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Get Involved

The next National AWIS Executive Board meeting is scheduled for February 10-11, 1996, in Baltimore Maryland, during the AAAS annual meeting. Executive Board meetings are open to all AWIS members. You are encouraged to attend and participate. For time, location, and agenda information, contact the AWIS National Office, (800) 886-AWIS; email awis@awis.org.

AWIS Newsletter Via Email?

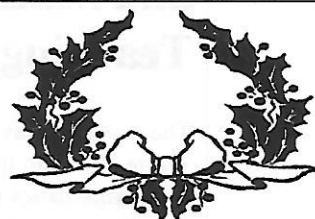
Anyone interested in receiving future AWIS Newsletters through email? We would like to send out the next AWIS Newsletter through email to those of you who have email addresses (and to those of you who don't will still receive it through regular mail). This new distribution method will reduce the cost of postage for AWIS (and AWIS members will receive the newsletter much sooner). 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.

Feminist Research Colloquium

Wednesday, December 6, 1:00 - 3:00pm, Scripps Cottage, San Diego State University. "Birthing the Crone: Menopause and Aging Through an Artist's Eye", Helen Redman, San Diego Artist.

The Department of Women's Studies Feminist Research Colloquium is free of charge and open to the public. For further information please call 619-594-6524.



Holiday Message

On behalf of the San Diego Chapter of AWIS, we extend our sincere wish for a peaceful and joyous holiday season and happiness in the new year. *Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!*

American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting & Science Innovation Exposition 1996

Join an array of scientists, educators, and policymakers in examining issues and emerging research from all areas of science on February 8-13, 1996 in Baltimore, MD. This year's theme "Where Science Comes to Life."

- Learn from the experts
- Discover recent developments in risk assessment, environmental clean up, and sustainability
- Explore the latest in medical research; AIDS, the human genome, neuroscience, and cardiovascular science
- Find out about new issues in government science policy and funding
- Get full details on science education reform

For more info: (202) 326-6417

"I have found that sitting in a place where you have never sat before can be inspiring"

-Dodie Smith

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching (PAESMT)

The program was established in 1983 by The White House to identify outstanding science and mathematics teachers in each state and other jurisdictions. These teachers will serve as models for their colleagues and will be leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics education.

AWARD: A \$7,500 National Science Foundation grant to the awardee's school, to be spent under the awardee's direction to improve school mathematics and science programs. An expense-paid trip for the awardee and spouse/guest to Washington, D.C. for an Awards Ceremony and Presidential Citation, meetings with leaders in government and education, and workshops to share ideas and teaching experiences. Gifts from private sector donors.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION: K-12 teachers who have completed five years of teaching and who spend at least 50 percent of their time in the classroom. Candidates apply in one of four awards groups: 1) elementary mathematics 2) elementary science 3) secondary mathematics or (4) secondary science. Finalists from each group receive \$750 and consideration for the Presidential Award in that category.

HOW TO APPLY: PAESMT, National Science Teachers Association, 1840 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201-3000, (703) 243-7100

Deadline for nominations: December 1, 1995
Deadline for teacher application packets: February 28, 1996

Bird Watchers

Anyone with an interest in learning more about birds and their identification is welcome to the San Diego Field Ornithologists meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm at the Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Rd., Pacific Beach.

Check Out Resources Available for YOU!

AWIS has the following resources available for members to check out. If you are interested in any of the following listing(s), please contact Denise Belsham or Melody Clark at 619-534-1762.

Location: 2071 Cellular & Molecular Medicine East, UCSD
email: dbelsham@ucsd.edu OR meclark@ucsd.edu

Soft Cover Books or Reports:

- Community and the Bank, 1995 Annual Report (Bank of America's involvement in the community)
- Report on the Advancement of the Status of Women, Sep 1993, US Dept. of Energy
- College and Beyond: How do I get there from here?, Apr 1992 (Panel discussions & presentations from the Science Careers in Search of Women Conference held at Argonne Natl. Lab, Apr 24, 1992)
- The History of Women and Science, Health and Technology, 1993 (a biographic guide to the professions and the disciplines)
- Mentoring means future scientists, July 1993 (a guide to developing mentoring programs based on AWIS mentoring programs)
- On being a scientist - responsible conduct in research, 1995

Reference lists and articles (sent by National AWIS):

- academic advising
- mentoring
- balancing work and social life
- career opportunities
- family and medical leave - know your rights
- career opportunities in the sciences
- women in science - reports from Science magazine
- educating American Indian/Alaska Native elementary and secondary students
- networking

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 nonmembers is \$20 a year.

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Send news items and suggestions by **January 8, 1995** to Csilla Fenczik, Attn: AWIS Newsletter, 127 El Portal, Encinitas, CA 92024. Csilla may also be contacted for AWIS membership information.

"Yesterday I dared to struggle. Today I dare to win."

-Bernadette Devlin