

AWIS-PHL

Newsletter - Winter 2002

Calendar

Feb. 5 Women and Cardiovascular Health (watch for new flyer)

Ginger Constantine, MD and Rebecca Shirk or Steve Adelman
Wyeth, Collegeville, PA

Mar. 6 Soy Bowman-Birk inhibitor as a Chemopreventive Agent

Ann Kennedy, U Penn

McClelland Hall in the Quad, U Penn, Philadelphia, PA

Apr 25 Biological Investigations in Cueva de Villa Luz, a Sulfur Cave in
Southern Mexico

Lynn G. Kleina and Douglas S. Soroka

Glaxo-SmithKline, Collegeville, PA

May Awards dinner.

Call for Nominations for the Elizabeth Bingham Award

Think back on your career, no matter how long or short it has been. Has there been someone who has had a great impact on your career as a role model, or as a mentor? Was there someone who helped you and others select or advance in your careers or who was willing to listen to your problems and give you support when needed? If so, you now have an opportunity to recognize that person's contribution.

AWIS-PHL is now accepting nominations for our Elizabeth Bingham Award. This award is given to a distinguished scientist who has significantly influenced the advancement of women in science. An engraved plaque is presented to the winner at our May awards banquet. Nominating letters, accompanied by a brief biography (no set format for nominations) are due by April 1, 2002, to Eleni Anni, Thomas Jefferson University, 279 Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, contact Eleni by email <Eleni.Anni@mail.tju.edu> or phone at (215) 503-5064 voice mail #2.

Chapter Officers

Anyone wishing to nominate or be nominated for a position on the AWIS-PHL Board for 2001-2002, contact Dr. Angela Steele by March 15, 2002 at <Angela_Steel-1@sbphrd.com>.

Briefly, the duties of each officer are:

President-Elect (first year-coordinate elections, second year-President, third year-Past President, travel awards)

Vice-President (one year term) - coordinate meeting programs for the chapter
Secretary (one year term) - coordinate all mailings for chapter (meeting announcements, newsletters, etc.)

Treasurer (one year term) - coordinate finances for chapter (chapter bills, membership dues, etc.)

Mentoring/Outreach Opportunities

AWIS-PHL will again join WCC ACS in the "**Expand Your Horizons**" Program at Chestnut Hill College on **Saturday, March 9, 2002**. This program introduces 6th grade girls to hands-on science. Watch for a more detailed announcement soon.

Scientists, women and men, are invited to participate in the Sixth Annual Science and Technology Career Day at Pennypacker School on Thursday, March 14, 2002 from 8:30 to noon. All students, K-5, will have an opportunity to meet with scientists as a way to gain more understanding of how these fields of work make our lives better. For additional details, contact Ellen Hart, science teacher, at <elali@earthlink.net>.

Career Development Grant Opportunity

The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) invites institutional career development award applications for Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Career Development Programs. Programs will support research career development of junior faculty members. Details may be found at < <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-02-001.html> >.

Introduce a Friend to AWIS

The new millennium has started and it is a great time to introduce your professional friends and colleagues to AWIS. Invite a friend to accompany you to our next meeting and share our great networking opportunities and the support that is offered by our local chapter. AWIS-PHL has varied monthly programming so that a wide range of topics is covered every year - something for everyone. And, we always have opportunities available for people who would like to organize or

host a monthly meeting! This organization is open to both men and women, so invite a friend (or a whole carload) to attend our next meeting.

National AWIS 30th Anniversary Leadership Conference

The observations of Nancy Rawson, representing AWIS-PHL are briefly summarized here, and will be available in more detail on the AWIS-PHL web page.

The session on **AWIS Unity** identified

- 1)improving communication between National AWIS, local chapters and individual members
- 2)increasing outreach to non-Ph.D. scientists and individual members without local chapters
- 3)increasing visibility on campuses and at meetings of other national organizations.

In the session on **Research Findings on Women and Girls in Science and Technology,**

Ruta Sevo of the National Science Foundation, discussed the slow progress toward equity and some options for improvements.

A workshop on Chapter Leadership **Challenges and Successes** included a variety of successful fund raising activities by the San Diego Chapter.

Some key points for National AWIS to work on in the coming months were outlined:

- 1)Identify prospects for fundraising efforts
- 2)Improve communication of goals
- 3)Increase international connections
- 4)Increase AWIS as a player on the national scene/influencing policy
- 5)Provide a supportive environment to learn skills through sessions at meetings of AWIS or other scientific societies

General areas of focus should include: 1)Policy guidance, 2)Skill set development, 3)Facilitate networking, 4)Support/promote/initiate outreach efforts.

Contributions to the AWIS-PHL news letter are always welcome.

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