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March Meeting of the East Bay Chapter of the Association for Women in Science



**To the Contrary:
Excellence and Diversity
Are NOT Mutually Exclusive**

Michele de Coteau, Ph.D.

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Chiron Corporation, Room 4.104, Emeryville

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Light supper at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm. See www.ebawis.org, or page 3, for directions.
Suggested donation to cover cost of food: \$10 non-members, \$5 members. Men and women are welcome.

Come and explore the topic of diversity as Michele de Coteau Ph.D., Director of the Charles Tunstall Multicultural Engineering Program and Associate Director of the Center of Underrepresented Engineering Students at UC Berkeley leads us in a personal, guided tour of past, current, and possible future efforts to increase diversity and participation in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. She will lead a discussion about model programs and best practices for K-12, community college, undergraduates, graduates, and faculty.

Michele de Coteau was raised in San Francisco, and attended Lowell High School. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering. She was Berkeley's first American woman to win a Rhodes scholarship, and earned her Ph.D. in Metallurgy and Science of Materials from the University of Oxford, England. Dr. de Coteau has worked as Associate Director of the UC Berkeley Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program and has taught engineering courses at Laney College, Oakland.

In her current position, Dr. de Coteau oversees academic support and scholarship programs for UC Berkeley engineering students. Her duties include fundraising and grant writing to fund multiple program activities. Much of her work addresses challenges to equal access and equity in engineering education. She also serves as an advisor to several UC Berkeley engineering student groups, including the Society of Women Engineers.

Mentoring Corner

by Laura McDevitt

The ACS 1st Annual Mentorship Event at East Asian Lecture Hall at UC Berkeley was held February 25th from 10 am until 1 pm. The American Chemical Society Mentorship (ACSM) program was established to serve the needs of this group of professionals. The ACSM Vision is to advance the underserved communities by carrying out initiatives that benefit the sustainability of underrepresented minorities in Sciences.

The objective of this program is to enable a mentoring community within ACS where undergraduates and high school students are guided in their educational lives by more seasoned and experienced ACS and ebAWIS members. More events like this are sure to come, so keep on the lookout!

If you are interested in participating in events like these, contact Caroline Anuli (canuli82@yahoo.com) or Michel Lau (michel@sfsu.edu. networking skills).

January Meeting Review

One of our most popular events, "An Evening of Networking," was held on January 10th. The event, held at Chiron, was conducted by hosts Mary Alice Yund, Ph.D. and Kitty de Jong Ph.D. Many new ever-important job contacts were made and examples of networking approaches were role-played and elaborated upon. A fun evening was had by all. During this event, a review of networking strategies and techniques was followed by games designed to fine-tune networking skills. In one exercise, cards containing a variety of queries were distributed to the audience. Arranged in a grid on the card, the queries required that you find someone whose life experience matched up with the given question. After identifying a person who matched the given query, a signature from them could then be obtained. This novel approach encouraged people to ask, as well as answer, questions from heretofore strangers. In another exercise, Mary Alice and Kitty role-played various types of blunders that people commit while initiating contact. In this case Mary Alice, as person X, acted as a attempting to find out about a job from person Y. In this case person X approaches Kitty, person Y, and although trying to network, does not bother with much of an introduction, and instead abruptly jumps in and says she is looking for a job and wonders if Y will provide her with any of her contacts. After passing off her card, she then goes off to do the same with the next person. Mary Alice explained that this is not networking and pointed out how networking truly works, where the goal is to make new acquaintances and friends in order to widen your circle of contacts and not specifically with a particular job in mind. By finding things you might have in common, actively listening, and showing an interest in the life of the person before you, it is possible to make the type of relationship that will endure. At this meeting it was clear that AWIS provides a safe, friendly place in which to practice those networking skills.

Benefits of Joining a Local AWIS Chapter

Enhance your career

- Meet local women who are in influential positions
- Attend networking events at local universities and companies
- Attend seminars by leading scientists on a variety of topics
- Participate in panel discussions on topics relevant to women in science
- Develop your presentation skills
- Develop leadership skills outside of your regular job

Expand your network

- Attend networking dinners and events hosted by local chapters
- Get involved as a chapter committee member

- Take on a leadership role as a chapter board member
- Find a mentor, friend, or new contact

Enhance your life

- Participate in forums discussing topics relevant to women in science: balancing work and family life, maternity leave issues, harassment and discrimination, and women's perspectives on science and science-related issues
- Attend group tours of local museums and gardens
- Outreach to local girls in their scientific growth and achievement
- Help a young woman reach for a career in science, math, or engineering

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From San Francisco: Take 101 North/I-80 East towards San Francisco. Continue on I-80 across the Bay Bridge. I-80 then joins I-580 (left lanes). Immediately move to the far right lanes and take the Ashby Avenue exit, the next exit past Powell Street. Exit at Ashby Avenue and proceed under the railroad overcrossing, then turn right on 7th Street at the light. Turn right on Folger Avenue and follow the road as it turns left and becomes Hollis Street. Continue on Hollis, across Powell Street, and turn right on 53rd Street. Chiron is the third driveway on the left (4560 Horton Street).

From Oakland: Take I-880 North. Continue past Oakland to the I-980 interchange towards Walnut Creek. Proceed to I-580 West to San Francisco then to I-80 East. Stay to the right and proceed towards Berkeley on I-80 East/I-580 West. Exit Powell Street and turn right on Powell at the light. Continue on Powell over the overpass to Hollis Street. At the light turn right on Hollis and then right again on 53rd Street. Chiron is the third driveway on the left.

From Walnut Creek: Take Highway 80 East toward Berkeley from Highway 24 Westbound, Exit Powell Street and turn right on Powell at the stop light. Continue on Powell over the overpass to Hollis Street. At the light turn right on Hollis and then another right turn on 53rd Street. Chiron is the third driveway on the left.

From the South Bay: Take I-880 North. Take I-980 exit towards Highway 24/Walnut Creek. Take the I-580 exit towards San Francisco/Hayward. Take the I-580 West exit on left towards San Francisco. Merge onto I-580 West. Turn slight right at the intersection of I-80 West Ramp to stay on I-580 West. Take the Powell Street exit towards Emeryville and turn right on Powell at the stop light. Continue on Powell over the overpass to Hollis Street. At the stop light at Hollis turn right, then right again onto 53rd Street. Chiron is the third driveway on the left.

Park for the AWIS meeting in the visitor parking area you will see immediately after turning off 53rd Street into the Chiron driveway. Our meeting takes place in the large brick façade building with purple and yellow stucco located across 53rd Street from visitor parking. Enter at the doors nearest the big yellow stucco ball. We meet in room 4.104.

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