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The ACS Maryland Section was formed in 1914 at the beginning of WWI. We celebrated our 100th Anniversary with a dinner at the Maryland Science Center on October 17, 2014. The Section members are primarily located in Baltimore and the surrounding area. Baltimore is favored by a natural harbor, leading from the Atlantic Ocean through the Chesapeake Bay, that accepts ships from around the world that bring in chemicals and other raw materials for manufacturing, spices from the orient, and other commodities. The city is also home to the Johns Hopkins University and hospital, the University of Maryland professional departments, and other educational, research and manufacturing organizations that employ many chemists.

To honor our Senior Chemists (or Retired Chemists as the section has also called them), the Maryland Section has a yearly luncheon at which we present ACS Certificates, and ask the seniors to tell us of their experiences in the world of chemistry. Some of our members have travelled around the world on a multitude of projects for industry, government, and educational institutions. They have been involved in trade, international regulations, research, and training. We have had an excellent turnout at the lunches. We have honored our members who have been ACS members for 50, 60, and 70 years. Remarkably, in 2019, we celebrated one member with 80 years as an ACS member!

The keynote speakers at our lunches have included the Maryland Attorney General, a Maryland Congresswoman, and a columnist from the Baltimore Sun. Unfortunately, this year, for the first time in many years, the lunch was cancelled due to the COVID19 Virus. Hopefully, we will be back on track and be able to honor our long- time members in 2021!

Senior Chemist Luncheon through the years,

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Alvin Bober (l) and Shirish Shah (r) with Congressman Roscoe Bartlett at Belmont for the 50-year member luncheon.

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Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rowell with new 50-year ACS member Alex Nickon. Prof. Nickon was Maryland Chemist of the Year in 1990.

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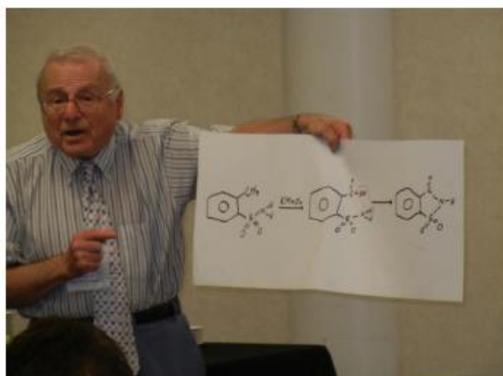
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Shown here is Mr. Frank J. Gomba with Maryland Section Executive Committee Members Shirish Shah and Charles Rowell.



Dr. Ernest Silversmith, a 60-year ACS member, regaled the audience with stories about the history of the Maryland Section.

An additional highlight of the 50- and 60-year member lunch was a talk by **Dr. Donald Boesch**, UMCES President and Professor of Marine Science, on the current health of the Chesapeake Bay.



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