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AWIS San Diego News

AWIS Outreach Plans Career Day for Students.

Lee Fortunato

The Outreach Committee (in conjunction with the Salk Institute) will be sponsoring a science/career day on March 6th from 10 AM until 3 PM at the Salk Institute (in the Frederic de Hoffmann Auditorium). This event is designed to reach out to Junior/Senior High aged kids in an attempt to peak and keep their interest in science. Several members will be setting up booths to showcase their work and to provide hands on demonstrations relating to their scientific field of expertise. The ultimate goal of this event is to recruit young girls to be involved in a one-on-one mentoring program that we are trying to put into place this year. We would love to hear from anyone interested in either setting up a booth (we are especially looking for NON biologists - i.e., physicists, chemists, engineers, clinical workers), becoming a mentor, or bringing a child to the event (which is free of charge and will provide lunch if reserved prior to February 6th). Please call either Lee Fortunato or Anita McElroy at (619) 534-4584 or email Lee at leef@ucsd.edu for more information. Hope to see you there!

Workshop Speakers needed for Women in Bioscience IV

Andria Lee

Planning for our biannual Women in Bioscience conference is underway. The conference is scheduled for Saturday May 8, 1999 and will be held at the Salk Institute. Mark it on your calendar! This event is designed to promote networking among women scientists and science professionals at all levels, introduce women to the many career opportunities that exist in bioscience, and showcase positive role models to highlight the achievements of women scientists in the San Diego area. For more information on the conference, check out our web site at <http://awis.npaci.edu/wib> (after Feb. 1).

Panelists are needed for workshops on various topics including:

Bioinformatics
Academic Research
Patent Law / Intellectual Property
Industry R & D,
Balancing Family/Career
Clinical/Regulatory
Grantwriting
Project Management
Surviving the volatile biotech industry
Business Development
Independent Consulting
Job Trends in Bioscience
Scientific Writing
Entrepreneurship
Education
Government Service
Marketing/Sales

If you are interested in serving on a panel, or know of anyone who might be interested, contact Andria Lee at andria@scripps.edu.

Become a Member of AWIS - San Diego

Judith Finlay -

Please join; we are in the process of updating our membership database. In the past, we have provided our newsletter to many AWIS "affiliates" and non-members as a courtesy. As the newsletter is produced at significant cost to our organization, the mailings will be limited to members only in the near future.

To join, send your name, mailing address, zip code, and phone number to Judith Finlay. email: sdawis@aol.com, or PO Box 178096, San Diego CA 92177-8096.

Improve your speaking skills.

Barbara Armstrong

The AWIS Outreach Committee organizes a Speakers Bureau which provides speakers to 7th through 12th grade science classes. Volunteers to this program will be asked to give a talk on their career, education, field of research or job. To volunteer, contact Diana Hussey, Director, AWIS Speakers Bureau @ (619) 687-5580.

UCSD CONNECT Athena's Pinnacle Award Will Honor Executives and Corporations Working to Promote Women Leaders

Athena, an organization that unites senior women executives in high tech and life sciences companies, has a vision of what makes successful leaders. They are executives who foster personal and professional change to help female colleagues reach management level positions. To

promote these efforts, Athena will honor business executives, educators, and companies who exemplify this vision with their Pinnacle Awards.

Candidates will be selected from high technology, biotech, and health-care as well as service industries, such as law, accounting, education, and public relations. Application forms are available from CONNECT Athena and entries will be accepted until February 15, 1999. Winners will be recognized during a luncheon awards program at the Hilton Torrey Pines in La Jolla on April 20, 1999.

"Winners of the first Pinnacle Awards will be leaders who embrace a philosophy of risk-taking, continuing education, diversity of thought, and an inclusive management style," said Karen Klause, president of Athena and president of Digirad Corporation, a leading medical imaging company.

Pinnacle Awards will be presented to individuals as well as small, medium, and large San Diego companies in both the technology and service categories. A special Educator Pinnacle Award will also be presented.

For more information contact Tanya Hincapie at (619) 534-6114.

Upcoming Events

February:

Valuable Networking and Good Eats at the "Women in Bioscience" Happy Hour

Sharon Wampler

For those of you unfamiliar with this bimonthly event, it is a happy hour to promote networking and communication between women in bioscience. Organized by Tom Studebaker, a business development consultant, this gathering has grown in popularity and is a fabulous way to meet the "movers and shakers" in San Diego biotech. AWIS is delighted to invite its members to join in this event. Come join us!

