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National Chemistry Week Health and Wellness Tuesday October 19, 2004

Location: UAMS
Reynolds Center on Aging
Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium
Little Rock AR

5:30 pm Dinner
Macaroni Grill
Little Rock

7:30 pm Program
Dr. Fay Boozman, Director
Arkansas Department of Health
"The Perfect Storm"

*To obtain driving directions, visit
membership.acs.org/c/centralarkansas*

About the Speaker:

Dr. Fay Boozman, director of the Arkansas Department of Health, will address the health risks for Arkansas – obesity, physical inactivity and tobacco use. His presentation will cover the diseases associated with these health risks and the country's aging population combined with the government's

decreasing ability to pay for treatment which is the recipe for a perfect storm – a health care and economic disaster. Arkansas' (Nation's) physical health will determine its fiscal health.

He will share detailed statistical data on the fast growing rate of obesity in Arkansas as well as the rest of the United States and the increased health risks associated with obesity, the lack of physical activity of most Arkansans and what steps can be taken to reduce this risk and tobacco use and its effects. Dr. Boozman will also discuss ways communities can play a vital role in this struggle by focusing on wellness and prevention efforts

From The Chair:

We have several important events coming off this month. First off, we have elections for local section chair-elect and secretary. Ballots will be coming soon. Note that we have two candidates for each office, so each and every vote will be especially important. Thanks to the members of our nominating committee (Cindy Moran, Jeff Moran, and Jerry Manion) for their hard work. Results of the election will be announced at our November meeting.

In addition, the month of October brings National Chemistry Week. As chair of our section's NCW Committee, Howard Hendrickson has planned an exciting event for us. I'm sure you'll be reading more about it in this newsletter. Please support the chapter with your attendance if at all possible. Thanks to Howard for his work in planning the big event!

Cheryl Lichti



NCW-2004 Theme: Health and Wellness
Celebrate: October 17-23, 2004



Local Section News

Election of Officers for Central Arkansas Section.

The offices of Chair and Secretary will be filled for 2005. The nominating committee has nominated the following people. A brief statement from each person is provided below.

Chair-elect:

Marty Perry, Ph.D.

It has been my privilege to be an active participant in the ACS Central Arkansas section since I returned to Arkansas in 1996. I was elected to the Chair-elect position in 1998 and began serving as Chair midway through this calendar year due to the departure of our current chair at the time. I have also served the section as Secretary and Alternate Councilor, representing our section at the ACS national meetings in the fall. I created (1999) and continue to maintain the section's website at <http://membership.acs.org/C/CentralArkansas>. Most recently, I represented the Central Arkansas section at the 2004 Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM) Steering Committee in Fort Worth. At this meeting, our section was selected to host the 2008 SWRM in Little Rock.

As an instructor at Ouachita Baptist University, it has been my primary focus to involve students in the activity of the section and for the section to offer programming suitable for a general audience. I do not believe, however, that this should be the *only* focus of our section. The involvement of industry and government members is vital to our continued growth and stability. Outreach to our communities to promote the importance of chemistry should

continue as well as opportunities to engage secondary school teachers in the activities of our section. As our section begins to plan for the SWRM in 2008, the contributions from all facets of our membership have never been more important. Regardless of whether I serve again as Chair-elect, this will remain my primary concern. I appreciate the opportunity to serve our section during the last seven years and look forward to continued participation.

Howard Hendrickson, Ph.D.

I have actively participated in the ACS since 1986, while an undergraduate in the chemistry department at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. My participation continued while in graduate school at the University of Kansas (1991). I served as faculty advisor to the Student Affiliate Chapter of ACS at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (1996 - 1998).

I have thoroughly enjoyed my service to the Central Arkansas Section over the last three years as National Chemistry Week Coordinator and one year as your Secretary and newsletter editor (2004). I also believe that it is the duty of the Central Arkansas Section to host an SWRM in 2008. As chair-elect I will work with the executive committee and scientists in central Arkansas to garner support and the volunteer hours necessary in order to make this a reality.

Secretary:

Janice O'Donnell, M.S

I received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University in 1976. Worked for 8 ½ years as an engineer for Universal Oil Products in Des Plaines, IL. UOP is a licensor of processes in the petroleum and petrochemical industry. In 1985, I completed an MBA in finance from Memphis State University. On my way back into the engineering field, a family health situation brought me to Hot Springs. I came to HSU to take a couple of courses and Dr. Palmer offered me a one semester job for Henderson at the Baptist School of Nursing in Little Rock. One semester turned into two and I'm still at HSU but on campus full time. I completed an MS in Chemistry at UALR in 1999. Teaching doesn't pay as well as engineering but I enjoy every minute of the teaching.

Cheryl Lichti, Ph.D.

I have been a member of ACS since my undergraduate years at Hendrix College and have served the society at several levels – as a student affiliates chapter officer (secretary and chair), as a faculty advisor for a student affiliates chapter, and as a local section officer. It has been a privilege to serve as your chair for the past year, and I think that our section's executive committee accomplished many things. As secretary, I will continue to work with the other executive committee members to

broaden the scope of activities supported by our chapter. As editor of the local section newsletter, I will strive to solicit newsletter items from the academic institutions and chemical industries from around our local section.

If you have an article or job posting that you would like to have considered for publication in our newsletter, send it to hendricksonhowardp@uams.edu for review.

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