

*Association for Women in Science
Palo Alto Chapter*

From the President

By Mirella Bucci

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As the school year ends and we gear up for another beautiful Bay Area spring, some changes have come about in the members of the Executive Board of our Chapter. The Executive Board (the group that votes on various issues – we nearly always agree!) consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-at-Large. Having completed two terms, I will step down as President; and Rachel Harte, our current Treasurer, has been elected as President (see the article on page 2). It has been a pleasure and an extremely

rewarding experience to be the Chapter's President. The greatest joy has been to meet a wonderful new group of people that make up PA-AWIS and the Greater Bay Area chapters (NCC-AWIS) are a spectacular, interesting, successful, friendly, (insert awesome exclamation here) group that you can't help but admire and be drawn to. Thank you for making my two years as President a wonderful experience. I am looking forward to many more years of meeting new people on a monthly basis.



Some dedicated board members.

and to become closer to those women with whom I first joined AWIS. When you hear the phrase "network, network, network" – uttered by at least two awardees at the Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet in late April, it can seem superficial and forced. Quite the contrary, the group of women

Upcoming Chapter Events

Thurs. May 4 Mentoring meeting, see page 3

Wed. May 10: "Work/Life Balance: One Woman's Story", see flyer at back

June TBD: Annual Networking Social, our last meeting before summer break. Stay tuned to www.pa-awis.org for updates and registration!

The women vs. men debate lingers

By Mirella Bucci

Reminiscent of the now famous comments of Lawrence Summers of Harvard (who has now stepped down as University President), Peter Lawrence

(yes, his surname is the same as Summers' given name), has written a thought-provoking article entitled "Men, Women, and Ghosts in Science" (www.plosbiology.org, v4(1):e19). The ghosts he describes represent the taboo associated with talking about the known differences between men and women. It is these ghosts that Lawrence says "bias our perceptions and censor our thoughts". So what would we learn if we rid ourselves of the ghosts? We would find fundamental (note the conspicuous absence of the word "inherent" which framed the hotly protested comments of Summers early last year) differences. Lawrence cites self-confidence and aggression (along with analytical and systematic abilities) as male traits and empathy, strong communication and caring as female traits and believes that both sets of traits are necessary for the future and the success of science. Who can argue with that? Check out the article and let me know what you think. Read also how Lawrence Summers' comments have been a boon to the membership of the Boston AWIS chapter.

<http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/2006/060413/full/nj7086-966b.html>

Board Election Results

By staff correspondent

The results of the Executive Board elections for the Palo Alto Chapter have been tabulated. Congratulations to all! We have a new President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large.

SurveyMonkey.com worked well (thanks to Mirella for setting that up), and we can report that our voter turnout this year was roughly 20% (only members in good standing can vote). The results were more than 90% in favor of the whole slate of proposed candidates.



The elected positions for the Board for Palo Alto Chapter for terms starting June 30, 2006- July 1, 2007 are as follows:

President, Rachel Harte

Vice-President, Mirella Bucci

Member-at-Large, Laurence Fayadat

Treasurer, Katherine Ruster

Secretary, Iris Ferber

Congratulations to one and all!

This would be a good time to say THANK YOU to the Officers and Committee Chairs who have worked so tirelessly for all of us all year. We are very fortunate to have several Board members offer to run for different elected offices so that the collective experience is staying on the Board. Of course it is nice to have fresh faces on the Board too – our thanks to newcomer Katherine Ruster who joined the Board as Treasurer this year. We invite anyone who is interested in serving on a Committee, or learning more about the Board, to please say 'hello' and offer your services at the next chapter meeting on May 10th.

Mentoring

Mentoring Meeting on May 4th

By Adina Paytan and Susan Bernhard, co-Chairs '05-'06

May 4th has been chosen as the date for a program on 'Career Paths', 7pm-9pm. Please RSVP to mentoring_awis@yahoo.com by May 1st if you plan to come. The program will feature a Panel Discussion on Careers in Academia and Industry. The meeting includes dinner and will be held at Stanford in Mitchell Earth Science Building, first floor conference room. The meeting is FREE, but an RSVP is required so we can give the headcount to our caterer. RSVP to mentoring_awis@yahoo.com.

