VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE SECTION
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

634th SECTION MEETING
Hosted by Virginia Western Community College
Thursday, September 23, 2010

PROGRAM:
6:00-7:30 Dinner at Awful Arthur’s, Towers Mall
7:30-8:30 Talk at Human Resources Training Room,
Virginia Western Community College

Dinner will be at Awful Arthur's Seafood Co, 2229 Colonial Ave SW, in the upper level of Towers Mall Shopping Center. Individuals will order from the menu and take care of the check themselves. The menu and more information on this restaurant can be found at http://awfularthursseafood.com/downtown-roanoke/towers.

The talk will take place at the Training Room at Virginia Western Community College. The speaker will be Chris Bryant, talking on "Synthetic Cannabinoids via the Internet".

Notification of attendance would be greatly appreciated so that Awful Arthur's can be alerted to the number coming. Please make such notifications by 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, September 22 to Gary Hollis at hollis@roanoke.edu or to Gary Hollis, Roanoke College, Salem, VA 24153, or phone him at 540-375-2437.
Chris Houghton Bryant earned a B. S. in Chemistry at Roanoke College in 1977. She worked for four years at Lewis Gale Hospital as a clinical chemist, analyzing blood, urine and other physiological samples to provide data for physicians to use in diagnostic and therapeutic determinations. She joined the Virginia Department of Forensic Science in 1980, while DFS was still housed in the cramped facilities of the old Jefferson Building in downtown Roanoke. She is currently the Supervisor of the Controlled Substances Laboratory (drug chemistry laboratory) at the Western Regional forensic science facility in Roanoke, where she supervises nine forensic chemists. In addition to her supervisory work, Chris also performs forensic analyses on evidence, testifies in court, trains new forensic chemists, coordinates with other divisions of DFS (especially Toxicology, Trace Evidence and Forensic Biology) and keeps abreast of new developments in the field of forensic chemistry.

**Synthetic Cannabinoids via the Internet**

The internet is an open forum of information. Some of the information is trustworthy and useful, some urban legend and dangerous….and everything in between. Many new illicit drugs have become popularized and accessible through the internet. Most are from outside the United States. Synthetic Cannabinoids are the newest popular class of drugs coming to the US from Europe. They are marketed under the guise of incense known as “Spice”. What’s in “Spice”? Is it legal? How is it analyzed? These will be the main topics discussed further.

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Coming from the north on I-581 take the Colonial Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Colonial Avenue and then right onto 23rd Street SW, and then right into Towers Shopping Center parking lot. Awful Arthur’s is near the left end of the mall.

Coming from the south on I-581 take the Wonju Street exit toward Colonial Avenue. Merge onto Wonju Street and turn right at Colonial Avenue. Turn left onto 23rd Street SW, and then right into Towers Shopping Center parking lot. Awful Arthur’s is near the left end of the mall.

Map to Awful Arthur’s Seafood
Directions to Virginia Western Community College

To get to Virginia Western Community College, get back on 23rd Street and then right onto Colonial Avenue. Virginia Western is about a mile down Colonial Avenue. After getting to the parking lots on the left and before getting to the walkway over the road, turn right onto McNeil Drive. Fishburn Hall is a little up the hill on the left. Parking is available on 23rd Street, in front of Fishburn, to the right of Fishburn, and other places farther away.

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