

East Bay Chapter of the Association for Women in Science

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

**Career Changes:
From the Bench to Science Administration —
With Help from AWIS**

Cathie Magowan, Ph.D.

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

NOVARTIS*, Room 4.104, Emeryville

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Light supper at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm. For directions, see www.ebawis.org, or page 3.

Suggested donation to cover cost of food: \$10 non-members, \$5 members. Men and Women are welcome!

Come and explore how volunteering for AWIS can have a positive impact on your career.

Cathie Magowan, Ph.D., has been an ebAWIS member since the chapter's inception. She served on the pro-tem Board and later was elected Vice President. Her AWIS activities have included production of the newsletter, creation of the scholarship program and management of the annual Board election. She will share how AWIS activities helped her make the career choices that led to her current work as a science administrator.

Cathie was a parasitologist who investigated the interaction of malaria parasites with infected red blood cell membranes for 15 years. She studied and worked at Tulane University, UCB and UCSF, did post-doctoral training at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and at Chiron Corp. and capped her scientific career at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. In 1999, she became an administrator in the UC Office of the President. She currently is the Director, Science and Technology Research, in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

Cathie credits her experiences with AWIS for her ability to move into an administrative position. She will talk about the frustrations she encountered in trying to make the move, what strategies worked and how AWIS membership and activities contributed toward her new career path.

Open discussion will follow.

- * Chiron Corporation is now NOVARTIS. There are new security procedures in place, so please check in at the guard station prior to parking. See Directions section at the back of this newsletter for details.

April Meeting Review

by Mary Alice Yund

The NCC - AWIS Recognition Awards honor women who have made assisting other women and girls in career development part of their professional lives. At the Twelfth Annual Recognition Awards Banquet on April 26, the Distinguished Professional Award was given to Audrey S. Erbes, Ph.D., the Ellen Weaver Award to Wendy B. Levine, Ph.D., and the Judith Pool Award to Gail Schechter, Ph.D. The Twelfth banquet continued the tradition which is celebratory and inspiring because of the women honored.

Before presenting the awards, Ellen Weaver spoke about the importance of giving awards, citing an award science writers gave to Jocelyn Bell who as a graduate student collected and analyzed the data — discovered pulsars — but was omitted from the Nobel Prize.

Audrey spoke of three aspects of her personal philosophy that lead to her activities in teaching and supporting others: (1) *What goes around comes around* — As a student traveling in Europe she experienced much kindness and hospitality from total strangers. The only way to reciprocate is to help others when you have the opportunity. (2) *It is better to view life's problems and obstacles as challenges* (3) *To do the really big and important things you need a community* — Individuals can make a difference but to make changes a community working towards a common goal can accomplish things that you could not do alone.

Wendy spoke of the importance of AWIS in inspiring her work in mentoring and helping girls interested in science. During her graduate work and first postdoc she had no access to women role models and found it very challenging. Coming to California for a second postdoc she discovered AWIS where she found other women scientists and information about alternative careers. Her mentoring and support for young coworkers and girls is a means to give others what she did not have access to early in her own career.

Gail spoke of the many steps in her career from a degree in neuroscience through academia, industry, and the NIH to starting her own consulting firm in scientific communication and how a willingness to help others with resumes and career advice lead to a second business venture as a career coach. She stressed the importance of choosing something you want to do and then giving 110% and getting the job done whatever the circumstances. Her own career and the experience of those she coaches is that careers can be circuitous and that every step is a step in the right direction.

This year's nine scholarship recipients were also announced at this year's banquet. In addition to the East Bay Chapter and Palo Alto Chapter scholarships supported by corporate sponsors to NCC-AWIS, six young women received scholarships from memorial funds for Kathleen Miller, Lorraine McCormick and Kristin Lin Chrispell Forbes.

Upcoming Meetings

Changes and Comparability

Hosted by the West Coast Chapter PDA
(Parenteral Drug Association)

When: Thursday, May 18, 6 – 9 pm

Where: The Clarion Hotel, Millbrae, California

Harnessing the Innate Immune System for the Treatment of Allergic and Autoimmune Diseases

Hosted by the BioScience Forum

When: Wednesday, May 17, 6 – 9 pm

Where: The Clarion Hotel, Millbrae, California

Note: Please reserve February 19, 2007, for AAAS. The American Society for the Advancement of Science is holding its annual meeting in San Francisco from February 15 – February 19, and NCC-AWIS is sponsoring a breakfast speaker and panel discussion on Monday the 19th.

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More information is coming... check at www.sfawis.com, www.ebawis.org, or www.AAAS.org for updates.

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Directions to Novartis**Room 4.104, 4560 Horton St., Emeryville**

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, which is the next exit past Powell Street. Exit at Ashby Avenue and proceed under the railroad overcrossing, then turn right on 7th Street at the stoplight. 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. Novartis entrance is the third driveway on the left.

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. Keep to the right and proceed towards Berkeley on I-80 East/I-580 West. Exit at Powell Street and turn right on Powell at the stoplight. Continue on Powell over the overpass to Hollis Street. At the stoplight at Hollis, turn right and then right again on 53rd Street. Novartis entrance is the third driveway on the left.

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

Park for the AWIS meeting: Check in at the guard shack you will see immediately after turning off 53rd Street into the Novartis entrance. State that you are attending the AWIS meeting. They will direct you to parking. Our meeting takes place in Building 4, 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 Building 4 (5300 Chiron Way), room 4.104. Please sign in at the front desk.

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