Four fascinating, friendly and diverse panelists will address topics such as: transitioning into your first job, the academic career path, balancing family and career, being the only woman, small company versus big company trade-offs, life as a consultant. There will be something for everyone, and plenty of time for your questions. Panelists include: Kristina Faul PhD, who did a postdoc at Stanford and now is in a tenure-track position teaching geology at Mills College. Melissa Thomas, who did her PhD at Stanford and a postdoc at UCSF, recently landed her first job in a biotech startup. Lei Hong finished her PhD in environmental engineering at Stanford in 2005 and recently started her first

job at Bechtel in SF. Nancy Levinger PhD had two kids before she got tenured at Colorado State University. She is a visiting scholar at Stanford this year in the Dept. of Chemistry.

Join us for an interesting evening with friends, good food, door-prizes. Give us your feedback on the 2005-06 Mentoring program, and hear about summer AWIS activities.

Meeting Highlights: March

Job Seeking Tips and Tricks

By Katie Templin

Many turned out for the March chapter meeting to get job seeking advice. Sarah Shields and Amy Broumas from Kelly Scientific Resources presented "Your Job Search, Simplified", which included an overview about Kelly Scientific Resources as well as industry trends, job search resources, resume writing techniques, interviewing techniques, networking, and negotiating pay rates. A key industry trend that was discussed included a quote from *BIO 2005-2006 Guide to Biotechnology* indicating, "The convergence of traditional pharmaceutical chemistry and biotechnology has let the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, once thought of as being distinct and independent, to become more similar than dissimilar." With the blending of biotech and pharma, it is important for individuals to consider the "hot" markets when strategizing a career change or market entry. Demographic trends such as an aging population, new technologies such as personalized medicine, and those constants such as chronic diseases should all be considered when formulating your job search.

Sarah and Amy also discussed the many resources available to current job seekers. Primary resources include the Internet, recruiters, and good old-fashioned networking. There are a large number of job boards available that can be very general (Monster.com) or very specific (aalas.org). There is no “best” job board for every search, but do find what works best for what you are looking for. Recruiters are very helpful when you find one you can work with – it is a two-way street. Recruiters are not headhunters, so recruiting services should be free of charge. Sarah outlined a few secrets to working with a recruiter as well, which should be helpful for those that attended! Networking is also a great path to employment. The Internet has a number of options, such as linkedin.com, but just going to events, such as AWIS, can really open your network up and open doors for you to opportunities you may not have been aware of. Keep in mind that networking is not abusing a relationship, begging, or exploiting, but is a way to connect with someone via commonalities and then develop a relationship that is mutually beneficial. Sarah and Amy covered five key rules of networking that we hope the attendees put to use. They have plenty of practice time before our annual June Networking Event!

When searching for a new position, your resume or CV is key, because it is often the first thing an employer sees. It really represents what you want it to represent, so really there is no right or wrong format as long as you find what works for you. However, keep in mind that specific

examples and industry buzzwords will be important – resumes are often found by employers using searches online, and they only give a few moments of time to each resume. Conciseness, short action phrases, and quantified results really go a long way. Once you do receive a call from an employer to schedule an interview, be prepared! Interviews are a conversation about an employment relationship and an opportunity for two-way selling; you are selling yourself to the employer and they are selling their position/company to you. Sarah and Amy also outlined some great tips on interview preparation, best practices, and what to do and expect after the interview.

Finally, Sarah and Amy went over a few pointers about what to do when you receive an offer, but it is not quite what you expect. Negotiating is something many of us avoid, but it can be a key ability in getting what you want. However, be smart when negotiating and do your preparation work! It is key to know your salary worth – this takes into consideration not only your experience, but the position and market, the work you are expected to perform, and many other factors. Keep in mind that the actual salary is not the only part of the offer that can be negotiated. Many companies have stringent salary guidelines by position, but can be more flexible with fringe benefits. You should approach the salary as something that you and your employer can agree upon as mutually beneficial, rather than seeing “what you can get out of it”, and you will have much more success.

More details for each position are available at www.pa-awis.org.

