I. David Reingold, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Organic Chemistry
presents

Singing Your Way Through Organic Chemistry

7:45 pm Thurs. January 11
In this talk Dave will sing some of his greatest hits, explaining how he used songs and humor in his classes to improve education.

Reed College Vollum Lounge
3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR 97202
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Dinner reservations
Dinner reservations FIRM deadline 9 AM Tuesday Jan. 9.

6:00 pm social•6:45 pm buffet dinner•7:45 pm talk

Upcoming events:
Northwest Science Expo Judges needed

Contact Scott Vanderwerf if you have questions
Abstract and Bio: Dave Reingold

Bio: Dave Reingold earned his BA at Dartmouth College in 1971 and a PhD in 1976 from the University of Oregon. After a postdoc at the University of Alberta, he began a 34-year career teaching undergraduates at Haverford, Middlebury, Lewis & Clark, and, for the last 24 years, Juniata College in central Pennsylvania. He served as one of the first elected councilors of the Council on Undergraduate Research, was chair of the Chemistry Division in 1998-2000 and chair of the Finance committee from 1998-2001. He helped run the early versions of the CUR Proposal Writing Institute and has evaluated eight different chemistry departments for CUR, ACS, and as an independent contractor.

He received over $1.3 million in funding for his research on theoretically interesting molecules, especially strained semibullvalenes, and invented the TIM consortium, an REU site that is focused on an idea rather than a location and is still running after 16 years. Dave moved to Portland a few years ago and now is Portland State University’s resident glassblower. He was Portland Section Chair in 2015.

Abstract: While at Juniata College Dave was instrumental in creating and publicizing (and writing a textbook for) their organic first curriculum. He also began writing songs to presumably recognizable tunes, and singing them for his classes. While many of his approaches to teaching were applauded by some students and demeaned by others, his singing (often humorous, sometimes bawdy, always chemically accurate) was unanimously praised. In this talk Dave will sing some of his greatest hits, explaining how he used songs and humor in his classes to improve education.

December Winetasting at Cellar 503—a great mixer and networking event

On the evening of Dec. 7 forty attendees enjoyed advice from expert winemaker (and ACS member) Alex Clark from Silas Wines (Amity, Oregon). Attendees learned that making the perfect bottle of wine is a combination of science and serendipity, and why flavors of wine, cheese, and chocolate pair well together. Attendees tasted 4 Oregon wines, all featured at Cellar 503, including Garagiste Blanc, a sparkling wine from Jan-Marc Cellars, Melon de Bourgogne from Grochau Cellars, and 3 wines from Silas Wines: Pinot Blanc, The Pearl Pinot Noir, and a Gamay/Malbec blend (“The Optimist”). As Alex described, the Optimist is so named because it has a hint of Brettanomyces—they decided to gamble with this one rather than play it safe!

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