

Nebraska ACS NewsLetter

Winter 2001

Annual Holiday Party

(December 4th, 6:30pm, Wick Alumni Center, *RSVP by Nov 29th*)

The Annual Local Section Holiday Gathering will be held this year in the Wick Alumni Center on the campus of UNL in Lincoln. The party is scheduled for December 4th, 2001 at 6:30pm. The itinerary for the party includes announcement of the election winners, induction of the new executive committee, recap of the year's events, and a welcome by the incoming Chair of the local section.

This year the party will differ from previous years in that the local section will provide a complimentary buffet-style dinner. The buffet includes garden salad, fresh fruit tray, sliced roast beef, chicken broccoli rice casserole, mashed potatoes with beef gravy, glazed carrots, corn O'brien and dessert. Seating is limited for this event. To reserve your spot, you must contact the Chair, Michael Mosher (mosherm@unk.edu; 308-865-8385) by *Thursday, November 29, 2001*.

Word from the Throne

This will be my last 'word from the throne'. I've had a good time serving as the Chair of the local section for the last two years. I have learned a great deal about the local section and how the ACS works. I've learned that there are folks in Nebraska that are willing to help out when you need it.

I found out just how meaningful it is to have the National ACS Office on your side. I've also learned that the members of the Nebraska Local Section are second to none. With your help, we've managed to

accomplish some pretty daunting tasks (and come through them unscathed).

This year, we presented a Salutes to Excellence Award to Dr. Ray Ward (Ward Laboratories, Kearney) for his efforts to promote and practice chemistry in Nebraska. We also witnessed Julie Larsen (Kearney High School) receive the ACS Midwest Regional High School Teaching Award for 2001. The local section hosted two speakers from the ACS this year. Dr. Robert Bates visited us in March to discuss the science of food. In the fall, we had a visit in Hastings from Dr. John Fortman on the use of chemistry in the movies. Both meetings were very well attended (the meeting in Hastings filled the room to capacity.) The local section again sponsored scholarships for high school and college students. Last, but not least, the local section hosted the Midwest Regional Meeting.

The events for next year are currently being planned. What's in store for the Local Section will be just as exciting as this last year. If you're interested in helping out, please let one of the executive committee members know. Once again, thank you for letting me serve the Local Section as your Chair. I couldn't have done it without the support and assistance of the members of the section.

—M. Mosher

Upcoming Events

December 4th (Tuesday)
6:30pm Buffet Dinner, Reserved Seating
Wick Alumni Center, Lincoln, NE
(Annual Awards Night, Announcement of Election Winners)

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