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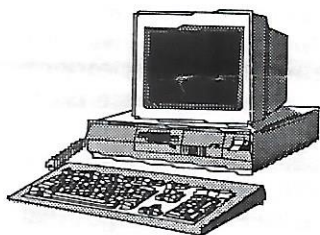
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AWIS March Event

Join AWIS at Cramer's in downtown San Diego, located at Old Columbia, 1167 Columbia St., on Thursday, March 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The guest speaker for this event will be Dr. Florence Hazeltine, Director of the Center for Population Research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and AWIS Executive Board Member. The cost to attend this event will be \$5 for AWIS members and \$10 for non-members. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Also, a no-host bar, featuring Karl Strauss' famous microbrewed beer, will be available.

For additional details see the attached flyer or call the AWIS office at 619-687-5580.



Women in Computer Science

The San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) has worked with the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computer Science Research to publish and distribute its brochure, "Women in Computer Science".

The brochure answers questions that young women may have about competing in science and engineering classes or being in classes where they are outnumbered by males. The women in the brochure discuss these issues but also describe the intellectual stimulation of their fields, the exciting jobs they discovered after graduating, and the continuing opportunities for career advancement.

"The booklet presents a spectrum of female role models at all career levels," said Fran Berman, a UCSD computer science professor, SDSC senior fellow, and past co-chair of Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computer Science Research. "This is especially important for young women who may not come in contact with successful women in computer science and engineering."

For further information:
<http://www.sdsc.edu/Education>



Lynne Friedmann Named AWIS Fellow

Lynne Friedmann has been elected as a 1997 AWIS Fellow, the highest recognition bestowed by AWIS on individuals. AWIS Fellows are selected on the basis of their significant contributions to the mission of AWIS by promoting women in science through leadership, education, advocacy, or service.

Friedmann has been an AWIS member for more than 10 years and has served AWIS at both the

local and national level. She is a past member of the AWIS San Diego board of directors, chapter newsletter editor, and chaired the first Women in Bioscience conference. As a member of the national AWIS Executive Board, she has served as AWIS Secretary, was AWIS' first public relations committee chair, is a regular contributor to the AWIS Magazine, and helped organize several AWIS chapter and leadership conferences. She has received a number of public relations industry awards for her volunteer work on behalf of AWIS.

As a new AWIS Fellow, Friedmann was honored during a reception at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Seattle.

Friedmann is the second San Diego woman to be named an AWIS Fellow. The other is Dr. Pamela Surko of SAIC who is a past AWIS National President.

Congratulations Lynne!

Calendar of Events

February 20	AWIS Education Outreach Committee Monthly Meeting
March 11	AWIS Monthly Board Meeting
March 18	AWIS Monthly Event
April 8	AWIS Monthly Board Meeting
April 15	AWIS Education Outreach Committee Monthly Meeting
April 25	UCSD CONNECT/Athena Conference
May 3	Women in Bioscience Conference

For more information, please see articles in this issue or call the AWIS Hotline 619-687-5580.

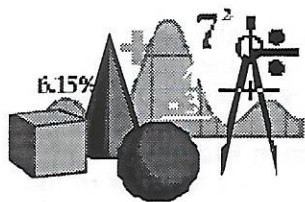
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Science Olympiad by Sue Lowery

On February 8, AWIS Education Outreach members assisted in coaching the Science Olympiad team for Roosevelt Jr. High. Some of the goals for the Science Olympiad teams were 1) raising the awareness for the importance of science and engineering; 2) establishing that science can be a fun activity for all students; and 3) developing a sense of competence and accomplishment for participants. Out of 23 teams, Barbara's "Science of Fitness" students placed 4th, Sue's "BioProcesses" students placed 13th, and Felicia's "Water Quality" students finished. Congratulations to all the students and coaches!

"Coaching the students was an enjoyable experience and I would recommend it to anyone who might be interested next year."

If you would like more information about serving as a coach for the next Olympiad (next year) call Barbara Armstrong at the AWIS voice-mail 687-5580 or email: Barbara_Armstrong@Sequana.com



AWIS Education Outreach Committee Activities by Barbara Armstrong

The AWIS Education Outreach committee has a number of activities: it provides speakers to

science classes at local schools and the members have written "hands-on" experiments and presented them at the San Diego Science Educators conference held annually in March. This year, AWIS Education Outreach committee coached a junior high school team participating in the Science Olympiad (see above article by Sue Lowery).

