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## AWIS San Diego News

### AWIS "Science Day '99" a Hit with County Students

#### Lee Fortunato

On March 6th, the foyer area of the Frederic de Hoffmann Auditorium at the Salk Institute was transformed into a giant science laboratory. Members of the AWIS -San Diego Outreach Committee (and several other area scientists--17 in all) set up hands-on science demonstrations for 150 San Diego County junior and senior high school students, their teachers and parents. Activities included extracting and spooling strawberry DNA, carrying out a viral infection under strict biohazard conditions, examining genetically altered mice, sea squirts and yeast, and launching a pressurized air rocket.

Kudos goes to all the outreach committee members (Lee Fortunato, Anita McElroy, Barbara Armstrong, Denise Hickey, Susan Camper, Tracey Shearin, Salme Taagepera and Diana Hussey) for their hard work toward making the event such a great success! The committee also gratefully acknowledges the **Salk Institute** for donating the facilities, **Papa John's** and **Domino's** for pizza donations, **Barnes and Noble** for raffle prizes, **McFrugal's** for refreshments and the

generous financial backing of **Qualcomm** and **Yoh Scientific**.

### AWIS - San Diego Announces Scholarship Winners

The winners of our first annual scholarships are:

**Christine Muir** (Mira Costa)

**Sineade Younge** (SDSU)

**Amy Mingo** (SDSU)

**Carolyn Lieberman** (SDSU)

Graduate student

**Monica Haynes** (Southwestern)

**Bonnie Bertolaet**, Ph.D. (TSRI)

Postdoc

All scholarship winners receive \$500.00; a one-year membership to AWIS and complimentary admission to the Bioscience Conference where they will be awarded a certificate.

The Scholarship committee, Tina Kuus-Reichel, Emelyn Eldredge, and Melody Clark, selected awardees on the basis of: GPA (3.0 minimum) U. S. citizenship or affiliation with a U. S. institution of higher learning, a written essay and written references regarding scientific ability and interest. The scholarship was established to assist women who are pursuing a career in science. The award can be used for any aspect of education.

### Science Fair Award Winners Named

**Barbara Armstrong**

Each year AWIS participates in the "Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair" by awarding two junior high and two high school students with our science fair award for meritorious projects. This year the senior high school winners were: **Sarah Kaplan** for her project "Wake

up, Sleepyhead!" and **Azlynn Hare** for her project "Does Exhibit Size Affect Elephant Behavior." The junior high school winners are **Amanda Keating** for her project: "Brush Fires - Which Ground Cover Offers the most Protection?" and **Laurel Stiedmann** for her project: "Effect of Temperature on Paperwhite Narcissus Bulbs."

Thank you to all AWIS judges: Carolyn Kelley, Christina Niemeyer, Kathryn Parker, Dawne Page, Lucresha Groth, Kimberly Fritz, Adriana Diaz, and Barbara Armstrong for reviewing these thoughtfully prepared science projects.

The awards ceremonies will be held at Bechtel, a San Francisco-based, global engineering-construction organization. Bechtel designs and builds facilities in many industries and fields, including power, petroleum, chemicals, mining and metals, pipelines, surface transportation, aviation, space, telecommunications, water management, environmental and pollution control, hazardous waste cleanup, and industrial and commercial construction.

Please show your support for our winners by attending this event on May 11th. For more information call AWIS (619) 687-5580.

### A New AWIS-San Diego Membership Database

**Susan Jennings**

Our chapter now has a new membership database! Created using Microsoft Access, this new, searchable database will allow for quick changes to and increased organization of membership information. As an added benefit, it will allow us to publish an AWIS San

Diego member contact directory. Now that the database has been created, we will need your help to keep it updated. Have you moved or started a new position? Do you have a new email address? You can send your updates to our new email address, [sdawis@san.rr.com](mailto:sdawis@san.rr.com) (with the subject heading, "membership update") or you can send your new information to the AWIS San Diego address listed in this newsletter. Prior to publication of the contact directory, AWIS San Diego members will have the opportunity to review their listing in our database.

