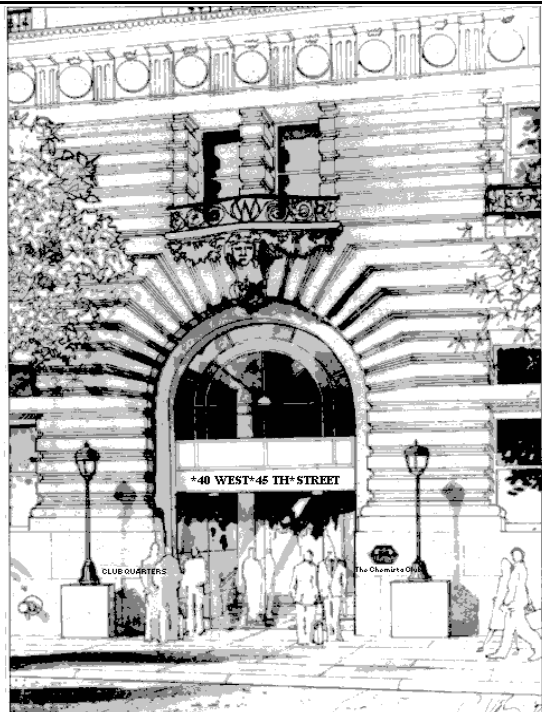

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*Please join us
for complimentary tastings
in Rumford Hall*

Vodka Tasting

Tuesday, February 17th,
6:00PM-8:00PM

Cruzan Rum Tasting

Wednesday, March 3rd,
6:00PM-8:00PM

Bonny Doon Wine Tasting

Wednesday, April 7th,
6:00PM-8:00PM

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the last few weeks, many of you have received both a recruiting letter and membership package from the Trustees of the Chemists' Club asking for your help in recruiting new members. Please give our request serious consideration and help us find new members for this organization. We need your participation.

I am pleased to report that the Chemists' Club Winthrop – Sears medal nominations committee - chaired by Paul Pendorf, has completed both the search and selection of this year awardee. In recent years, we have labored over the selection of the right candidates and negatively impacted both the publicity of the award and attendance at the award dinner. Congratulations and thanks to the committee for doing their job in a timely fashion. We will announce the name of awardee in a few weeks after the planning for the dinner at CHF has been completed.

We continue to work on improving and preserving the artwork in the Clubhouse. New portraits are being prepared for both Rumford Hall and upstairs in the Priestley Room. Both Yelena Turovskaya and Eddie Shum have traveled to Philadelphia to visit the Chemical Heritage Foundation and to receive a grounding course in art preservation so that they can act as our local curators. In this month's newsletter, you will note the inclusion an article from the CHF curators that reviewed some of the paintings that hung in the Clubhouse. As some of you may recall, many years ago the Chemists' Club moved both the library and most of the artwork under the control and management of the Chemical Heritage Foundation who have both resources and expertise to preserve and expand our original collection.

Finally, we would like to report that the trustees are beginning extensive discussions with Club Quarters to define a new agreement dealing with our relationship with Club Quarters, use of Club facilities, issues with both availability of facilities and hotel rooms, as well as the conflict between the hotel environment versus a Club environment. Many of our members have been kind enough to share their opinions about the club facilities with this board of trustees. We value your opinions and will now seek to find the best solutions for our clubhouse and organization. continue...

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As always, we hope to see many of you at our upcoming events, which include the first of our four speakers in 2004.

Best wishes,
John W. Brooks Jr.
President

Dinner Presentation - "Nano Technology: Hope or Hype?" - February 24, 2004

The Chemists' Club (established 1898), in conjunction with The Association of Consulting Chemists & Chemical Engineers is pleased to present a symposium on Nanotechnology. This event will include a networking reception, dinner and presentations by two leading experts in this emerging field.

Speakers:

Dr. Sam Brauer, Business Communication Company

Doug Jamison, Vice President and future President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Harris and Harris Inc.

PLACE: The Chemists' Club, 40 West 45th Street

TIME: 6:00 pm Cash Bar, 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Presentation - Members - \$40; non-members - \$50

REGISTRATION: Advanced registration is required for this event. Cancellations must be made 24 hrs in advance. To register for this event, please go to the website (www.thechemistsclub.com/nano) and complete the registration form, or call Yelena at (212) 626-9373.