Job Opportunities

Executive Director

Bay Area Biotechnology Education Consortium
(BABEC)

San Francisco Bay Area

<http://www.babec.org>

BABEC was established to address a need for the Bay Area partnerships to harness and share in resources to support science education. The Executive Director is a collaborative, results-oriented, self-motivated professional responsible for the overall leadership and management of BABEC including supervision of some non-profit staff, working with an active and committed Board of Directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Fundraising, public relations, and networking;
- Oversight of multiple and complex projects involving diverse partners;
- Development and implementation of institutional strategic plan;
- Development and implementation of annual operating plan and budget;
- Oversight of daily management; and
- Principal representative of BABEC

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university, preferably in Natural Sciences, Education, or a related field;
- Management expertise in non-profits, business, or education;
- Successful fundraising and philanthropic experience

An employment application is available online at <http://www.babec.org>. Completed applications with letter of interest and resume or curriculum vitae must be mailed to:

Dr. Katy Korsmeyer

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Applications accepted via U.S. Postal Service only.

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Life Science Technician (#010008). 20hrs/wk

Stanford University, Dept. Of Biological Sciences

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Life Science Technician (LST) to be responsible for mouse colony maintenance.

In addition to mouse colony maintenance, the position will include tasks involving molecular biology and immunological techniques, as determined by the supervisor. The LST will also be responsible for general lab maintenance and organization, ordering and stocking of supplies and equipment, preparing stock solutions, and performing other duties as necessary for the functioning of the laboratory, with general oversight by and in coordination with the supervisor. The LST may also train new lab members regarding lab procedures and basic techniques. This position requires detailed record keeping and ability to communicate effectively with members of the group.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Two to three years experience maintaining mouse colonies.
- Experience with basic molecular biology techniques and laboratory procedures.
- Technical skills and problem-solving abilities, including use of good judgment when following established laboratory protocols.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be reliable and meticulous.

Applicants **MUST** apply via the Stanford jobs website (<http://jobs.stanford.edu>).

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- Building communication strategies that reach core technical audiences, financial analysts, investors and senior editors
- Membership in the WW Marketing Services Team

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

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Scholarships and Awards Given

NCC-AWIS Awards Banquet

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, PhD, the Ellen Weaver



Award to Wendy B. Levine, PhD, and the Judith Pool Award to Gail Schechter, PhD. The twelfth banquet continued the tradition: 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 helped discover 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 a community working towards a common goal can accomplish changes an individual could not.

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. The Palo Alto chapter chose Nguyen N. Nguyen to receive the NCC-AWIS scholarship

and Bonnie A. Bea to receive the scholarship newly named in memory of former member Kristin Forbes. Congratulations!

Science Fair Award

The AWIS-PA special award winner this year is Julie Boiko (home schooled). Her project is titled "Allogeneic Antibodies Develop from Donor Hematopoietic Stem Cells". She did her research, for which she was also selected as a Siemens Westinghouse semifinalist, at Stanford U. through a summer internship program sponsored by Center for Clinical Immunology.

Thank you to the Board for providing this special award. The Awards Ceremony was April 2nd. More information can be found at <http://www.science-fair.org>.

Adina Paytan Wins Leopold Leadership Fellowship

By staff correspondent

Eighteen environmental researchers at universities across the US have been awarded Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowships for 2006, including Dr. Adina Paytan, assistant professor of geological and environmental sciences in the School of Earth Sciences at Stanford. Adina is a member of AWIS and has been co-Chair of the Mentoring program for the past three years.

Fellows receive intensive training in communication and leadership to help them deliver scientific information more effectively to policymakers, the media, business leaders and the

public. They will join a network of 100 past fellows who are active in outreach to policymakers, journalists and other general audiences. Fellows are chosen for their outstanding scientific qualifications, demonstrated leadership ability and strong interest in communicating science beyond traditional academic audiences. Each fellow participates in two week-long training sessions that include practice interviews with journalists and a mock congressional hearing at which they practice giving testimony. The fellowship also offers peer networking and mentoring through the Aldo Leopold Leadership Network of program advisers, trainers and past fellows.



