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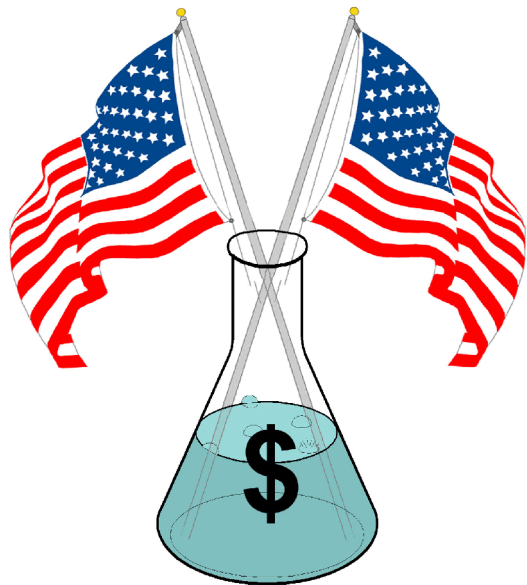
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**Roanoke Valley Governor's School Hosts September Meeting**

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## VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

### 586th SECTION MEETING

**Hosted by Roanoke Valley Governor's School**

Monday, September 20, 2004

#### PROGRAM:

5:30-6:30	Social Time
6:30-7:30	Dinner
7:30-8:30	Talk

The social time, dinner, and talk will take place at the Roanoke Valley Governor's School. The speaker will be Congressman Bob Goodlatte speaking on "The Process of Science Funding in the House of Representatives".

Dinner will be pork tenderloin, beef tips with rice, green beans, candied yams, tossed salad, rolls, carrot cake, coffee and tea. Cost for the dinner is \$12.00, with students and retired ACS members half price.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, by calling Gwen Sibert at 540-853-2116 or by e-mail to [gsibert@rvgs.k12.va.us](mailto:gsibert@rvgs.k12.va.us), or regular mail to Roanoke Valley Governor's School, 2104 Grandin Road SW, Roanoke, VA 24015.

## Congressman Bob Goodlatte, Republican, 6th District

Background. Goodlatte is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law. His undergraduate degree in Government was earned at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Before being elected to Congress, Goodlatte was former Congressman Caldwell Butler's District Office Manager from 1977 to 1979. In 1979, he founded a private law practice in Roanoke. He is also a former partner in the law firm of Bird, Kinder and Huffman, where he worked from 1981 until taking office.



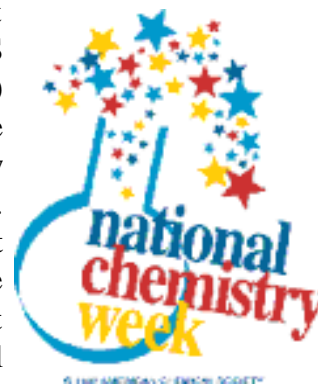
Committee Assignments. Goodlatte serves on the Judiciary Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and the Republican Policy Committee. On the Judiciary Committee, he serves on the Constitution Subcommittee, and the Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee. The later subcommittee has jurisdiction over copyright, patent, and trademark issues which are significant to the computer and Internet industries. In November 1998, he was picked to serve a Co-Chair of the Internet Caucus.

On Agriculture, he is the Chairman of the Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee and also serves on the Livestock Subcommittee. After Republicans won the majority, Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) selected Bob to serve as an Assistant Whip.

Legislative Activities. In the 105th Congress, Rep. Goodlatte was the lead sponsor of the Safety and Freedom through Encryption Act (SAFE), HR 695, which would guarantee all Americans the right to use any encryption product, without key escrow, and loosen export restraints. The bill was widely supported by the computer and Internet industry, but opposed by the Clinton administration. It did not pass. He reintroduced a similar bill on February 25, 1999. He was also a key player in the drafting of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act in 1998, which was passed and signed by the President. He also sponsored a bill in the 105th Congress that would have banned online gambling which did not pass. He was rated one of the Top 10 members of the House in support for high-tech in the Tech Law Journal Congressional Scorecard 1998.

## National Chemistry Week, October 17-23, 2004

NCW is just around the corner! National Chemistry Week is an outreach program of the American Chemical Society aimed at enhancing the public's awareness of the contributions of chemistry to our everyday lives and to the nation's economy. Bayer Pharmaceuticals is aiding in this effort by donating Clinistix and Multistix (urine test strips) for use by local Office of Community staff is writing these strips to diseases like diabetes. Because we are certified medical cannot do screening strips, so we will need medical doctor to be fair. The doctor can offer screening for diabetes, and our local ACS volunteers can explain the chemistry of how the screening tests work. OCA is currently researching groups that can help us to host a health fair. With the current emphasis that health and wellness is getting in the media, this will be an ideal opportunity for us to contribute to our community with pertinent activities and relevant information.



The Virginia Blue Ridge Section is planning outreach activities to help celebrate this year's theme and are looking for people to help. If you are interested in finding out more, participating or please contact Elizabeth Cox at 540-458-8163 or at coxe@wlu.edu.



