



# Central Texas ACS: March 2010

## Chair's Page

### Letter from the Chair

Greetings, Central Texas ACS!

2009 was a great year for Central Texas ACS thanks to Malcolm Prouty's leadership as chair! As you can tell from items in this newsletter issue we are planning exciting activities to promote chemistry and science in central Texas. One additional noteworthy upcoming activity is the Southwest Regional ACS Meeting our section will host in 2011.

We are fortunate to have an excellent group of speakers for our spring meetings. Our first meeting this year on Thursday, March 11 will feature a talk on planetary ring systems by Dr. Mark Lewis of Trinity University. The speakers for next two meetings will be Dr. Paul Philp of the University of Oklahoma on Thursday, April 1 and Dr. Bill Carroll of OxyChem for the awards dinner on Monday, April 26.

In the next newsletter I will share with you our 2010 goals for the Central Texas section. I look forward to talking with each of you at the meetings this year!

Best regards,  
J.D. Lewis, Chair

### **Launch of the ACS Strategic Plan for 2010 and Beyond**

The ACS Strategic Plan for 2010 and Beyond has launched online (<http://strategy.acs.org>) and for mobile devices (<http://strategy.acs.org/mobile>). The plan continues to provide the Society with a blueprint of how to fully realize our vision of "Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry."

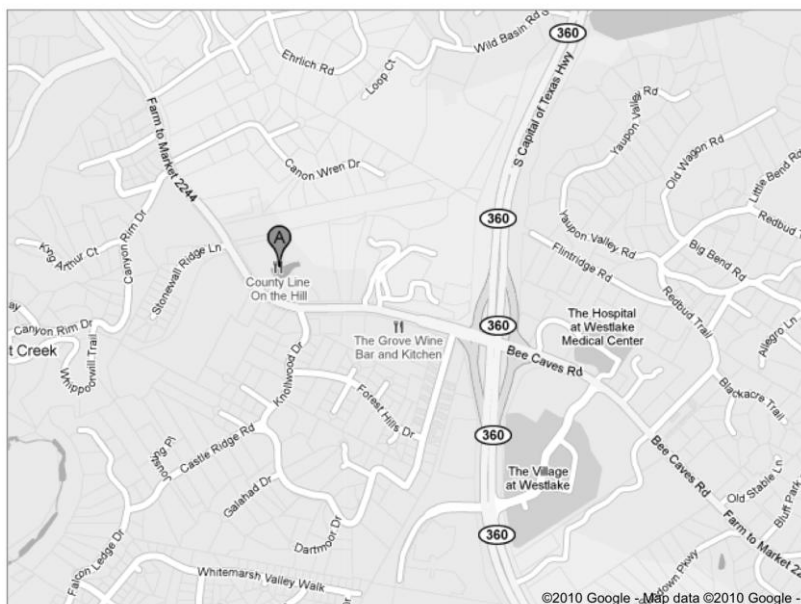
Our vision, mission, and core values continue as the foundation of the plan. The six strategic goals remain unchanged as they relate to our efforts to

- provide indispensable information,
- engage the global community,
- address global challenges,
- communicate with the public,
- advocate for the profession, and
- maintain financial health.

The plan for 2010 and beyond contains modest changes from earlier releases. The entire plan's content, with the exception of the vision, mission, and core values, are structured around the plan's goals. Throughout this past year, we have reviewed the external trends as well as the challenges and opportunities for advancing the plan, and we have developed strategies that enable the Society through chemistry to respond to the global challenges we face. Our measures of success were developed to ensure that our strategies advance. To learn more about the ACS Strategic Plan for 2010 and Beyond, visit <http://strategy.acs.org> to see the ways in which the Society is working toward making our vision of "Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry" a reality.

### Map to the County Line on the Hill for the March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The County Line on the Hill  
6500 Bee Caves Road, Austin, TX  
(West of Loop 360 on Bee Caves Rd)  
(512) 327-1742



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## Calendar of Events

### 23rd Austin Symposium on Molecular Structure and Dynamics

**March 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**  
Radisson North Hotel  
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd.

Chemists from around the world will gather for the 23rd Austin Symposium on Molecular Structure and Dynamics, which will be held March 6-9 in the Radisson North Hotel. Participants have registered from Germany, France, Italy, Norway, Israel, Great Britain, Hungary, Canada, Japan, and India as well as from all over the United States. Details, including the complete program, can be found online at <http://www.ged.chem.ed.ac.uk/austin>.

If you would like to participate in any way in this program, please contact Jim Boggs at [james.boggs@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:james.boggs@mail.utexas.edu).

### Considering a career in high school chemistry teaching?

ACS can help you pursue your dream of becoming a high school chemistry teacher with the ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship. The ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship is awarded to professionals with work experience in chemistry-related fields. Scholarship recipients receive \$6,000 for full-time study and \$3,000 for part-time. Applications are due on April 1, 2010.

Learn more about this exciting scholarship program at [www.acs.org/hach](http://www.acs.org/hach).

### 2010 Chemistry Olympiad

Five schools and over 200 students are set to participate in 2010 Chemistry Olympiad. The schools involved are Westlake High School, Lago Vista High School, Del Valle High School, LASA High School and Connally High School. Initial tests will be given in March and the national test will be held at St. Edward's University at a date to be decided.

If you are interested in helping with National Test, contact Don Wharry: 512-695-8498 or [donalddw@stedwards.edu](mailto:donalddw@stedwards.edu)

### Central Texas ACS Celebrates Earth Day 2010

## "Plants—The Green Machines"

Austin Event at ZILKER PARK'S  
SPLASH! EXHIBIT  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM



For information and to volunteer to be in charge of a group of activities, contact Dodie Wells at [dodiewells4@hotmail.com](mailto:dodiewells4@hotmail.com). To volunteer for the Saturday event (2 hour shift), contact Jackie Padilla at [jackie.padilla@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.padila@gmail.com).

For more information on Chemists Celebrate Earth Day activities visit [www.acs.org/earthday](http://www.acs.org/earthday)

Information and directions to the Splash! Exhibit are available at

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/splash/>