Katy Korsmeyer's daughter Julie is following in her mother's footsteps!

Volunteering

AWIS Encourages Girls to Go Tech!

By staff writer

Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area held two events locally to expose girls in grades K-12 to science and technology. Girls Go Tech! event at the



AWIS members and Stanford graduate students Jennifer Halbleib and Erin Cline (holding DNA poster) provided

Coyote Point Museum in San Mateo included female scientist volunteers who provided hands-on projects, demonstrations, and shared their careers and love of science. Erin Cline and Jennifer Halbleib led DNA spooling from strawberries for hundreds of excited girls. They carried home the "essence of a strawberry" in little microcentrifuge tube

necklaces. Katy Korsmeyer and daughter, Julie (who is also a Girl Scout Brownie) showed girls how to use donated 96-well plates and transfer pipets to make beautiful window art for the girls to take home. Other local scientist volunteers included demonstrations from the crime lab and looking at colonies growing on agar plates. A day full of fun and inspiration!



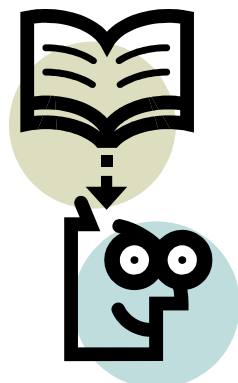
Everyone is excited about smashing strawberries to isolate DNA with Jen and Erin.

Books and Articles of Interest

Summer Reading List

By staff correspondent

We would like to strongly encourage each woman in science to gradually build a personal library of references for her own career development, inspiration, leadership training and to share with others. Much as we might like to have a person to ask for advice, books can provide additional perspective. In support of this mission, AWIS Palo Alto is always on the lookout for books that can be given away as door prizes, at the Awards Banquet, mentoring meetings and chapter meetings throughout the year. If you've attended these events, perhaps you have been a lucky door-prize winner. If you have book suggestions, please pass them on – they are welcome at any time!



Here is a list of the books that were given away at the Awards and Recognition Banquet this year:

Nobel Prize Women in Science, Sharon Grayne

Patently Female, Ethlie Vare and Greg Ptacek

Let Me Play (Title IX), Karen Blumenthal

The Likeability Factor, Tim Sanders

Office Yoga, Darren Zeer

The Creative Habit, Twyla Tharp

Blink, Malcolm Gladwell

Never Be Late Again, Diana DeLonzor

Women in Science Meeting Career Challenges, Angela Patutucci

Every Other Thursday: Stories and Strategies from Successful Women Scientists, Ellen Daniell

Animals in Translation, Temple Grandin

Women's Adventures in Science –Books for young people

by Katy Korsmeyer

<http://iwaswondering.org>

The Web site [iWASwondering.org](http://iwaswondering.org) is a project of the National Academy of Sciences intended to showcase the accomplishments of contemporary women in science and to highlight for young people the varied and intriguing careers of some of today's most prominent scientists. The site draws from and accompanies the publication of a ten-volume series of biographies entitled *Women's Adventures in Science*, co-published by the Joseph Henry Press (an imprint of the National Academies Press) and Scholastic Library Publishing.

Find out about these books and the ten women scientists that are highlighted. I just finished reading two of the books, and I highly recommend them as a resource to inspire young people of any gender.

Grad Students Commiserate

By Violet Votin

Ever feel like no one in the real world understands the unique struggles and hours of graduate student life? Many students have found that their experience resonates with the online comic strip “Piled Higher and Deeper”, written by Jorge Cham as a Stanford engineering student:

www.phdcomics.com. The saga of several grad students in the sciences gives perspective about such familiar situations as the absentee mentor and the never-ending quest for free food. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, but hopefully you won’t spend so much time on the site that you extend your graduate student years. Compilations of the comic strip are available in print at the Stanford Bookstore and through the website.

