year-End Lunch. This year the event was held at the Genghis Khan Mongolian BBQ. During the lunch, the 2007 MMTG Chair announced that the recipient of the MMTG Volunteer of the Year Award was Debbie Bailey. Congratulations to Debbie and a HUGE thank you for all your help throughout 2007! The lunch also served as an opportunity for the members to meet the incoming board members. The 2008 MMTG board includes:

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- **Directors**: Wendy Klein wklein@dow.com

The new board is now in office and we are excited to be serving our members. We have a lot of great ideas for programming for 2008 and have already begun planning events. The first event is scheduled to take place on February 12. It is a lunchtime seminar featuring Dr. Heiko Weiner, a runner participant of the Blue Planet Run 2007. Dr. Weiner will share his stories of the run with MMTG members using pictures and video clips taken on this run around the world.

One event to look forward to is a lunch-n-learn session with TA Instruments, which will be scheduled for the end of April. This session will cover the rheological capabilities of TA thermal equipment and how to decide which instrument will work best for your samples. This event will be open to MMTG members only. Contact one of the board members for more information on joining.

Another event being planned is a two-part membership drive/social event. The first part of the event will be a lunchtime talk on the chemistry of beer. That evening, members will be invited to attend a private tour of the Tri-City Brewing Company to see the process in action. These events are being tentatively planned for May 15 and will be open to members and anyone interested in joining MMTG.
Science Fair Needs Judges

During the weekend of March 14-16, 2008, the Saginaw Public Schools will host the 30th Annual Saginaw County Science & Engineering Fair (SCSEF). The SCSEF will be at the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. We expect nearly 400 students from grades 5–12 to display their projects at this year’s Fair. We are asking you to join us as a volunteer judge of this year’s exhibits. The contribution you make by sharing your expertise with our students is invaluable. The success of SCSEF depends upon the commitment of time offered by Science professionals like you.

All projects will be evaluated by student-judge interviews on Saturday, March 15. We need over 120 judges this year. If you would like to participate, please respond by March 1 using the form on the web site http://pub.spsd.net/communityeducation/SCSEF.htm. You will receive a confirmation packet shortly after we receive your information. This packet will include your schedule and copies of the Judging Guide. Please review these before the Fair; they will familiarize you with our program. If you have friends, co-workers or associates interested in judging our Fair, please duplicate these materials or list their names and addresses on your reply form. We appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

In the Senior Division (grades 9–12), judging interviews do more than just determine the overall winner. First, they will select ten students to represent Saginaw County at the Michigan Science and Engineering Fair (MichSEF) in Flint. They also select two Saginaw County representatives for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is in Atlanta this year. Our two representatives will exhibit their projects at the “World Series of Science Fairs.” They will compete as some of the most talented high school students in the world. Senior Division students also compete for a variety of Special Awards. National and local organizations sponsor Special Awards to reward excellent research in specific areas. We expect sharp competition as students compete for these awards and the privilege to represent Saginaw County (all expenses paid, of course) at the ISEF. In the Elementary and Junior divisions, students also compete for a variety of local Special Awards. Our fair is a valuable testing ground for a student’s creative and analytical skills. Participation in the Fair as either a participant-exhibitor or a judge is an exciting experience.

Please accept my thanks for considering this request.

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Editor’s Note: This information and the form is also available on the Midland Section web site http://membership.acs.org/M/Midl/
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By Wendell L. Dilling, Midland Section Historian

- **40 Years Ago This Month**—In The Chairman’s Column by D. A. Rausch: “At the December Board of Directors meeting of the Section, it was decided that the Section sponsor an Explorer Post devoted to chemistry and chemical engineering under the general program of The Boy Scouts of America. As sponsor, the Section has no monetary obligations, but has the responsibilities to provide a meeting place and to furnish adult leaders and advisors. The Section is fortunate in that Jack C. Little will serve as the institutional representative and Bruce Thill, an Eagle Scout and a research chemist in the E. C. Britton Research Laboratory, will serve as the leader.”

- **30 Years Ago This Month**—In February Special Event by Carlos G. Fernandez: “A reminder for all that on the night of February 27, between 7 and 8 p.m., a New Members Mixer will take place at the Oyster Cove Restaurant Meeting Room just before the scheduled speaker program. Free beer and a cash bar will be available for this special event starting at 7 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to welcome the new members and make them feel at home in our Section. The new members will also have the chance to meet our Section’s Officers and Directors and make new friends. Please remember that the program is open to the public, so bring a friend along if you wish.”

- **20 Years Ago This Month**—In Chairman’s Column by Billy M. Williams: “First, let me say that the Midland Section has a very rich tradition and strong reputation for excellent programs. This reputation was very evident at the officers’ conference as I interacted with representatives from twenty eight ACS large local sections, and representatives from the ACS national office. This strong reputation is a credit to all the officers, committee persons and other members who have served the Midland Section so well in the past, including those who helped make 1987 the successful year, that it was.”

- **10 Years Ago This Month**—In Dow Funds National ACS Olah Award by Wendell L. Dilling: “According to a recent C&EN report a $100,000 contribution from Dow Chemical has completed the endowment of the American Chemical Society’s George A. Olah Award in Hydrocarbon or Petroleum Chemistry. The other major contributor to the endowment is the Morris S. Smith Foundation. Olah, 70, received the 1994 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work in carbocation chemistry. He was a Dow research chemist in the 1950s and ‘60s at Dow’s Laboratory in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and at Dow’s Eastern Research Laboratories in Framingham and Wayland, Massachusetts.”
Important Dates on the ACS Midland Section Calendar

Feb. 18  Midland Section board meeting, Midland Center for the Arts, 7:00 p.m., Board Room (on lower level) (Dorie Yontz, dyontz@dow.com, 989-636-2571)

Feb. 20  Deadline for volunteering for MCFTA e-mail project for Earth Day (Dorie Yontz, dyontz@dow.com, 989-636-2571)

Mar 1   Deadline for judges for Saginaw County Science & Engineering Fair (Monica Rapin-Archer, marcher@spsd.net)

Mar. 3   Deadline for April issue of The Midland Chemist (Ann Birch, ann.birch@editech-mi.com, 989-835-2856)

Mar. 14-16 Saginaw County Science & Engineering Fair, Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center, Saginaw (Monica Rapin-Archer, marcher@spsd.net)

Mar. 17  Midland Section board meeting, Midland Center for the Arts, 7:00 p.m., Board Room (on lower level) (Dorie Yontz, dyontz@dow.com, 989-636-2571)

Mar. 31  Deadline for nominations for 2008 Science Teaching and Education Volunteer Awards and Diversity in Chemistry, Related Sciences and Engineering Award (Scott G. Gaynor, sggaynor@dow.com, 989-638-1806)