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The Association for Women in Science Presents:

## The June Networking Social

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Feierabend German Pub**

422 Yale Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109

**Please join us for our June Networking Social. It is the last AWIS meeting until September, and a great opportunity to meet other AWIS members. We have rented out the extra room at Feierabend German Pub at South Lake Union. Appetizers will be supplied by AWIS, and Feierabend has great selection on their drink menu for the no-host bar.**

### **Directions to Feierabend:**

Take Exit 167 from I-5 – Mercer Street/Seattle Center  
Turn left onto Fairview Ave N at the off-ramp  
Turn Left onto Harrison Street  
Turn Left onto Yale Avenue  
Feierabend will be on your right





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## **JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER**

### ***Keeping Girls Engaged in Science at Seattle Girls School***

by Marissa Braff

In case you missed our May program...

**Marja Brandon**, sporting a shaved head in support of two 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Seattle Girls' School who were recently diagnosed with cancer, briefly introduced her school, which is gearing up to graduate the fourth class of its 6-year history. Marja discussed her vision for Seattle Girls' School, including its integrated project-based curriculum, anti-bias training, and commitment to providing need-based financial aid to students in order for the school to truly reflect Seattle's diversity.

**Mary Margaret Callahan**, or 'MM' as the students often call her, took it from there. Mary Margaret is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Seattle Girls' School with a background in and passion for Physics. She left a high school teaching job for middle school, "the range of the strange", in order to catch girls before they lose interest in science. Mary Margaret discussed several of the school's culminating events, or final projects, including Grand Rounds, Invention Convention, and Pay It Forward. Her pet project, however, is called Mission to Mars. Four crews of eight students are assembled for a three-hour

interactive simulation. Although students do not know exactly what to expect on the big day, their preparation includes class/lab work and field trips related to rocketry, robotics, electronic circuitry, communication, Martian geology, and gravity. Students must work together to complete various tasks and handle emergencies, while hidden microphones and cameras allow parents and teachers to observe remotely. In summing up the purpose of this project, Mary Margaret said, "it's about having the courage to try something and see if it works; it's not about getting it right the first time."

The Seattle Girls' School is committed to engaging girls, empowering girls, and teaching girls the critical thinking skills they will use throughout their lives. Marja and Mary Margaret concluded by welcoming everyone to stop by the school for a tour or to make a difference by volunteering to mentor or provide an internship opportunity for a student.

Thank you to everyone who attended our May program and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!



***Don't Forget to join us at our  
June Networking Social.***

***Date: Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm***

***Location: Feierabend German Pub***

## ***Please Join Us for Our End-of-Year Celebration***

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- When:** June 20, 2007  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Where:** Feierabend German Pub (private “bierstube”)  
422 Yale Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109
- Details:** Enjoy an evening of socializing with fellow AWIS members!  
No-host drinks, AWIS will provide hors d' oeuvres
- Why:** This is the perfect opportunity to network with other AWIS members in a relaxed and fun setting. This is also the meeting at which we will vote for the officers next year.



## ***Local Events Listing through the summer***

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- 6.21.07 Association for Women in Computing: “Freelancing! Career Advancement for the Self-Employed.” Speaker: Michelle Goodman. Hale’s Ales, Ballard, 6 pm. Register online at <http://www.awcps.org>
- 6.25.07 Science on Tap: “Biorobotics.” Speaker: Blake Hannaford. Ravenna third Place Books, 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, 7 pm.
- 7.30.07 Science on Tap: TBA. Ravenna third Place Books, 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, 7 pm.
- 8.27.07 Science on Tap: TBA. Ravenna third Place Books, 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, 7 pm.

## ***Local Networking and Professional Organizations***

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| American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  | <a href="http://www.pnwaiaa.org">www.pnwaiaa.org</a>                         |
| Association for Women in Computing                  | <a href="http://www.awcps.org">www.awcps.org</a>                             |
| Association of Information Technology Professionals | <a href="http://www.psaitp.org">www.psaitp.org</a>                           |
| Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers   | <a href="http://www.ieee-seattle.org">www.ieee-seattle.org</a>               |
| Pacific Northwest Bio/Technologies Alliance         | <a href="http://www.pnwbiotech.org">www.pnwbiotech.org</a>                   |
| Seattle Tech Startups                               | <a href="http://www.seattletechstartups.com">www.seattletechstartups.com</a> |
| Society for Women Engineers                         | <a href="http://www.swe-pnw.org">www.swe-pnw.org</a>                         |

## AWIS 2007-2008 Proposed Budget

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Current Budget 7/06 - 6/07</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 7/07 - 6/08</b>
Newsletter	\$1100	\$1000
Membership	50	25
Website host	120	120
Program	250	250
GEMS	510	310
Scholarship	20	20
Publicity	95	95
Outreach & Mentor-Protegee	425	525
National AWIS Program		250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2570</b>	<b>\$2695</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>7/06 - 6/07</b>	<b>Proposed 7/07 - 6/08</b>
Member Dues, received	\$1325	\$1400
Expected	120*	
CD Interest	431	300
Member contributions	345	150
Microsoft Contributions	713	~\$ 713
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2934</b>	<b>\$2563</b>

### **Current Assets (4/07)**

General Fund (Checking & CDs) \$10,894  
 Scholarship funds (currently ~\$6,936) are accounted for separately from other chapter funds.

I approve of the proposed 2007-2008 chapter budget. \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No.

\*\*If you cannot attend the June 20<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting to vote, please email your votes to chapter president, Libby Colasurdo at lcola123@aol.com

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