Local Events Calendar

Bio2Device Group
Tuesday, May 2, 6pm
KeyPoint Credit Union Facility 2805 Bowers Ave in Santa Clara
Topic: Why Start a Bioscience Incubator? Speakers: Kathleen Imhoff, Principal Pacific BioFacilities
\$6 donation requested for meal/drinks. Pre-Registration is required; email moderator@biodevicegroup.org

East Bay AWIS May Chapter Meeting. Speaker: Cathie Magowan, PhD Dir., Science and Technology Research University of CA Office of the President
Date TBD. See www.ebawis.org
Chiron, Emeryville

<p>sfAWIS May Chapter Meeting: SEARCH FOR THE CAUSE</p> <p>-Judi Shils, Executive Director, The Marin Cancer Project</p> <p>-Linda Remy, MSW, PhD, Research Director of the Family Health Outcomes Project at UCSF and leader of the research team of the Marin Cancer Project.</p>
Monday, May 15, 6:30-8:00pm
<p>Genentech Inc</p> <p>Bldg 83 Rm 1A</p> <p>611 Gateway Blvd</p> <p>South San Francisco</p>
<p>The Marin Cancer Project is currently partnering with the Macerich Company to contribute to our understanding of the relationship between different exposures and cancer propensity. The results of this study promise to greatly benefit our understanding of how our day-to-day behaviors impact our long term health: what we eat, the work we do, the products that we clean with, slather on our bodies and use in our gardens.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION: Register online by May 13 at http://www.acteva.com/go/sfawis. \$10 general admission, \$5 AWIS members/students/postdocs</p> <p>DIRECTIONS: Maps and directions available at http://www.gene.com/gene/contact/san-francisco.jsp;</p> <p>free parking and snacks</p> <p>MORE INFO: http://www.sfawis.com</p>

Second Annual SJSU College of Science Student Research DAY
Friday, May 5, 10am-2pm
Duncan Hall (ground level) San Jose State University
For parking, see www.sjsu.edu/about_sjsu/campus_maps/ . Also close to Paseo de San Antonio light rail stop. For more information, contact Dr. Roy Okuda (408-924-2525 or okuda@sjsu.edu).

Bio2Device Group
Tuesday, May 9, 8:30-10:30am
NOVA, 505 West Olive, Room 510 Sunnyvale
Topic: P.O.W.E.R. Time Management Speakers: Dr. Susan Spittler
Free
BioE2E
Wednesday, May 10, 7pm
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati 950 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto
Topic: Life Science Opportunities in India
\$25 <u>PRE-registered</u> , \$35 at the door. Pre-register at www.bioE2E.org

Professional Women in Health Care Alliance Annual Gala
Thursday, May 11, 6-9pm
Hyatt Regency SFO 1333 Bayshore Highway Burlingame Tel: 650-347-1234
Speaker: Dr. Susan Wood, former assistant commissioner of the FDA Program: Honoring Innovator of the Year, Spotlight Winner, Volunteer of the Year
\$75 for members and \$95 for nonmembers, includes dinner and cocktail reception. Register at http://www.pwha.org/Events.html

"Harnessing the Innate Immune System for the Treatment of Allergic and Autoimmune Diseases" Speaker: Robert L. Coffman, PhD, Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Dynavax
Wednesday, May 17, 6-9pm
The Clarion Hotel 401 East Millbrae Avenue Millbrae, CA 650-692-6363
\$25 (student)-\$55 (at door) includes dinner. Please refer to the BioScience Forum website for registration, preferably by May 15:

Biotechnology Workshops
Newark Hilton, 8:30am – 4:30/5pm (unless otherwise noted)
May 1* 9am- Introduction and Review of <u>Basic</u> Statistical Methods used in QA/QC
May 8, 9am- Introduction and Review of <u>Advanced</u> Statistical Methods used in QA/QC
May 11* 8:30am-12:30pm- Product Development/Project Management in the Biotechnology/Biopharmaceutical Industry
May 15*- Basics of Microbiology
May 18*- Biomedical Project Management – An Overview
May 31- SAS- Statistical SW Applications (at Ohlone College campus, Hyman Hall, Fremont)
June 1*- GCP and Clinical Research – An Overview
June 5*, 9am- Introduction and Review of Quality System Regulations for the Medical Device Industry (Basic GMP and ISO-Medical Devices)
June 14* Biotech for Non-scientists
Weekends:
June 3, 9am- Introduction to FPLC – Theory (at Ohlone College campus, Bldg. 8; \$150)
June 10, 9-12 or 1-4- Introduction to FPLC – Practice (at Ohlone College campus, Bldg. 8; \$150)
* = no fee
For registration information: Call 510-979-7952 or http://www.ohlone.edu/org/entrepreneurial/biotechworkshops.html