Upcoming Meetings of the Chemical, Marketing & Economics Group at the Chemists' Club**Date: Thursday, March 11th, 2004 11:30 - 2:00PM**

Topic: "Chemical Industry Restructuring - Past, Present & Future"

Speaker: Peter H. Spitz, Partner, Chemical Advisory Partners, Scarsdale, NY

Date: Thursday, April 8th, 2004, 11:30 - 2:00PM

Topic: "The Dynamics of Doing Business in China"

Speaker: Leonard S. Schwartz, Chairman, President & CEO, Aceto Corp., Lake Success, NY

RSVP via email to CMEGROUP@yahoo.com

for more information - visit the CM&E website at <http://home.nyc.rr.com/chemmarkecon>

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

In observance of:

PRESIDENT'S DAY

The Chemists' Club will be closed on
Monday, February 16, 2004.

Normal schedules will resume on
Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

In observance of:

MEMORIAL DAY

The Chemists' Club will be closed on
Monday, May 24, 2004.

Normal schedules will resume on
Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Chemistry's Past in Art

By Rob Lukens and Marge Gapp, Chemical Heritage Foundation

Since its founding over twenty years ago, the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF) in Philadelphia has had close ties with the Chemists' Club. Not only do both organizations promote the chemical world's rich heritage, but the Club also acts as one of CHF's official affiliates.

One of the most visible ways that the two organizations are connected is through the artwork that hangs at the Club Quarters facility in New York City. These portraits, on loan from the Chemical Heritage Foundation, provide a vital link to those figures that changed the course of history through chemical achievement.

Take Leo H. Baekeland, for instance. Artist Alvin Alfred Lee depicted this famous chemist in an oil on masonite painting that hangs in the Club Quarters dining room. A Belgian Ph.D., he immigrated to the United States in 1889. Soon after arrival, he invented a photographic paper that he sold for \$1,000,000 to George Eastman, who marketed it as Velox paper. Another of Baekeland's inventions, exploited with considerable commercial acumen, was the widely serviceable Bakelite. In 1904 Baekeland served as the Chemists' Club's sixth president.

Another figure with close ties to the Chemists' Club hangs alongside Baekeland in the dining room. A 1916 portrait by Leo Mielziner portrays Morris Loeb, professor of chemistry and chemical engineering at NYU from 1891 to 1906. Loeb masterminded the financing of the Chemists' Club's long-time home on 41st Street.

The portrait of Charles M. Hall was painted around 1918 by New York painter Roland Rood. This oil on canvas rendering depicts the man who discovered a commercially successful means of making aluminum by electrolyzing aluminum oxide in a bath of molten cryolite.

Charles F. McKenna, a consulting chemist and chemical engineer, helped to locate the Chemists' Club's first headquarters and served as president in 1914. His legacy is captured by California artist John Hibbard Rich's early 20th century oil on canvas painting.

Marston Taylor Bogert, professor at Columbia University and a ubiquitous figure in the scientific life of the city, led efforts to establish the Chemists' Club and served as its fifth president in 1908. Around 1920, an unknown artist painted the three-quarter view portrait that hangs in the dining hall at Club Quarters.

Finally, chemistry's heritage is reflected not only in paintings, but in other artworks and objects as well. A bronze bust at Club Quarters portrays Wolcott Gibbs, professor at New York City College (1849-1863) and Rumford professor at Harvard (1863-87). Two late eighteenth century Delft apothecary jars behind the bar in Rumford Hall allude to chemistry's close ties with the pharmaceutical industry.

These artworks might make nice decorations for the walls, but their significance as objects of heritage transcends mere aesthetics. They act as a testimony to the value that the chemical community placed on these individuals. As such, they require special care because of their rarity and fragility. The Chemists' Club and the Chemical Heritage Foundation are working together to preserve these treasures for future generations to enjoy.

The Lounge and its' Clock

"In the Club Lounge stands a clock, a tall, beautifully encased grandfather's clock, with a whimsical moon that knows exactly when to enter into darkness, and when to come into the light. Some members who gaze upon it at night say that at times the moon winks in a sly manner, as though it knew a secret. This is as it should be, for every moon knows all sorts of things that will always remain hidden to the men of science who dwell within our walls. "The history of the clock dates back to about 1917 when Dr. Thomas R. Duggan, Chairman of the House Committee, in conversation with President Whitaker stated that he had a clock-face and would gladly build the works if Whitaker would pay for the case.

"Then for over a year in the apartment of the Chairman of the House Committee there might have been seen the silent turning of his electric lathe, and many pieces of metal of the table of this amateur, in the true sense on the word, who is also a master-craftsman. In time the clock was finished, and presented by the two gentlemen to the Club, the one having wrought the works with his own hands in his own apartment on the premises, and the other having furnished the beautiful carved rosewood case. It keeps good time."- Ellwood Hendrick president of the Chemists' Club from 1918 - 1920.

FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER

As we usher in 2004, we wish you health and prosperity in the new year. We would like to welcome several Chemical groups including CANY, CM&E and ACC&CE, all who are holding monthly luncheons with guest speakers.

