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Central Texas ACS Meeting
Saturday, September 17th

Discussion Begins at 11am, Lunch begins at approximately 12pm

Renewable Energy in Texas: Our Past and Our Future

Representative Mark Strama
State Representative of District 50

Texas Capital Building Hearing Room E2.016
15th Street between Lavaca and San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Lunch follows the meeting at the Brick Oven (corner of Red River and 12th St.)
Space has been reserved for this pay-your-own-way luncheon.

RSVP to Ben Martin by Sep. 15 by email at bmartin@txstate.edu
or by phone: (512) 245-6077

Abstract

Mark Strama was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2004, after founding a successful company that allowed voters to register online. He currently serves on the Energy Resources Committee and the Public Education Committee, and is a member of the Advisory Boards for the Clean Energy Incubator and the Environmental Sciences Institute at the University of Texas.

We invite you to join us for an open discussion with Representative Strama regarding opportunities in Texas for renewable energy technologies.

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Members,

This is the International Year of Chemistry - a celebration of the achievements of chemistry, and its contributions to humankind. This is a time to reflect on the amazing accomplishments from the past, and a time to look forward to the ways in which chemists may contribute to upcoming challenges. As chemists, we are invariably concerned with critical technological issues, and our training gives us an advantageous perspective regarding both the possibilities and limitations of developments. But sweeping changes cannot occur from the confines of a laboratory. Public policy can have a dramatic effect on the rate of development of new technology, through direct funding, incentives, and regulation.

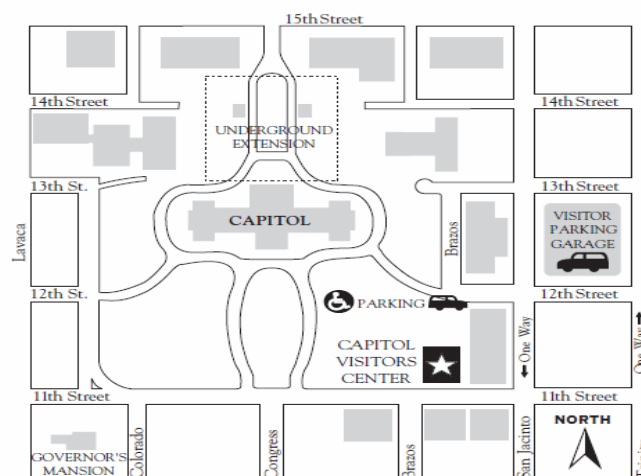
Our first speaker this fall is Texas District 50 Representative Mark Strama. Representative Strama has been a vocal author and supporter of renewable energy legislation in Texas. In a break from tradition, this meeting will be held on a Saturday morning at the Texas Capital Building in an open forum environment.

It is worth noting that the Central Texas ACS section does not support individual candidates or parties for political appointments. Regardless of your political affiliation, I invite you to participate in this opportunity to discuss this important issue.

Best Regards,
Ben Martin

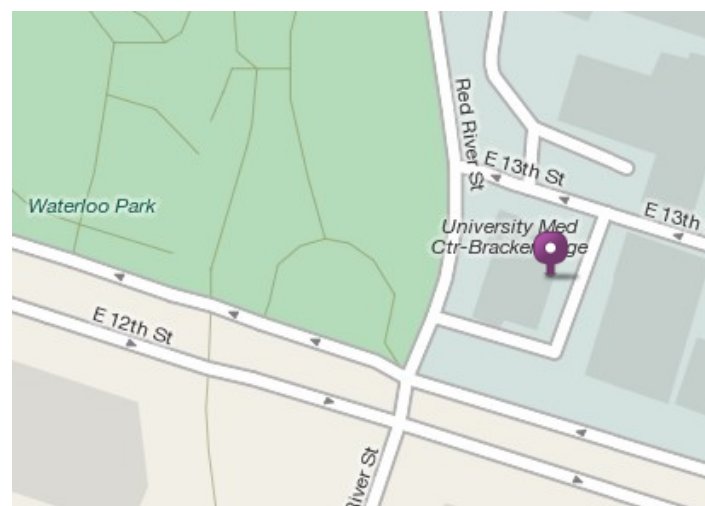
CONGRATS to Ben Martin and his wife on the birth of their beautiful son Luke Alan Martin!!!!
Luke was born on August 19.

Texas State Capital Building



Brick Oven - Downtown

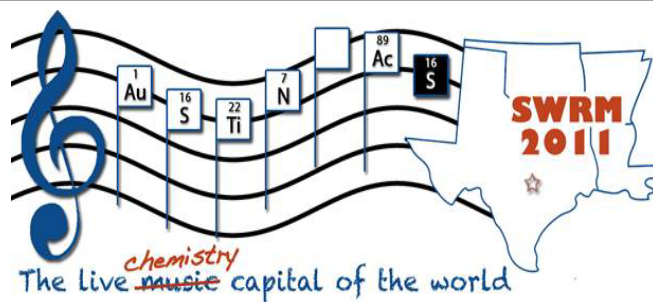
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National Chemistry Week!!

This year National Chemistry Week will be held on Sunday October 9th, 2011 at the Children's Museum in Downtown Austin. We will need volunteers. More information will be in the next newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Dodie Wells.
dodiewells4@hotmail.com

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67th ACS Southwest Regional Meeting

The Central Texas Local Section of the American Chemical Society will be hosting the 67th Southwest Regional Meeting this year in Austin, Texas on November 9-12, 2011. This year's meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Austin, conveniently located minutes from downtown Austin, the State Capital, the University of Texas, and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

We have arranged an exceptionally strong technical program, including various informative workshops, undergraduate and high school programming, employment and career based activities as well as education and professional development workshops, including

- Over fifty technical sessions spanning all areas of chemistry
- Opening reception at the historic site of Jefferson Chemical
- International Year of Chemistry Plenary by Dr. Susumu Kitagawa
- Awards banquet featuring Nobel Prize Winner, Dr. Bob Curl
- Full day of high school student and teacher programming
- Expanded undergraduate and graduate student programming including the "Science in the Movies" road show
- Career, workshops, resume reviews and networking events

We hope you will join us in November as we celebrate Energy in the International Year of Chemistry. For more information please visit our website www.SWRM2011.org.

Meeting Information

Early registration deadline: October 18, 2011

<http://swrm2011.org/registration/>

Early bird hotel rate: \$99/night, single or double, while they last

<http://swrm2011.org/venue/>

Please check the links for more details.