## Bayer HealthCare Delivers for 2004 National Chemistry Week

Bayer HealthCare Diagnostics Division has made an extraordinary in-kind contribution to the 2004 American Chemical Society National Chemistry Week Celebration: "Health and Wellness" valued at more than \$260,000! The NCW Coordinator in each ACS local section will be offered two digital glucometers with test strips, hundreds of CliniStix and MultiStix (urinalysis test strips), testing standard solutions and tablets, as well as test tubes and paper cups. The donation was made possible due to the efforts of former ACS President Helen Free and Senior Vice President Joe W. Martin of Bayer Healthcare.

The 2004 ACS Matching Gift Fund matched Bayer HealthCare's gift one-for-two. The ACS Office of Community Activities will use the matching funds to enhance offerings for NCW including a web-based interactive for children, expansion of the [chemistry.org/kids](http://chemistry.org/kids) website, and materials for ACS local sections.

## SERMACS 2004 November 10 - 13, 2004

<http://membership.acs.org/s/serm2004>

Abstract submission deadline: September 5

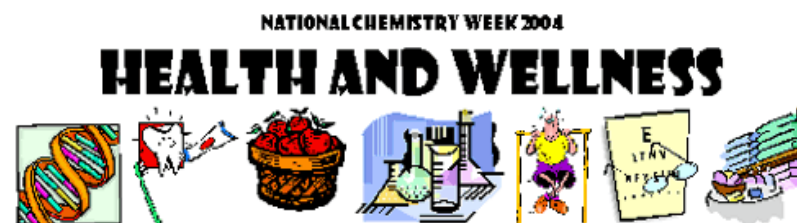
Hotel reservation deadline: October 8

Advance meeting registration deadline: October 24

## Silver Circle Website Launched

The ACS Silver Circle website was created to provide experienced ACS members and retirees with information on numerous outreach opportunities, ACS news, and links to valuable Web resources. Please visit the page at <http://chemistry.org/silvercircle.html>.

Also underway are suggestions for forming a Silver Circle committee in your ACS local section. If you have ideas to share, please contact: Marisa Burgener at [m\\_burgener@acs.org](mailto:m_burgener@acs.org) or at 800-227-5558 ext. 4458.



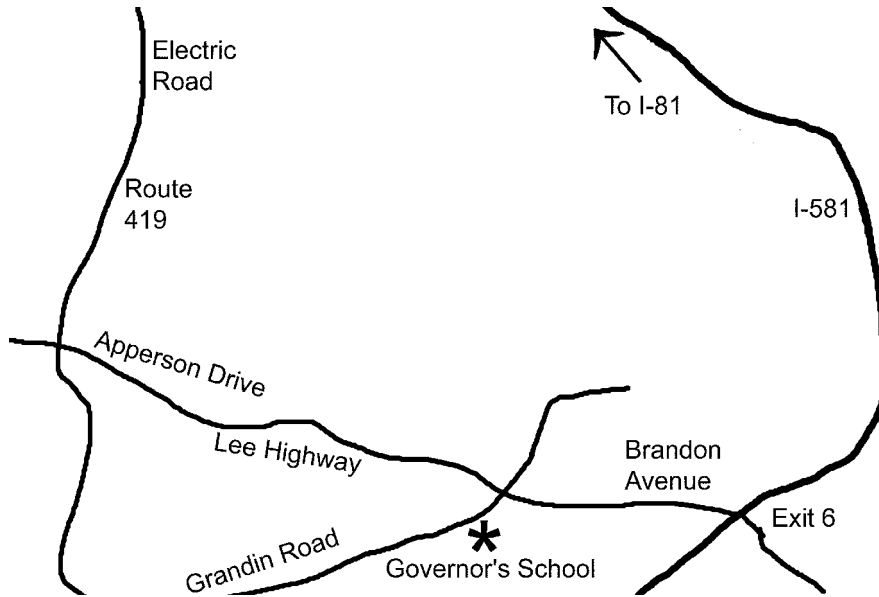
## Dr. Charles H. Fisher Lecture Series

The Fall 2004 Presentation of the Dr. Charles H. Fisher Lecture Series featuring Dr. Judith G. Voet speaking on "Visualization in Biochemical Education" Tuesday, September 28, 2004 7:30 p.m. Wortmann Ballroom, Colket Campus Center, Roanoke College

## Directions to the Roanoke Valley Governor's School

Directions: The Governor's School is located a little south of the corner of Grandin Road and Brandon Avenue. (Brandon Avenue is the continuation of Apperson Drive and Lee Highway.) When coming by interstate get off of I-581 at exit 6, which is the exit for US 11 and for Colonial Avenue. Follow US 11, which shortly goes onto Brandon Avenue. At the intersection of Brandon with Grandin Road, turn left, and shortly turn left again, into the campuses of Patrick Henry High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School. After entering these campuses, the building ahead and a little to the right is the Governor's School.

### Map to the Governor's School, Roanoke, Virginia



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The October Virginia Blue Ridge Section meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 at Washington and Lee. The speaker will be George Bodner, speaking on "The Mismeasures of Man: How Scientists Fall into Traps of Nonobjectivity". The contact person is Elizabeth Cox.