



Association for Women in Science

"Dedicated to achieving equity and full participation for women in science, technology, and engineering"

Mission

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.

www.awis-chicago.org

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Recent Events



Book Club

On October 4th, 2007, AWIS members met at Ethel's Chocolate Lounge at the Old Orchard Shopping Center to discuss “**Women Don’t Ask**” by **Linda Babcock** and **Sara Laschever**.



Public Speaking for Women— Learning Through Critique

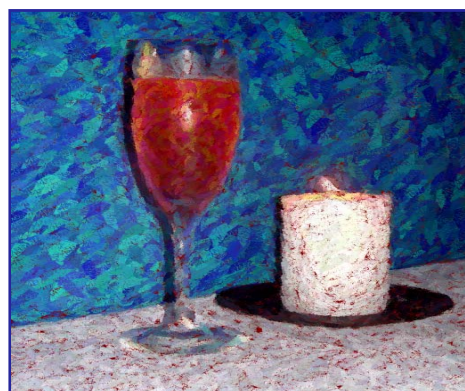
On November 18th, 2007, AWIS hosted a public speaking event at La Vita in Chicago featuring :

- Lisa Bernstein**,
Wilson Dickinson
Professor of Law,
U of C
- Emily Kadens**,
Assistant Professor,
University of Texas at Austin
- Robin Efron**, (pictured) Bigelow
Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law,
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Beauty Bar

On August 30th and December 6th, 2007, AWIS members gathered at Elm Street Liquors in downtown Chicago for martinis, massages, manicures, chocolate, and sushi.



Networking Workshop – “What is it, and how can I do it well?”

On February 20th, 2008, AWIS hosted a networking event at the Illinois Science and Technology Park in Skokie. Attendees learned the basics of networking and practiced their new skills over appetizers and drinks. Many thanks to our speaker, **Heather Sevener**, Assistant Director of Graduate Services, Biological and Physical Sciences, University of Chicago!



Recent Events, cont'd



AWIS–Chicago Area Chapter, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago sponsored the:

Diverse Careers in the Sciences

panel on March 14th, 2008

at

THE GORDON CENTER

FOR INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE

929 E. 59th Street

Chicago, IL 60637

Presenters from left to right:

Jennifer Hepker, PhD, Prescott Communications

Karl Reich, PhD, CSO, Independent Forensics

Cynthia Wallner, PhD, Senior Consultant, Sg2

Kara Johnson, PhD Scientific Affairs Area

Manager, Abbott Laboratories



AWIS presented special awards at the 58th Annual Chicago Public Schools Science Fair!

on March 28th, 2008 at the

Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago



Judges from left to right:

Marcella Schmidt, Susan Meschel,

Eileen Sheu, Lissette Ruberte,

Joy Ramos, Nicole Grynviski, and

Ushma Kriplani

The science fair featured the best projects from all over Chicago and was the last stage before students advanced to the international INTEL Science and Engineering Fair to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in May.



Learn to Golf!

Join AWIS for women's golf lessons, offered through the Skokie Park District.
All skill levels are welcome!



Dates: Saturdays, 10–11am, May 3, 10, 17 and 31
(no classes Memorial Day weekend)

Location: Weber Park Golf Course (first class) and Sports Park Driving Range (all other classes), Skokie

Cost: \$100 for Skokie nonresidents, \$80 for residents

Equipment: Putter and 9 iron or wedge

Register: <https://www.skokieparkdistrict.org/register>

Wine Tasting Event

April 14th, 2008, 6:30–9:00PM

Kafka Wine Company
3325 N. Halsted, Chicago

Bring a friend and meet AWIS members.
Find out what we and other Chicago organizations are doing!

Cost: \$15 for one, \$25 for two!

Register online at www.awis-chicago.org

Questions? Contact awischicago@yahoo.com



Do you remember the first person to influence your decision to pursue a career in science?

Whether it was a teacher in high school, a professor in college or a speaker at a mandatory meeting, someone affected your decision to consider science as a career. Through AWIS outreach programs, now YOU have an opportunity to encourage a child to become a scientist.

This fall, AWIS will be participating in a variety of Chicagoland service activities geared towards sparking scientific interest in young children. This citywide event is geared at engaging young people by helping them to see the fun and excitement of science in everyday life. If you ever have had an idea for outreach programming, now is the time to see it brought to life! Some of these programs have potential *to be funded*. Collaborations are possible with Chicagoland school systems, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Shedd Aquarium, to name a few.

We invite you to contribute in any way that you feel you can! From brainstorming program ideas at one of our outreach meetings to directing a program of your creation, you can participate in Chicagoland scientific outreach with an amount of time that suits your schedule.

For more information, contact VP for Outreach, Jennifer Crawford: jcrawford@kforce.com

Interested in Sponsorship?



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

AWIS Sponsors



2008 Bronze Sponsor: Baxter International Inc.

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Final Thoughts

Election

If you are interested in running for a position on the AWIS-CAC board, read descriptions of responsibilities at www.awis-chicago.org

Elections will be held this summer.
Check back for more details!

For the record....

"You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful."

—"Marie Curie Quotes," Jone Johnson Lewis