Festival for Middle School Age Girls
Sunday, May 21, 9:30am-4:15pm
NASA Ames Research Facility, Mountain View
Join girls, parents and educators for a day of fun, science and socializing. For more information, please visit http://www.sallyridefestivals.com . Highlights include student and adult workshops, an inspiring talk by a female astronaut and a street fair with food and music.
Volunteers are needed in the PA-AWIS exhibit booth (9:30-1, free lunch) to provide girls with kid-friendly, hands-on activities and information to support them in their interest in math, sciences, and engineering. Or you can lead hands-on Discovery workshops (12:45-4). To help out and get ideas/supplies, RSVP with Katy ASAP at kuokaty@scientist.com .

Bio2Device Group
Tuesday, May 23, 8:30-10:30am
NOVA, 505 West Olive, Room 510 Sunnyvale
Topic: Medical Packaging
Speaker: Kevin Yamanaka, xpedx
Free





“Work/Life Balance: One Woman’s Story”

Maha El-Sayed, The Clorox Company

Maha El-Sayed will speak about her role as a wife and mother, raising two children, while working for The Clorox Company. Maha was born in Alexandria, Egypt and came to the US as a graduate student in 1979 to study biophysical chemistry at MIT under Dr. Mary Roberts. After MIT, she moved on to Stanford as a postdoc in Dr. Michael Fayer's lab for two years before joining Clorox. At Clorox she has held multiple positions across Product Development and Capability Building departments working on many products including: Liquid Plumr, Clorox 2, Clorox Cleanup and most recently Clorox Anywhere. Currently, she is the department manager for the Antimicrobial Technologies Platform. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, needlework, and baking as well as vacationing on any sunny sandy beach.

DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 7-9 pm

**LOCATION: PARC Auditorium
3333 Coyote Hill Road, Palo Alto**

RSVP: online at <http://www.acteva.com/go/pa-awis>

Schedule

7:00-7:30 pm	Networking and light supper
7:30-7:45 pm	Announcements
7:45-8:45 pm	Program
8:45-9:00 pm	Discussion

Welcome!! You don't need to be a Member to attend – but please do RSVP.

All scientists, students, and their friends are welcome. Men too!

Suggested donation is \$3 to cover the cost of food.

Directions from the North:

Take Hwy 280 SOUTH, exit at Page Mill Rd and at the bottom of the ramp turn LEFT and head towards Palo Alto. Turn RIGHT onto Coyote Hill Road. PARC (formerly Xerox PARC) is on the left, just past the crest of the hill. Drive through main PARC entrance and turn into parking lot on your left. At far end of parking lot is a sign for Auditorium. Descend outdoor stairs to the door of the Auditorium.

Directions from the South:

Take Hwy 280 NORTH, exit at Page Mill Road, turn RIGHT at the bottom of the off ramp and head uphill towards Palo Alto. Turn RIGHT onto Coyote Hill Road. PARC (formerly Xerox PARC) is on the left, just past the crest of the hill. Drive through main PARC entrance and turn into parking lot on your left. At far end of parking lot is a sign for Auditorium. Descend outdoor stairs to the door of the Auditorium. Auditorium.

LOCAL (from Stanford): Take Foothill SOUTH towards Los Altos, and turn RIGHT at Page Mill Road heading WEST. Turn LEFT onto Coyote Hill Road. PARC (formerly Xerox PARC) is on the left, just past the crest of the hill. Drive through main PARC entrance and turn into parking lot on your left. At far end of parking lot is a sign for Auditorium. Descend outdoor stairs to the door of the Auditorium.

For map, go to <http://www.parc.com/company/directions.html>.

For more information, visit www.pa-awis.org or email awis.pa@gmail.com



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 Pick up an application at a chapter meeting
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