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Thursday, November 9, 6:30 – 9:30 pm:

## Lab Coats [and other Fashion Statements] Dr. Pete Ludovice

County Line Restaurant on the Hill, 6500 Bee Cave Road

Lunch \$10 Students \$5

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**THE  
COUNTY  
LINE.**

*Legendary Bar-B-Q*



6500 Bee Cave Road  
just past Highway 360

Dr. Pete Ludovice

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## Chair's Page

Hello All,

Boy what a wonderful journey it has been for me as your chair for the local section. When I think back on all the fun times that we have shared, I really begin to smile. I hope that you have enjoyed this year as much as I have. I first would like to thank my wife for allowing me the time to do this. Secondly, I need to thank my executive committee, who was a tremendous help. Many thanks also needs to be extended to my boss and co-workers at Applied Analytical, Inc who let me volunteer for this gig.

Speaking of volunteering, our National Chemistry Week celebrations in October went really well. I hope that everyone had a great time. Thanks to all of those who helped and many thanks to Betsy McGrew for putting it all together. At the beginning of October we went out to the LadyBird Johnson Wildflower Center to see some of flowers and bugs. I think my favorite part was the wooden ants that looked like they were marching down the hillside at us. It was really neat.

Just like me thanking those who helped me, our entire local section needs to thank those volunteers who helped throughout the past year. That is what our November meeting is about. It is our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. I hope that many of you will join us for this one last meeting of the year. We have had a change in speaker because Dr. Hicks, who was going to speak, had to cancel to due a problem with his back. He is okay now, but he just cannot make this trip. In his place is Dr. Pete Ludovice, a professor and comedian from Georgia Tech. I am really interested in hearing his talk, I could use some tips on sprucing up my lab coat.

Wow, my last paragraph as chair. Again, thanks so much for letting me be the voice of our local section for the past year. It was a great ride that I will always remember. I learned more about myself, this organization, and those who really care about chemistry than I ever thought possible. I want to encourage you to continue becoming active

in local section events. Our chair for 2007, Jackie Padilla, has a stellar list of activities planned and I cannot wait to get them started. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Holiday season and a great finish for 2006. See you at The County Line for some good ole barbeque.

Best Regards,

Kenneth Pavlat, Chair

### CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca and Kenneth Pavlat on the birth of  
future chemist  
Everett

### Lab Coat Talk Abstract:

A humorous look inside the world of the chemical sciences from the World's only working stand-up comedian with a Ph.D. from MIT. Important topics that are covered include (i) how to tell if you are a chemistry nerd, (ii) what to do about chemistry's public relations problems and (iii) how to properly accessorize your lab coat. This humorous look at the chemical science professional is appropriate for both, the American Chemical Society Member, or those that are not chemically inclined (or as we like to call them -- normal people). Even Linus Pauling, who was obsessed with negativity his whole life, would be thrilled by this amalgam of science, musical theatre and humorous antics that confirm that those of us in the chemical sciences can be funny and not just funny-looking. This presentation will convince you that there are no such things as bad chemicals, just bad chemical names.

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## Calendar of Events

### November 9

Central Texas ACS Meeting, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
 “Lab Coats and other Fashion Statements”  
 by Dr. Pete Ludovice  
 The County Line Restaurant on the Hill  
 6500 Bee Cave Road, Austin

### September’s Meeting: CSI Dissected: Fact or Fiction?



Big crowd at the Alamo Draft House Theater.



Speakers Tamara and April from the South Central DEA Laboratory in Dallas

### National Chemistry Week at the Austin Children’s Museum



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