

AWIS Newsletter

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Bimonthly Newsletter for San Diego's local chapter - Association for Women in Science

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MOMS IN SCIENCE



Join a group of moms interested in networking while their children play. MOMS IN SCIENCE (MIS) is an organization of women who are both scientists and mothers, and who are seeking to maintain a balance between careers in science and the care and nurturing of their families.

Our goal is to find innovative ways to pursue intellectually and economically fulfilling career paths that allow us to use our training and knowledge, and in addition would provide us with the flexibility and time that we need to provide for our growing families. We hope to persuade employers that dedicated, intelligent, organized and well-trained women can be productive even when they work flexible hours. We want to identify ways to improve the workplace and make it more friendly to parenting roles.

MIS has meetings once a month at a playground in the area. Next meeting will be:

Place: Doyle Park on Regents Road in University City

Date: Saturday, Jan 20

Time: 10:00am - 12:00noon

For more information contact: Evelyn Bayna at 619-454-3995 OR Suganya at 619-268-8926

RESOURCE UPDATE

We have received additional material to add to our resources available for members to check out. Books: Career Development Guide, June 1995; Equal Employment Opportunity Career Journal, July/Aug. 1995; and Reference lists etc.: sexual harassment/discrimination; self-image and self-confidence; women in science issues.

If you are interested in any of our resources, please contact Denise Belsham or Melody Clark at 619-534-1762 (email: dbelsham@ucsd.edu OR meclark@ucsd.edu)

"A ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."

-Benazir Bhutto

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAN DIEGO SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS 1996

If anyone is interested in participating as a judge in the upcoming Greater San Diego Science Fair Awards in April '96, please contact Jennifer Royce at 619-565-6479.

AWIS ANNIVERSARY

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AWIS will mark its 25th Anniversary in 1996 through high profile events and launching of new initiatives. The year-long celebration will: 1) highlight 25 years of accomplishments, national impact, and service, 2) honor supporters and expand AWIS's services and programs, and 3) raise funds in support of on-going projects (leadership development, career advancement, mentoring, and registry) and 4) launch new initiatives.

February 8-12, 1996:

Baltimore, MD, Several events are planned during the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

March/April:

AWIS will co-sponsor the 1996 Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Program organized by the National Academy of Sciences.

May:

A fund raising gala event in Washington, DC, is planned.

October:

AWIS will co-sponsor (tentative) the 1996 Margaret Pittman Lecture organized annually by the National Institutes of Health.

Support Opportunities: AWIS is seeking corporate sponsors to support any or all of the above programs.

AWIS ANNIVERSARY MAKES HEADLINE

In the December 11, 1995 issue of "The Scientist", AWIS was featured on the front cover. The article was titled "AWIS, Marking Its 25th Anniversary, Eyes Changed But Unfinished Tasks." The article discusses the early struggles, changing times, and building a network. "Still, these activists also believe that the organization's basic feminist purpose-to remove the barriers facing women in science-remains nearly the same after 25 years."

If any of you are interested in reading this article, please contact Denise Belsham at 619-534-1762 or Sharon Cherf at 619-282-9524.



SAN DIEGO'S CELEBRATION SAVE-THE-DATE!

Mark your calendars for APRIL 27, 1996!

1996 is the year, and the San Diego Natural History Museum is the place for our chapters "Celebration of Women in Science." This theme was selected for our event to recognize the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National AWIS organization.

We are hosting a reception for members, non-members and their guests the evening of Saturday, April 27th at the Museum in Balboa Park. Along with socializing with other participants, a nominal admission fee (to be determined) will allow you and your guest access to view any of the Museum's exhibits (including the currently running "Planet Insect" presentation...a series of insect exhibits highlighted by the enlarged, robotic insects), and enjoy the catered appetizers and beverages which will be served.

