



Report to the Executive Committee
of the
Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

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Women Chemists Committee

Activities of the Virginia Section Women Chemists Committee (WCC) in 2013 were as follows:

On June 8th, 13 members of the Women's Chemists Committee, the Society of Women Engineers and Virginia Commonwealth University's Association of Women in Mathematics and their guests gathered at the Stone Barn at Maymont. This summer's networking event provided an opportunity for women in technical fields to meet and share stories. Denise Walters, Ph.D, Principal Scientist at Pfizer Consumer Healthcare introduced the speaker, Dr. Jean Gasen, PCC, Ph.D, Executive Director, Center for Corporate Education, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Business Foundation. Jean told her personal story, shared her passion for enabling women to reach their full potential and spoke about the Extraordinary Women Leadership program that she co-facilitates with two other facilitators at VCU. A question and answer session was followed by an activity giving women insight into how their body language communicates a message. Thank you to Denise Walters for organizing this event.

The fifth annual Chemistry Career Discussion Panel was held at UMW in Frederickburg on Friday November 8. Thirty undergraduate college students, faculty and ACS members attended this free event which was held prior to the Section meeting. The speakers were Amy Carfano, U.S. Marine Corps, Rebecca Funkhouser, Dahlgreen Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Division, and Lynn Bronstoff, U.S. Library of Congress. Thanks to Janet Asper and UMW for hosting the panel. Thanks also to NewMarket Corporation for its donation supporting this event.

Activities being planned for 2014 include the annual chemistry career discussion panel and networking events for members.

The WCC respectfully requests that \$1200 be allocated in the 2014 budget for WCC activities, consisting of \$781.39 equal to the unused funds from the NewMarket 2012 gift and \$418.61 from the Section's general funds.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Mabry