

Local Section Leaders: Committee on Community Activities: Chair's Corner

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Thanks to all who participated in the outreach event at the National Meeting in Anaheim!

Member Communities Staff worked with the Committee of Community Activities (CCA) to hold the event at the Discovery Science Center during the Anaheim National Meeting.

Fifty students from ACS Student Chapters volunteered and manned the activity tables. Approximately 400 children of all ages participated in the event.

Moving forward, there are several happenings CCA is working on:

International Year of Chemistry 2011: Materials and Health Community Engagement Webinar for Tuesday, May 24

Mark your calendar for the International Year of Chemistry 2011 — Materials and Health Community Engagement webinar. The International Year of Chemistry concludes with the third and fourth quarter topics of Materials and Health.

This webinar will help you plan your outreach events and give you ideas and resources for sharing chemistry with the public. Join us as our speakers discuss exciting ways to present the topics of properties of materials, nanoparticles, polymers, recycling, and the relationship between chemistry and health. There will even be videos demonstrating activities you can do! Registration information can be found [online](#).

Plan an outreach event for each quarter of IYC 2011

We invite ACS members, chemistry enthusiasts, and educators to help celebrate the International Year of Chemistry (IYC) by hosting a special event. The third quarter topic is materials with the theme “Living in a Materials World”. The fourth quarter, which also coincides with National Chemistry Week, focuses on the topic of health with the theme “Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!”

Podcasts, educational resources, PowerPoint packs, career profiles, games and puzzles, and the ever popular hands-on activity publication Celebrating Chemistry will be available on the [IYC Community Outreach](#) page (first and second quarter resources are available now).

Pennies for PUR fundraising initiative

As part of the International Year of Chemistry 2011 celebration, ACS launched [Pennies for PUR™ Water](#). This effort raises funds to purchase and distribute PUR™ water sachets to people in developing countries that lack safe drinking water. The goal of this fundraising effort is to provide 1.5 million gallons of safe drinking water by the end of 2011. All ACS members and local sections are encouraged to donate and to work in their communities to raise money for this initiative. What better way for improving public recognition and appreciation of the contributions of chemistry than using chemistry to provide safe water to the 1 billion people in the world that don't have it. ACS local sections may request one PUR™ demonstration kit by emailing olsa@acs.org.

International Year of Chemistry ChemLuminary award

CCA is partnering with the Committee on Local Section Activities to sponsor the Outstanding Community Involvement in IYC ChemLuminary award which will recognize a Local Section that holds quarterly thematic events using the overarching themes and generates the greatest amount of community participation.

Lynn Hogue

CCA Chair, 2011

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