

Calendar of Events

- December 11– Holiday Get Together
- January 10– UMD Women's Hockey Outing (UMD vs. U of M)
- January 20– Show and Tell Meeting
- February 7-8– Retreat
- February 10– UMD Career Panel
- March– Regional Science Fair
- April– Member Speaker Meeting
- May– Potluck/Book and Plant Sale

A Note From The Desk of Stacey Stark:

Dear AWIS members,

By the time you receive this, we will officially be in the "holiday season" - it seems impossible. And now that I work at UMD, I have joined the students and the other faculty and staff that define their work life by semesters. I'm looking forward to that holiday "slow" time!

Please join us on December 11 for the annual AWIS Holiday party at the Green Mill. Also, Terri Jicha is organizing caroling before the we meet for those of you who like to sing (talent doesn't matter!). We usually stay at the restaurant there for a couple of hours so come and go as you can for this casual, social time.

As soon as the New Year begins, the AWIS activities will really start rolling. Just in January and February we have four events scheduled (please see the calendar for complete details). The retreat in February this year is in a new location that should (!) ensure snow and therefore a variety of wintertime activities that we have missed on the last few retreats. There is still plenty of time to clear your calendar for this one!

Mark you calendar for January 10th when the UMD Women's Hockey team faces off against WCHA rival Minnesota. The January meeting (Jan. 20th) is our annual

favorite Show n' Tell meeting. For participating AWIS members the topics have included travel, hobbies, and research. In the past couple of years, we've heard about everything from winter camping in Yellowstone, to making stained glass and stamping, to remote sensing on Venus, to dulcimers (played by the talented Wendy Grethen!). Contact Laura Solem to tell us about a few of your favorite things!

A small committee of people have been corresponding to organize our first "Women in Science Careers" panel on February 10. This event will be open to all students in the region, but will be held at UMD and co-sponsored by UMD Career Services and the UMD Women in Science and Engineering student group. Partnering with these groups will enable us to put together a first-class event supported with additional funding and advertising. If you are interested in this event, please contact Anett Trebitz.

And finally, please remember to respond to Anett about how you would like your contact information shared with other AWIS members. Being a resource for one another is an important part of our mission. Enjoy the remainder of 2003

- Happy Holidays! Stacey

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Caroling/ Holiday Get Together– December 11, 2003



Caroling– 5:00 pm

Bayshore Health Center– Park Point, Meet in the lobby at 5:00 pm.

RSVP to Anett Trebitz via e-mail by 4:00 pm on December 10, 2003. trebitz.anett@epa.gov. Please indicate whether you will be caroling, socializing or both.

Get Together– 6:00 pm

Green Mill– Canal Park
Appetizers and Socializing



AWIS Winter Retreat February 7-8, ABR Resort, Ironwood, Michigan

After the survey, the votes came in with the majority of members preferring a winter retreat with a one night stay. Places which will rent for one night are very limited, however the ABR ski resort in Ironwood Michigan agreed to a one night stay (with an extra fee). ABR is approximately 2 hours from Duluth and they always have fabulous snow! They have both skiing and snowshoeing trails available. We will be staying in the River House which will accommodate up to 10 people. You can access the trails about 100 feet

from the house! Cost will range from \$31 to \$40 depending on how many sign up. For trail fee information and if you are curious about ABR, check out their website at www.michiweb.com/abrski/ Reservations for the retreat will be on a first come first serve basis. So don't miss out and sign up early by contacting Deserae Hendrickson by phone at 724-3207 or by email at desron@chartermi.net I look forward to playing in the snow with you

Membership Directory/Renewal Info

As you may have heard, we would like to put together a directory of members of the local (Lake Superior) AWIS chapter, so as to improve our ability to network. Besides names and addresses, we envision this directory containing information on your professional affiliation (employer) and on your specific area of interest and/or expertise - information that was not previously part of our membership database.

Also, we want to know whether it is okay with you that your information in made available to other LSC-AWIS members. The information would either be printed as a directory distributed only to current AWIS members, or served up on an internet web site available only to current LSC-AWIS members (via password protection). [We do not yet know whether a web-format will be doable, not because of technical reasons but because we have so far not found anyone to host the site]

Many of you already provided me this information at the fall kick-off meeting, but if you have not, please email me (the AWIS secretary) with the following information:

- Your affiliation: (university and department, company name, etc)

- Your interest and/or area of expertise
- OK to publish your info? [I will assume "no" unless I hear otherwise]

Finally, I note there are many in the database who get our mailing but are not currently paid up as members. Of the 80 people on the mailing list, 41 paid sometime in 2003, another 21 last paid in 2002 and 18 have not paid since 2001.