When: 5:30 pm. Tuesday Feb. 2
Where: El Torito Restaurant (on Villa La Jolla Drive)

Next AAAS meeting to be held in Anaheim California

The 1999 AAAS Annual meeting & Science Innovation Exposition will be held in Anaheim California, January 21 through the 26th, 1999 at the Anaheim Hilton & Anaheim Marriot.

Information about the event including program, registration information, and fees can be found at their website: <http://www.aaas.org>.

Announcing Upcoming Networking Opportunities for Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering

Excerpted from AAAS fax announcement.

The Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR) Programs at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will be sponsoring several events to be held in conjunction with the 1999 AAAS Annual Meeting and Science Innovation Exposition. These events will be held at the Anaheim Hilton at 777 Convention Way, Anaheim, CA, and will be free and open to the public. These events, listed below, promise to be excellent networking opportunities for women and minorities in science and engineering.

For more information please contact: Nathan Bell, Project Coordinator; AAAS, EHR Programs, 1200 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005, Tel: (202) 326-7019, E-mail: nbell@aaas.org

Women & Minorities Resource Room.

Friday, January 22 1999 to
Monday, January 25, 1999.
noon to 4:30 p.m.
Anaheim Hilton, Lido A

The Women & Minorities Resource Room will provide information on current projects being conducted by the Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR) Programs. EHR staff will be available to answer questions and provide information on activities of the Directorate that are geared toward advancing the status of

women and minorities in science and engineering. Publications, materials, and project brochures will be available.

Minority Women in Science (MWIS) Networking Reception.

Saturday, January 23, 1999.
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Anaheim Hilton, Balboa A

Minority Women in Science (MWIS) is a national network group which began its work 19 years ago as a special interest group of AAAS. The objectives of this network are to identify and share information on resources and programs that could help in mentoring young women and minorities interested in science and engineering, and to strengthen communication among women and minorities in science and engineering. Information will be available on projects, publications, and other relevant data on science and engineering careers.

Association for Puerto Ricans in Science; and Engineering (APRSE) Semi-Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 23, 1999
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Anaheim Hilton, Lido A

The Association for Puerto Ricans in Science and Engineering (APRSE) meets twice annually to discuss current issues and trends in science and engineering. Any interested individuals are invited to attend. Information will be available on current local and national programs.

Miscellaneous Information



Online Information

The Internet is becoming an increasingly important tool for scientists. Please let us know about some of the great web pages you've found and think might be of interest to other AWISers, send e-mail to 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. Include in the Subject: line "Subscribe to AWIS Email". In the body, include your full name.

UCSD Extension offers seminar on Alternative Careers.

Are you interested in learning about career opportunities outside of research science? Are you in academia and want to explore other opportunities in employment? UCSD Extension is offering a seminar called: Alternative Careers in Science: Moving From Academe to Industry. Speaker Cynthia Robbins-Roth, Ph.D., founder of BioVenture Consultants and BioVenture Publishing, will cover career tracks, qualifications, promotional opportunities, and salary ranges. The seminar (Course #GINT-80638) will be given Monday, Jan. 25 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Fee is \$39.00. Call (619) 534-5400.

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Please give us your new address so you won't miss our mailings! Please phone or mail changes to the AWIS voicemail or PO Box or better yet email the changes to Judith Finlay (sdawis@aol.com).	

- Get involved!
- We've got many committees to choose from that always need a hand!
 - Attend an AWIS Activity!
 - Attend an AWIS Board Meeting!
 - Looking forward to meeting you!

AWIS San Diego Calendar 1999

Month	Activity	Date	Coordinator
January			
February	Women in Bioscience Happy Hour	Feb. 2, 1999. 5:30pm. El Torito Restaurant (Villa La Jolla Dr.	Sharon Wampler
March	TBD	TBD	TBD
April	"Greater San Diego Science Fair – AWIS Judging"	TBD	Jennifer Royce
May	Bioconference http://awis.npaci.edu/wib	5/8/99	Grai Andreason/Ellen Kronninger
	Science Fair Awards	TBD	Jennifer Royce
June	TBD	TBD	TBD
Important AWIS Information	Call: AWIS Voice Mail 619-687-5580	Visit: AWIS National Web Site http://www.awis.org AWIS-San Diego: http://awis.npaci.edu	Write: AWIS, San Diego Chapter P.O. Box 178096 San Diego, CA 92177-8096 AWIS National 1522 K St., NW, Suite 820 Washington, DC 20005

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About the AWIS Newsletter

The AWIS Newsletter is published bimonthly and provides AWIS members and supporters with information on chapter activities, career developments, 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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