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Message from the Chair

I want to thank our colleagues from the American Chemical Society and our presenter, Dr. Gary Guillet, who hosted our November joint meeting. We recognize that a lot of effort goes into organizing a successful meeting and it takes also takes time to prepare a good presentation. We also appreciate Spartanburg Community College for making their facility available to us.

We've made it to December! As a friend of mine once said "it's December 1st and Christmas is at our throats". All joking aside, it's good to have a month where we're encouraged to focus on being a blessing to others. We are well compensated in this profession, but sooner or later, money isn't enough. It's a privilege to be able to take care of our families and improve the lives of others. For six years I worked in the kaolin industry, mining and purifying the white clay found under the red clay of Georgia. It's a humble material but impacts our lives in surprising ways. It's used to fill and coat paper, it's a primary ingredient in house paint, it gives caulks dimensional stability and structural strength, it forms the substrate for catalytic converters, and it's the main ingredient in Kaopectate. All these applications are humble, but they help us communicate, protect our houses, seal out the weather, reduce pollution, and stop nausea. Even mining white "dirt" can make a difference in the world and it's great to be part of it.

In December we have a social time instead of a presentation to give us an opportunity to get to know one another better. This year it is going to be at Think Tank Brew Lab at 101 Airport Road in Greenville on Wednesday December 13th from 6-8 pm. We have a quiet area set aside for us and will have finger foods provided by

their kitchen. Being a brew lab, there are a variety of brews to sample for those of you so inclined. We sincerely hope you join us for some or all the 2 hours. There's no formal program, we're treating it as a drop in. We sincerely hope to see you there.

Bill Thompson, Chair, WSC AIChE

NEXT MEETING - December 13, 2023

The Western South Carolina Holiday Social.

Please feel free to bring a guest or two!

Meeting Information

TITLE:	The Western South Carolina Holiday Social
DATE:	Wednesday, December 13th, 2023
Event timing:	Social starts at 6pm!
LOCATION (in-person event):	Think Tank Brew Lab 101 Airport Rd, Greenville, SC 29607 Meeting space to the left rear as you enter the building.
LOCATION (virtual event):	No virtual event for the Holiday Social.
COST	Finger Foods Provided Drinks are on the attendees.
RSVP by 12/11/23	RSVP HERE if you plan to join us for the Holiday Social.

RSVP [\[HERE\]](#) - by December 11th if you plan to join us for the Holiday Social.

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. If interested, please reach out to any of the wscaiche.org email addresses below.

2023-2024 Officers and Executive Committee

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2023-2024 Calendar of Events

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
October 11, 2023	Clemson	Tolling Manufacturing
November 2023	Spartanburg Community College	Complexes with M-M bonds. Joint meeting with ACS
December 13 th 2023	Think Tank Brew Lab	WSCAICHe Holiday Social
January 10, 2024	Jacobs Office	Compressed Air Systems
February 13, 2024	Clemson	TBD Clemson professor
March 13, 2024	Jacobs office	TBD
April 2024	TBD	Plant Tour
May 2024	TBD	WSCAICHe May Social