The AWIS Outreach committee has had four requests for speakers to local schools this year; one talk was on gene hunting and genetic diseases. If you would like to speak to a science class, contact Diana Hussey via email: dhussey@jeeves.ucsd.edu.

New Outreach committee members are always welcome. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Barbara at the AWIS voice-mail: 687-5580; or email:

Barbara_Armstrong@Sequana.com



Local Science Teacher Honored

Out of 36 teachers selected nationwide, Maryanna Quon Warner, who teaches at Del Dios Middle School, received the outstanding science teacher honor at the American Teacher Awards, sponsored by the Walt Disney Company, and McDonald's in December. In addition to this award, Warner was among 12 named outstanding in a particular subject area.

A committee comprising representatives of more than two dozen education organizations selected the winners. Her style is to talk to the students in their

language, stay up to their energy level, and relate science to everyday life. "I like the physical interaction with kids that are actively learning," Warner said. "When a kid understands, it's just a really big thrill. I like that the best."

Each of this year's 36 honorees received \$2,500; the schools of the 12 outstanding teachers receive a like amount. Congratulations Maryanna!

AWIS Co-Sponsors CONNECT Conference

On Friday, April 25, UCSD CONNECT/Athena will present "Building Capital Through Women: A Competitive Organizational Strategy." The conference takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Marriott.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Judy Rosener, Professor, UC Irvine Graduate School of Management, and author of "America's Competitive Secret: Utilizing Women as a Management Strategy." She is the author of the 1990 path breaking article, "Ways Women Lead", published in the Harvard Business Review.

Female underutilization is a key issue for all businesses -- whether high-tech, biotech, banks, law firms, accounting firms, or other service providers. This conference is aimed at CEOs, line managers, professionals in service firms, and human resource professionals and is timely because the changes that help organizations more fully utilize the talents of women are the same changes that will give companies an important edge in today's fast-changing, service-oriented global workplace.

AWIS San Diego is proud to join Coopers & Lybrand LLP and Athena as co-sponsors of the event. Athena was established by UCSD CONNECT to facilitate networking opportunities among senior women executives at CONNECT member

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and sponsor companies and to address the business issues confronted by women in senior management roles.

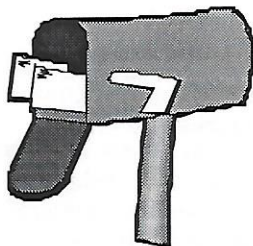
Registration fee is \$125 per person which includes breakfast, conference program, lunch, and parking. To register or for more information, contact UCSD CONNECT, La Jolla, CA 92093-0176, phone 619-534-6114; fax 619-552-0649; email connect@ucsd.edu; web page <http://www.connect.org/connect>

Junior League of San Diego

Junior League of San Diego is beginning its 67th year, and is now accepting members for the 1997/98 provisional class. Membership is an open application process, and does not require any type of sponsorship. Women of all ages are welcome. In addition to being an outstanding volunteer organization, it's a great way to meet other people in the community.

Junior League is an international organization of women committed to developing the potential of women, promoting voluntarism, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

If you're interested in learning more about membership and the Junior League of San Diego, please attend one of the following informational meetings and/or contact the Junior League office at 619-234-2253 to have more information sent to you.



A Note from the Editor "A Call for Articles"

Because there is so much information out there and I find it difficult to keep up with all the changes, trends, and news, I am accepting submissions of articles for the AWIS Newsletter. Please send any articles that you would like to share with other AWIS members (preferably) via email to: scherf@qualcomm.com or snail-mail:

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Your articles will be reviewed, edited, and may be included in a future newsletter.

News/Articles to look for:

- Upcoming Events
- Women's Issues
- Women to Recognize
- Science News
- Local Science News
- Announcements
- Conferences
- Education
- Industry News
- Women & Science

Also, if you know of anyone who might be a good resource of information let me know.

Thanks for your help!
Sharon Cherf, Editor

Fifty years from now it will not matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much you had in your bank account, or what your clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of a child.

-Anonymous

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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Send news items and suggestions to Sharon Cherf, 6455 Lusk Blvd, Q-243M, San Diego, CA 92121. If you would like your article to be included in the next issue, please send your items in by February 28, 1997. For AWIS membership information call the AWIS voice mail line at 619-687-5580.

Please call Sharon Cherf at 619-651-1148 if you'd like to join the newsletter committee.