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The Philadelphia Organic Chemists' Club (POCC)

The Philadelphia Organic Chemists' Club (POCC) is one of the oldest independent chemistry clubs in the United States and plays a vital role in fostering the impressive nexus of organic chemistry in this area. The central purpose of the POCC is to provide a forum and facilitate interactions between scientists from academia and industry in the greater Philadelphia area. Thus, in conjunction with area universities and chemical companies, the POCC brings preeminent organic chemists to speak to a broad audience of chemists in the area.

Every month for the past 64 years, the POCC has brought together the best of the greater Philadelphia area's industrial and academic researchers for monthly seminars, an annual symposium and award addresses including the POCC Symposium, The POCC Award and Poster Session and the Allan R. Day Award Lecture. Typically, the POCC meets on the last Thursday evening of the month. Prior to the seminar, there is a social hour at 5:30 pm and a sit down dinner at 6:00 pm at a restaurant near the University of Pennsylvania. The seminar follows at 8:00 p.m. in the University of Pennsylvania Chemistry Department.

Our website (<http://www.pocclub.org/>) is the source of up-to-date information about the organization. There are links to our schedule of speakers, membership and officer information as well as to area chemical companies and chemistry departments. The POCC purposely keeps its annual dues low (\$20, \$10 for students) and encourages attendance at our events by keeping fees to a minimum. As a consequence, we rely on the generosity of regional businesses to help defray our operating and unanticipated expenses beyond those covered by our membership dues.

The POCC welcomes you to add to the rich history of organic chemistry in the greater Philadelphia area by joining our club (http://www.pocclub.org/POCC_join.html) and attending our many seminars and symposium throughout the year. For more information see the <http://www.pocclub.org/>.

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Research and Development Council of New Jersey

For nearly half a century, the Newark-based Research and Development Council of New Jersey has been dedicated to cultivating an environment supportive of the advancement of research and development throughout New Jersey. Established in 1962, the Council was created to serve as a unified voice for the three R&D sectors — industry, academia and government — to work with the State to create an environment R&D could thrive in.

Currently chaired by ExxonMobil Manager Thomas F. Degnan, Jr., the Council's past accomplishments include: raising the funds for the design and construction of Liberty Science Center, supporting the Science Olympiad student tournament, establishing R&D tax credits for research firms, and annually awarding dozens of scholarships to college students pursuing an education in R&D related fields.

Recognizing that there is an unrivaled culture of innovation in New Jersey, every year the Council selects pioneering NJ inventions for their contribution to R&D and honors their inventors with the Council's distinguished Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award. In 2009, the Council selected 12 patent awards, which recognized 55 inventors who worked on those patents. These inventors were honored at the Council's 30th Annual Awards Dinner which was held at the Liberty Science Center located in Jersey City.

The Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose membership includes representatives from academia, government and industry, including several Fortune 500 companies. For more information on the Council, please visit the Council's website at www.rdnj.org or call the Council's office at (973) 274-8336.

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