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## Have Fun and Promote your Career at the Same Time

**Silke Thode**

Sounds too good to be true? The AWIS events committee is planning social and career-building events for AWIS members throughout the year. Career building events will focus on networking, career advancement, leadership skills and financial planning, while social events such as the Garden Cabaret, a trip to the Mount Laguna Observatory are being planned. You will meet fellow women scientists in San Diego biotech and academic communities. Details about the events will be listed in future newsletters but you can also check our website:

<<http://awis.npaci.edu/events.html>> for more up-to-date information.

We would appreciate your input on the topics you which interest you most. To offer suggestions for events or if you are interested in joining the committee please contact Silke Thode at <[sthode@adnc.com](mailto:sthode@adnc.com)>.

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## San Diego Chapter Welcomes new Members

AWIS San Diego is happy to welcome the following new members:

Mary Alcock

Linette Edison     Advanced Tissue Sciences

Shila Jalali     UCSD  
Wanda Krall     California Clinical Trials

Darshini Mehta  
Deborah Molenda  
Gina Newton

**The AWIS Outreach Committee would like to thank Doc Frugal for their help in making "Science Day '99" a success! Please patronize our sponsors!**



### Online Information

Web Sites:

<<http://www.alibris.com>> - Could be a cheaper alternative to Amazon.com

Please let us know about some of the great web pages you've found and think might be of interest to other AWISers. Send WEB addresses to [barbara\\_armstrong@axyspharm.com](mailto:barbara_armstrong@axyspharm.com).

**Got an E-mail Address?**

*Sharon Cherf*

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive other AWIS information in between newsletters, please send your e-mail address to [scherf@qualcomm.com](mailto:scherf@qualcomm.com). Include in the Subject: line "Subscribe to AWIS Email". In the body, include your full name.

## Other Local Events

**May 26**

**San Diego Biotechnology Discussion Group**

**Location: Dura Pharmaceuticals**

**Time: 6 – 8pm**

**Program: Allergan on BoTox Therapies**

For more information, call Tom Studebaker at 619.286.8484 or e-mail [tstudebakr@aol.com](mailto:tstudebakr@aol.com).

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**June 2 - 4**

Medical Marketing Association 1999 National Conference 15TH ANNUAL Location: Sheraton Harbor Island & Marina, San Diego, CA

For more information call 415.764.4807 or see

<<http://www.mmanet.org>>

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**June 4 – Aug. 13 (Fridays)- 4 full days (6/4, 6/25, 7/23, 8/13) Leadership Management & Training Program, BIOCOM/san diego**

For more information call 619.455.03009 or see

[www.biocom.org](http://www.biocom.org)

<<http://www.biocom.org>>.

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**June 9, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

**BIOCOM/san diego**

**Breakfast Meeting**

Hilton Torrey Pines La Jolla

"UCSD: San Diego's Basic Research Engine"

Panel to be announced.

**Women in Bioscience**

**Conference SOLD OUT**

Organizers for "The Women in Bioscience Conference" scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Salk Institute announced today that they would be unable to accommodate anyone who wishes to register the day of the conference.

## AWIS - San Diego Calendar 1999

| Month                      | Activity                                                                           | Date                                                                                                                                                                                 | Coordinator                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May                        | Bioconference<br><a href="http://awis.npaci.edu/WIB">http://awis.npaci.edu/WIB</a> | May 8                                                                                                                                                                                | Grai Andreason<br>Ellen Kroninger<br><b>619-525-7715</b>                                                                                                          |
|                            | Greater San Diego Science<br>Fair – AWIS Awards Ceremony                           | May 11 Bechtel                                                                                                                                                                       | Barbara Armstrong                                                                                                                                                 |
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- Get involved!
- We have many committees to choose from!
- Other programs are being developed
- See the May/June Issue of the Newsletter for program updates.

### About the AWIS Newsletter

The AWIS Newsletter is published bimonthly and provides AWIS members and supporters with information on chapter activities, career development, and issues related to women in science. The newsletter is free to AWIS members. Subscription rate for non-members is \$20 a year.

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