This should be an exceptional opportunity to reflect with other women scientists on both the accomplishments and lessons learned during our past 25 years of affiliations fostered by AWIS. Please keep the evening of April 27th open on your personal calendars and we'll look forward to seeing you there (additional information will follow).

WANT TO HELP PLAN OUR "CELEBRATION"?

We'd greatly appreciate your assistance in planning this event. We are currently forming a committee to manage all aspects of this reception (e.g., catering and decorations, invitations, valet parking, communications and publicity, fundraising, etc.) and would welcome your input, talents, skills, and/or time to our celebration a success. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Diana Martini at 619-603-3860 or via email at dmartini@isisph.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

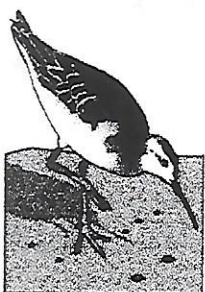
AWIS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

In the last newsletter, we asked AWIS members if anyone would be interested in receiving future AWIS Newsletters through email. Thank you to the 32 members who requested the newsletter by email. To the AWIS members who have not yet responded, we highly encourage you to participate in this new distribution method. Not only will it save on postage stamps, but time and trees! If you are interested, please send your requests to: scherf@comptek.com

In your request, please include your name, email address, company name (if applicable), and phone number.

"We want the facts to fit the preconception. When they don't, it is easier to ignore the facts than to change the preconceptions."

-Jessamyn West



SAN DIEGO AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

Lindo Lake, Saturday, Feb. 3, 8am - 12noon
A nice little birding spot right in the middle of Lakeside. An interesting pond in the northeast corner produces a good variety of birds that can be seen around the shoreline of the lake. Meet at 8 am. Take I-8 east to Highway 67. Go north on 67 and take the Riverford Road exit. After exiting, turn left on Woodside and go all the way to the end of Woodside, where park will be visible. Continue as road curves to the right and then to the left for about a block - then turn left into parking lot. Meet there. Picnic tables, water and restrooms available. Bring a lunch if you wish. Easy hiking. Allow about 30 minutes driving time from Mission Valley. For more information, Bill McCausland at 280-7710. Heavy rain cancels trip.

DID YOU RECEIVE A MENTORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE?

A mentorship questionnaire was sent out to people in early January. Please fill out the questionnaire if you attended any of our conference, brunches, or any of our night time seminars. The form may not quite fit what we have done, but use the space for "Additional Comments" to explain. Please mail the form back even if you missed the Jan. 15 deadline. Thank you your support and time is much appreciated.

AWIS HISTORIAN NEEDED

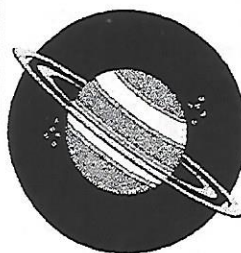
Anyone interested in serving as the AWIS chapter historian? Lynne Friedmann is in the process of purging AWIS chapter files and ran across old news clippings, chapter newsletters, etc. If anyone is interested in sorting or just storing these treasures, please contact Lynne at 72673.3524@compuserve.com or 619-793-3537.

*"The nice thing
about teamwork
is that you
always have
others on your
side."*

-Margaret Carty

WE APOLOGIZE FOR MIX-UP

Due to an error in our mailing procedure, Salk and Scripps did not receive the Nov/Dec '95 Newsletter. If you were one of the AWIS members who did not receive that issue and would like to get a copy of the newsletter, please email Sharon Cherf at: scherf@comptek.com or call 282-9524. Again we apologize for the mix-up.



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| Thu, Feb. 1 | "Earthquakes in Southern California," Dr. Duncan Agnew; 7:30pm |
| Sat, Feb. 3 | "Have a Heart" (class), 10-12noon; "Gobs of Goo" (class) 2-3pm |
| Sun, Feb. 4 | Young Astronauts Club (Grades 1-3), 1pm |
| Wed, Feb. 7 | "The Sky Tonight," 7pm |

For more information and location call 238-1233.

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