

# AWIS

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE

*Chicago*

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in all areas of science, technology, and engineering.

The Chicago Area Chapter of the Association for Women in Science was founded in 1978 as a local chapter of the national organization.

For membership information, please visit us at:

[www.awis-chicago.org](http://www.awis-chicago.org)

## Chicago Area Chapter Board Members

### **President**

Sandy Pearce, Ph.D.

### **Past President**

Heather Behanna, Ph.D.

### **VP for Programs**

Renee Theiss, Ph.D.

### **VP for Finance**

Melanie Schroeder Patterson, Ph.D.

### **VP for Membership**

Joy Ramos, Ph.D.

### **VP for Communications/ Public Relations**

Jessica Reimer, Ph.D.

### **VP for Outreach**

Jen Crawford

### **Newsletter Editor**

Kara Johnson, Ph.D.

## Mission

## Inside...

Recent Events.....	page 2
Building Partnerships.....	page 3
Upcoming Events.....	page 4
Get Involved.....	page 5
Sponsorship.....	page 6

## Spring Social Networking Event

AWIS-CAC hosted a wine tasting event at Drinks Over Dearborn on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

The event was attended by approximately 20 female scientists, including the Chicago Chapter board members. Six wines and one liquor were sampled. It was a great opportunity to meet women from various scientific disciplines, several of whom had never been to an AWIS-CAC event before.



## Chicago Public Schools Science Fair

On **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, AWIS-CAC volunteers presented a Special Award to four young girls who showed the most promise in their science specialty. The event took place at the Museum of Science and Industry. This science fair features the best projects from all over Chicago and is the last stage before students advance to the international INTEL Science and Engineering Fair, which was held in Reno, Nevada this year.

## 3rd Annual AWIS Innovator Award Dinner: Capturing Life at the Interface

This year, AWIS-CAC honored Dr. Tijana Rajh, leader of the Nanobio Interfaces group at the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne National Laboratory. She gave a brief talk about her career and experiences as a female scientist. The event was held at Scoozi! on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Argonne distributed a press release describing the award and AWIS, generating local press for our chapter.



## Science of the Small

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, *AWIS-CAC partnered with the Institute for Nanotechnology, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Northwestern University, and Science Chicago* to host a nanotechnology workshop. Sessions included interactive demonstrations, tours of nanotechnology facilities and the opportunity to talk one-on-one with local scientists.

## Negotiation Skills Workshops (Part II): Negotiation in Industry

The second part in our negotiation skills series took place on **February 27<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Abbott Laboratories**. Our speaker, Jamie Stacey, is a Director of Talent acquisition at Abbott. She has worked at Abbott for 12 years, with 7 years of experience in Talent Acquisition, and has a background in chemistry and cancer research. She provided insight into negotiating for industry positions.

## Women on Boards

*AWIS-CAC partnered with Women on Boards*, for a **March 9<sup>th</sup>** panel discussion that provided information for women wishing to serve on a board of directors.

## Motherhood and Success in Science

On **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, *AWIS-CAC partnered with Northwestern University and the University of Chicago* for a discussion focused on balancing a career in science and motherhood. Panelists included contributors from the book *Motherhood: The Elephant in the Laboratory*, by Emily Monosson (editor).

## AAAS and AWIS

The national AWIS organization and AWIS-CAC hosted several events at the annual *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)* meeting here in Chicago. AWIS-CAC was pleased to invite members to attend the 2009 AWIS Fellows Award Reception on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** and a Networking Breakfast and Program event (Learn to Juggle without Joining the Circus: Strategies to Deal with Your Career and Work-Life Balance Challenges) on **February 16<sup>th</sup>**. The AWIS-CAC board came away from these events with new ideas for our chapter activities, and we look forward to implementing them.



## Argonne National Laboratory Open House

Argonne is opening its gates to the community **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — rain or shine. Nearly 100 engaging exhibits, demonstrations, tours and presentations are being planned for a day of fun and education for the entire family.

Join other AWIS members at this event to network with Chicago community scientists and learn about exciting new research.



[http://www.anl.gov/Community\\_and\\_Environment/Open\\_House.html](http://www.anl.gov/Community_and_Environment/Open_House.html)

## Fall 2009 Kickoff Event

Join us on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Windy City Wine Festival!**



Come socialize with other Chicago area scientists at this fun city festival at Daley Bicentennial Plaza. Details coming soon, including how to register at a discounted rate for the tastings.

Questions? Contact [awischicago@yahoo.com](mailto:awischicago@yahoo.com)

# Coming Soon!

New Website! Visit [www.awis-chicago.org](http://www.awis-chicago.org) this fall to see the updates!

## Join a Committee

We have grown to 75 active members! We encourage everyone to get involved in one of our committees.

1. Event planning (Renee Theiss)
2. Outreach (Jen Crawford)
3. Fundraising/sponsorship (Melanie Patterson)
4. Membership/recruitment (Joy Ramos)

Please email [awischicago@yahoo.com](mailto:awischicago@yahoo.com) if you would like to join!

---

## Volunteer

### Women in Science Symposium (Spring, 2010)

AWIS is currently organizing committee volunteers for our upcoming Women in Science symposium in conjunction with C2ST. The committees include: Corporate Sponsorship, Facilities, PR, Publications, Registration, Scholarship, Speakers and Website.

Your commitment level can be based on your individual availability!

Email Jen Crawford at [jen.crawford34@gmail.com](mailto:jen.crawford34@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### Argonne National Laboratory Open House (Sat, August 29<sup>th</sup>)

Volunteers are needed to represent AWIS-Chicago at the Argonne open house. Each year, the open house brings in 20,000 people from the Chicago area for exhibits, tours, demonstrations and presentations. This would be a great opportunity to get to know Argonne and its scientists.

[http://www.anl.gov/Community\\_and\\_Environment/Open\\_House.html](http://www.anl.gov/Community_and_Environment/Open_House.html).

Email [awischicago@yahoo.com](mailto:awischicago@yahoo.com) if you are interested!

## Gold Sponsor (\$5000 or Greater)

- 10 sponsored AWIS memberships
- Logo on the front page of our website (with link to company website) for one calendar year
- Logo on all advertisements for events for one calendar year
- ½ page advertisement in both installments of our newsletter
- Presence at our annual career panel
- Listing on the sponsorship page of our website
- AWIS involvement in company science outreach initiatives

## Silver Sponsor (\$3000)

- 6 sponsored AWIS memberships
- Logo on advertisements for 3 events in one calendar year
- ¼ page advertisement in both installments of our newsletter
- Listing on the sponsorship page of our website
- AWIS involvement in company science outreach initiatives

## Bronze Sponsor (\$1000)

- 2 sponsored AWIS memberships
- Logo on advertisements for 1 event in one calendar year
- 1/8 page advertisement in both installments of our newsletter
- Listing on the sponsorship page of our website
- AWIS involvement in company science outreach initiatives

## Friend of AWIS (< \$1000)

- Listing on the sponsorship page of our website
- Name mentioned in our newsletter