Coming into Manhattan for shopping or a show? Drop in for lunch or dinner in our elegant Dining Room, or for Happy Hour (5:00 pm-7:00 pm) in Rumford Hall. You will notice some exciting changes once you are here, including new portraits, refurbished guests' rooms and a new Mahogany mobile bar.

As always, please join us for complimentary tastings and reserve for our special wine dinners. Dates are listed in this issue.

Hope to see you soon!



Club Quarters, Midtown Receives a Luxury Interior

This winter Club Quarters, Midtown began to install a whole new interior in the guest rooms of a more luxurious standard than normal which includes the following features:

- ◆ Bedding – extra deep pillow top mattress, queen size pillows, and down - filled duvets.
- ◆ Desk complex - latest design work station with book shelving, desk top power supply, ergonomic chairs and work storage units.
- ◆ Bathrooms – new granite custom designed vanity units and new tiling.
- ◆ Gadgets – Flat panel LCD TV, free high speed wireless Internet access, custom task lighting, and 2 line speaker phone/cordless phone with private direct dial number.

Remember as a great fringe benefit, Club Quarters offers Chemists' Club Members great low weekend/holiday rates at all CQ locations. Rates start at just \$46. Reserve rooms by calling Club Quarters Member Services at 212-575-0006 or book on line at www.clubquarters.com with password: Chemists' Club. These are great to take advantage of for your friends and family as well. Weekend and holiday rates must be requested at time of making reservation and are based

COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF EXCELLENT CUISINE AND FINE WINES IN OUR MAIN DINING ROOM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

AMERICAN VALENTINE'S DAY WINE DINNER - FEBRUARY 19, 2004

APPETIZER

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH ROASTED CORN CHUTNEY AND MAPLE JUS SAUCE
Toad Hill Pinot Noir Rose, 2002

ENTRÉE

MESQUITE ROASTED CORNISH HEN WITH RISSOLE POTATOES AND FIDDLEHEAD FERNS
Silveridge Chardonnay Barrel Select, 2000

DESSERT

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL SOUFFLE
Deco Sonoma Valley Chocolate Port

PAN-ASIAN WINE DINNER - MARCH 18, 2004

APPETIZER

THAI COCONUT CHICKEN SOUP WITH GALANGA ROOT, COCONUT MILK, SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS AND SCALLIONS
Pierre Sparr Alsace One, 2002

ENTRÉE

MISO GLAZED YELLOWFIN TUNA SERVED WITH LOBSTER ROLL ON A BED OF BABY BOK CHOY
Pierre Sparr Pinot Noir Prestige, 1999

DESSERT

GREEN TEA ICE CREAM SERVED WITH LYCHEE NUTS
Gewurtraminer Sporen Grand Cru, 1996

SOUTH AFRICAN WINE DINNER - APRIL 22, 2004

APPETIZER

ROCK LOBSTER SALAD SERVED WITH BABY GREENS AND CURRIED HONEYDEW
Kanu Sauvignon Blanc, 2003

ENTRÉE

BRAISED OXTAIL SERVED WITH YELLOW RICE AND RAISINS
Brampton Cabernet/Merlot, 2001

DESSERT

COCONUT PIE WITH BRANDIED APRICOTS
Kronendal Port, 1999

**Price is \$ 35.00 for members
\$ 40.00 for non-members**

For reservations please call 212-626-9310

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2004

<p>Wednesday, March 10 <i>SCI Dinner (Tom Reilly's)</i></p> <p>Thursday, March 11 <i>CHF Priestley Society Luncheon</i></p> <p>March 15-19 <i>DCAT WEEK</i></p> <p>Thursday, March 18 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i> <i>DCAT Annual Dinner</i></p> <p>Thursday, April 8 <i>CHF Priestley Society Luncheon</i></p> <p>Thursday, April 22 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p>	<p>April 25-29 <i>AIChE Spring National Meeting</i></p> <p>Wednesday, May 20 <i>Societe</i> <i>Annual General Meeting</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p> <p>Wednesday, June 16 <i>Board of Trustees Meeting 3-6PM</i></p> <p>Thursday, June 17 <i>The Chemists' Club Winthrop Sears Award Ceremony at the CHF</i></p> <p>July, August – Summer Recess</p> <p>Tuesday, September 14 <i>Perkin Medal</i></p>	<p>Thursday, September 23 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p> <p>Thursday, October 21 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p> <p>Thursday, November 18 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p> <p>Thursday, December 9 <i>Societe</i> <i>Board of Trustees Meeting</i></p> <p><i>107th Annual Egg Nog Party</i></p>
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