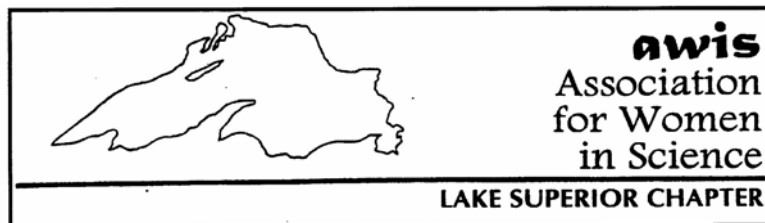
If you have not yet renewed your membership, fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter and mail it to Laura Solem at the address listed. If you are not current on your dues, we will not include you in a directory or distribute a directory to you, so there's a "carrot" to renew (although you will continue to get the newsletter for a while).

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Member Calendar

Wild Ones, a non-profit group that provides information on landscaping with native plants plus fun programs and outings, is now meeting at Hartley Nature Center on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:00 PM. On January 28 Carol Andrews will present the slide show that she has presented to garden clubs and others, including at an AWIS meeting two years ago. We will also have a seed exchange - no need to bring seeds to take some home. For more information contact Carol at 730-9954.

I know this isn't science related, but there is room and I'm the newsletter editor so I'll mention... Lloyd's Prayer, a play by Humorist/Storyteller Kevin Kling. UMD Theater. December 4-13. MPAC Theater UMD. Kevin performed his one-man show Dogs, Motorcycles and Baseball at MPAC in November and it was a riot! If you've never heard Kevin's commentary on Public Radio, check him out at <http://www.kevinkling.com/>



- Please sign up now to get on the AWIS-LSC group e-mail list by visiting <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/> or send a blank e-mail to AWIS-LSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com This is our main way of communicating between newsletters.
- Fill out your registration form today and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Laura Solem (address on back side of this announcement)
- Please check your mailing label— the date and year listed are the date and year you last paid dues. If it has been more than one year since you paid your dues, please pay them ASAP!!

AWIS EVENT	WHAT
December 11, 2003	Winter Get Together— 5:00 pm Caroling at the Bayshore Health Center. 1601 St. Louis Avenue (Park Point). 6:00 pm Appetizers at the Green Mill RSVP: Anett Trebitz, trebitz@anett@epa.gov by 4:00 pm on December 10.
January 10, 2004	UMD Women's Hockey Game. UMD vs. U of M. Meet in the DECC Lobby at 6:30 pm. We'll buy general admission tickets individually when we get there. Tickets are \$8. Contact Katie Larson for more info or to RSVP. Please RSVP by January 9. krlars2@yahoo.com . 728-6242.
January 20, 2003	Show N' Tell— 5:30 pm. MPCA Duluth Office. 525 South Lake Ave, Suite 400. Show us your hobby, talent, tell us a tale. Plan a 10 minute show n' tell (unless its something REALLY cool!) or just show up and expand your world! Contact: Laura Solem— Laura.Solem@pca.state.mn.us /724-4157
February 7-8, 2004	Retreat— ABR Ski Resort, Ironwood Michigan. Skiing and snowshoeing. Cost \$30-\$40/person. Sign up on a first come first serve basis. Contact Deserae Hendrickson 724-3207, desron@chatermi.net
February 10, 2004	AWIS/UMD Career Forum with panel discussion featuring women in various science careers followed by opportunity for students to visit with speakers. Details to come next newsletter. Contact: Anett Trebitz - trebitz.anett@epa.gov .
March 2004	Science Fair— Judges Wanted (usually the first weekend in March) Contact: Marsha Meinders-Patelke— patelke@cpinternet.com /525-8413, Laura Solem— Laura.Solem@pca.state.mn.us /724-4157
April 2004	What I Do In Science— AWIS Member Speaker. Date, speaker and location to be announced . If you would like to volunteer, host or have a good idea, contact: Stacey Stark— slstark@d.umn.edu
May 2004	Potluck, book sale, plant sale fund raising Contact:

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Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ for the AWIS-LSC Scholarship Fund.

Name/Affiliation _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Area of Interest: _____

Can we publish your info in a membership directory? Yes ____ No ____

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\$10.00—Professional Member
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