

Committee on Chemistry in the Two-Year College (COCTYC) and the Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium (2YC₃)

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I am very pleased to report that 2011 has been a fantastic year for 2YC₃ so far, as we continue to celebrate our organization's 50th anniversary. Membership remains strong, with over 400 paid members to date and we continue to enjoy a strong and growing collaboration with the ACS office of Two-year Colleges.

The second spring issue of our quarterly newsletter, *Chemistry Outlook*, included a special anniversary section (complete with a new 50th anniversary logo) that featured retrospectives from many of our past chairs, as well as others who have helped shape 2YC₃ over the last five decades. If you haven't read it yet, I encourage you to visit our website (2yc3.org) and download a copy in our *Newsletter* section.

Two conferences were held during the first half of the year. The 191st conference (Western region) was held this past March at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. It was fitting that the first conference of our golden anniversary was in the southern California area, as our organization's founder, Bill Mooney, spent most of his career teaching at nearby El Camino College. Charles Newman served as program chair for this event, with Jenny Leung chairing local arrangements, and Eileen DiMauro serving as exhibits coordinator, all of whom teach at Mt. SAC. Over 70 members attended the conference.

In May, Stark State College hosted the 192nd conference (Midwestern region) with the theme "2YC₃ Hall of Fame: Celebrating 50 Years of Chemical Education." Located in Canton, OH, their theme was partly inspired by the nearby Pro Football Hall of Fame, which also served as the location of our conference banquet. Amy Jo Sanders (Stark State) and Michelle Turner (University of Akron-Wayne College) served as program co-chairs, while Bill Robinson, Daryl Stein, and Luca Preziati, all from Stark State College, jointly handled local arrangements and exhibits. Approximately eighty members were in attendance.

This fall, our fiftieth anniversary celebration moves east, with our 193rd (Southern) conference scheduled in late September at Brevard Community College in Palm Beach, FL. Finally, we end the year with our 194th (Eastern) conference in Montgomery, MD at Montgomery College. Information on these and future meetings can be found in the *Meetings* section of our website. Next year, 2012 conference locations include New York, Illinois, and the BCCE at Penn State. Anyone interested in hosting a future conference at their institution can contact our future sites coordination, Candice McCloskey-Campbell at futuresites@2yc3.org.