



# THE OCTAGON

839<sup>th</sup> LVACS Meeting:  
*Friday March, 22<sup>nd</sup> - DeSales University*



**High School Teachers Night**  
**Safety Demonstrations for the High School Classroom**

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## MEETING DETAILS:

**Social Hour:** 5:30-6:00 PM McShea Student Union,  
Kender Room

**Dinner:** 6:00-7:30pm McShea Student Union, Kender  
Room

**Meeting:** 7:30pm Priscilla Payne Hurd Science Center,  
Auditorium

**Social Hour Menu:** fruit, cheese, veggies, drinks

**Dinner Menu:** Caesar salad, baked ham, chicken  
marsala, pasta w/roasted veggies, rice pilaf, green  
beans. Dessert: tiramisu, triple berry cheesecake,  
strawberry shortcake

**Cost:** \$30 members, \$15 students/retirees/unemployed  
members, high school teachers no charge

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610-282-1100 x 1386 by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Directions:** <http://www.desales.edu/images/maps/desales-university-center-valley-campus-map.png?sfvrsn=4>

**Google maps:** Input 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley  
PA 18034 will get you to the science center area

**Parking:** Social hour/dinner: McShea Parking lot,  
Presentation: Hurd Science Center or Dooling hall lo

**Program Description:** A variety of safety  
demonstrations which can be performed in the high  
school classroom will be performed. Detailed  
instructions will be provided for further use by the  
attendees.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings LVACS Colleagues,

I hope everyone enjoyed Dr. Rigoberto Hernandez talk, focusing on his research team's work on the fold of NPY, via our January Webinar. Utilizing such technology allows us to bring a wide-variety of speakers otherwise unable to attain efficiently. We will continue to pursue technology to bring all our members to every meeting and event, as possible. We believe the LVACS has much to offer our members, so please continue to provide feedback and ideas.

Our first Executive Committee meeting went very well. My goal is to have monthly "temperature checks" with the EC. Reach out to any member of the EC if you have questions, suggestions, concerns, etc., and these items will be placed on the agenda, discussed, and I will provide feedback. We are reviewing the list of typical section committees that was provided by National. We have the majority of these committees Chaired, but will look to fill the remainder and will be asking for volunteers to join the fun! The duties will be outlined, clearly and concisely. We are welcoming Co-Chairs if two persons are interested and willing to collaborate on activities. I will have a summary of committees soon.

Do become involved. You do not need to be a Chair! Once the list of committees, duties, Chairs, and activities (scheduled, planned, and proposed) are published, I kindly ask each of you to review in detail. Something is bound to interest you. I am sure most will interest you, as the committees overlap in ideas and topics. When you see one or two of interest, send me a note (email, call, text, smoke signal, carrier pigeon, whatever works....). Let me know you are interested. I will coordinate with Chairs, and their committee members, and we'll start you off with some basic discussions. Time available



is key; I fully understand this. If anyone understands, it is I :) !!

As a reminder, I will see all of you at our February meeting at Muhlenberg. We will celebrate our high school teachers at DeSales in March. Cedar Crest College will host our annual Student Poster Session in April. We are ironing out interesting ideas for our traditional "casual" May meeting. Chester Crane will continue his excellent work at coordinating the Iron Pigs game in the summer. Of course, additional activities and events will be peppered among those listed. Ask how you can become more involved.

Be on the lookout for additional information and detail.

I look forward to meeting and interacting with you. Blessings and Be Well.

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## Spring 2013 LVACS Meeting Schedule

April 16, 2013 Cedar Crest College, Undergraduate Student Poster Session

May - TBD



## Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2013 Illustrated Poem Contest: “Our Earth: Handle with Care!”

The Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten - 12th grade.

**Contest Deadline: March 15, 2013**

**Prizes:** There will be prizes in each category and a raffle for all participants!

**Contact:** Lorena Tribe, Penn State Berks, Tulpehocken Road, Reading PA 19610

Winners of the Lehigh Valley illustrated poem contest will advance to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest!



### **A Date with Science: Dinner and Dessert Chemistry** Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm EST/5pm PT.

**Hosted by Cedar Crest College - with liquid N<sub>2</sub> ice cream social!**

**Contact for further details:** Jeanne Berk, Ph. D. [jrberk@cedarcrest.edu](mailto:jrberk@cedarcrest.edu)

**The ACS Younger Chemists Committee (YCC)** and ACS Webinars have partnered together to create an amazing programming opportunity for you. We invite you to attend a “Date with Science: Dinner and Dessert Chemistry” event with your local section. You will be joining many local groups that will tune in to the event simultaneously across the country. Connect with Guy Crosby of America’s Test Kitchen and Sally Mitchell, winner of The ACS James Bryant Conant award, as they delve into the chemistry of dinner and dessert. After the 30 minute presentation the subject matter experts will take questions LIVE from the audience.



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## Get the Word Out!

Are you volunteering in your community? Do you have any upcoming chemistry or science events planned?

Help is available to help get yourself, your volunteers and your event spotlighted at your college and/or in the local and regional news. Contact the LVACS Public Relations Chair, Greglynn Gibbs, [gdw104@psu.edu](mailto:gdw104@psu.edu).

Nothing says "Thank You" like well deserved recognition!