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Message from the Chair

First, allow me to thank Jim Young for writing the November message. I appreciate his support very much. I'd like to also thank our speaker Brian Morin of Soteria (soteriabig.com). Those of you who could not hear his presentation missed hearing about a truly remarkable emerging technology that is being created in the middle of Upstate SC. It was also a real pleasure to be joined by the local section of ACS, and we are grateful to Jennifer Hawke for her efforts to make this work out so well. The meal catered by Basilico was a success as well.

Now, it's time to look forward to our December meeting and future events. We have scheduled our Christmas Social for Thursday December 15th at Village Kitchen at Hartness in Greenville. The details and an RSVP form are on the local website. https://www.aiche.org/community/sites/local-sections/westernsouth-carolina/events/december-social-2022. You and a guest are cordially invited to join us to celebrate the season and get to know one another a little better. You can treat it as a drop-in or a meal, that's up to you. I encourage you to come. One of the things the local AIChE section should be is a directory of "phone a friends" for help whether it be technical help, job searching, evaluation on continuing education, job recommendations, etc. I have two colleagues with whom I've stayed in regular contact for more than 30 years. These two are a great resource when I'm dealing with something I've never seen before or when I just need someone to brainstorm with. This is a great opportunity to get to know someone who could be to you what those two people have been to me.

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We have speakers lined up for January and February on leading edge technologies. We are still looking for a March speaker and an April site visit. If any of you reading this have an idea that would make you want to participate in the local section, please let us know. After all, the section is supposed to serve chemical engineers in the Upstate, and any ideas as to how to do that better are welcome.

My last thought is to say Merry Christmas to all and may 2023 be a banner year of all of you.

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

NEXT MEETING - December 15, 2022 December Social

Our second annual December Social will be held at Village Kitchen, which is at the hub of Hartness Village. They offer good food, made from scratch daily in a bright, casual, and fun gathering place. Visit their <u>website</u> for photos and more! RSVP's using the link below are appreciated.

December Meeting Information

TITLE:	2 nd Annual December Social		
DATE:	Thursday, December 15, 2022		
Event timing:	Drop in for appetizers and/or dinner between 6:00 and 8:00 PM		
LOCATION (in- person event):	Village Kitchen at Hartness 2000 Society Street, Greenville, SC 29615		
COST	No charge for dinner, house wine, beer Cocktails available for purchase		
RSVP by 12/12/22	RSVP from WSC Section <u>website</u> <u>December Social RSVP</u>		

Opportunities to Assist

We welcome your participation on any level in this organization. Several committee positions are open, and this year's officers will gladly mentor members who would consider holding officer positions next year.

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2022-2023 Officers and Executive Committee

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2022-2023 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
December 15, 2022	Village Kitchen at Hartness	WSC AIChE Holiday Social
January 10, 2023	Jacobs office	Site Design Considerations for Cell and Gene Therapy Commercial Facilities
February 21, 2023	Clemson	TBD Clemson professor
March 14, 2023	Jacobs office	Plant-based and Cultured Meat Products
April 2023	TBD	Plant Tour
May 2023	TBD	WSCAIChE May Social