

# AWIS Newsletter

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## IT'S HERE! AWIS ANNIVERSARY

Update on the Upcoming AWIS 25th Anniversary Celebration Plans are quickly coming together for our reception on the evening of Saturday, April 27, 1996 at the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, and we hope that you will plan on attending. The theme of the reception is "A Celebration of Women in Science" and the evening will include an opportunity for approximately 200 women scientists and their guests to gather information pertaining to various local organizations dedicated, along with AWIS, to facilitating the development of women in the sciences (e.g. American Chemical Society, Graduate Women in Science, Moms in Science, etc.). In addition, participants will enjoy the Museum's exhibits (including their current "Planet Insect" presentation), live music by Tobacco Road, an appetizer buffet, champagne, and beverages along with a raffle for door prizes.

Two highlights of the evening program will be the presentation of the honorific title of AWIS Fellow to local scientist and former AWIS President, Dr. Pamela Surko and the presentation of a San Diego City Proclamation, presented by San Diego City Councilmember, Christine Kehoe, to honor Dr. Surko along with AWIS and AWIS-San Diego Chapter, respectively, and their significant contributions in support of women in scientific research in local academia, government, and industry. In addition, the current AWIS-San Diego Board members will recognize past board members and their contributions to the first ten years of the AWIS-San Diego Chapter.

Please mark your calendars and send in the completed enclosed registration form (see Anniversary flyer) along with your signed check prior to April 1. Admission is \$15 per members/non-members and \$7 per students. Your admission confirmation will be sent to you within one week prior to the reception (no admissions will be available at the door, so please act now). If you have any questions,

please call our AWIS Anniversary Hotline at 619-603-2531 for an update on general information about the event or leave a name, phone number, and a brief message and one of our committee members will get back to you as soon as possible.

## AWIS ANNIVERSARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

If you, your employer, or associates would like to volunteer your time and talents in support of this event, or contribute door prizes or "in-kind" or monetary donations, please don't hesitate to call the AWIS Anniversary Hotline 619-603-2531. Leave your name and appropriate contact information (phone, fax, and/or e-mail) and one of our committee members will get back to you as soon as possible. Any and all support are welcome!

## STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SAN DIEGO SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS 1996

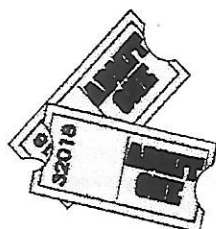
If anyone is interested in participating as a judge in the upcoming Greater San Diego Science Fair Awards on April, 10, 1996, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, please contact Jennifer Royce at 619-565-6479.

## SPOTLIGHT ON AWIS

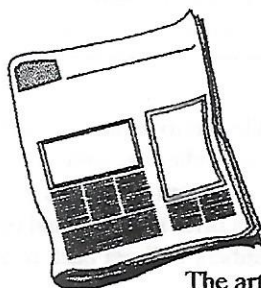
As part of Women's History Month, AWIS San Diego will be featured in an exhibit showcasing women's mentoring in San Diego. The exhibit will be on public display at the City Concourse (3rd & B St.) during business hours from March 4 through 29. The exhibit was organized by the City of San Diego Commission on the Status of Women. For more information call 236-6500.

*"Reach high,  
for stars lie  
hidden in your  
soul. Dream  
deep, for every  
dream precedes  
the goal."*

-Pamela Vaull  
Starr







## AWIS IN THE NEWS

The February 19th edition of USA Today carried an extensive article on AWIS and its 25 years of accomplishment in the areas of advocacy, mentoring, and leadership training.

The article entitled, "Association Is A Catalyst For Change," contains profiles and observations about the role of women scientists from Noble Laureate Gertrude Elion, National Medal of Science/Technology recipients Vera Rubin and Mildred Dresselhaus, AWIS President Jaleh Daie, and National Academy of Sciences president Bruce Alberts, among others.

## FORMER AWIS PRESIDENT NAMED AWIS FELLOW

Pamela Surko, Ph.D., Sector Chief Scientist at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) has been named an AWIS Fellow. This is the highest honor bestowed by AWIS and recognizes the significant contributions to science and to the goals of the organization. There are currently only 25 individuals who hold the title AWIS Fellow.

Surko earned her Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California at Berkeley. Her career includes 10 years as a faculty member and high-energy physics experimentalist at Princeton University and eight years at AT&T Bell Laboratories before joining SAIC where she is a senior computer scientist specializing in artificial intelligence.

Surko's numerous honors include SAIC Executive Science and Technology Council member, 1991 Tribute to Women in Industry Honoree from the YWCA San Diego, AT&T Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, and 1986 Woman Scientist of the Year Award from the AWIS Metropolitan New York chapter. Surko was AWIS President from 1984-1986.

*"There is a growing strength in women but it's in the forehead, not the forearm"*

-Beverly Sills

## WWW DEMOS

San Diego State University will be conducting WWW demonstrations in the Library, Room 430. No registration required. Please contact Bruce Harley, 594-5014 or [harley@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:harley@mail.sdsu.edu) if you need additional information. The following is a list of demonstrations:

Introduction to the WWW

Advanced Netscape

Searching the Internet: General

Searching the Internet: Biology

Searching the Internet: Business

Searching the Internet: Government Information

## AWIS NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?

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### About the AWIS Newsletter

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