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## *Fall Regionals Focus on Think Again*

Think Again. Go back to your glorious Stanford days. Ever have one of those moments at Stanford where you just had to say to yourself, "Thank goodness I got in!?" Well, at this year's kick off Regionals, let's hear about some of those moments. Maybe it was sitting at a lecture when that professor made you realize that you wanted to be a journalist and not the lawyer your parents always wanted you to be. Maybe it was meeting your best friend or your spouse (or if you're lucky, both!). Could it be that perfect windsailing day on Lake Lag? Or perhaps it was being part of a National Championship Swim Team. Whatever that moment is, let's hear about it!

Fall Regionals are a chance to informally meet new members, and reconnect with old friends. Regionals are small, geographically diverse meetings that are held at various members' homes. New members are warmly welcomed - and they can then attend the regular October meeting with the hope of seeing at least a few friendly faces. Find the location that is most convenient to your home or work and join us at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18th!

Cost: \$15 Members; \$18 Guests

See insert for the location and directions.  
Reservation forms due by September 11, 2002.

### "RAISING CHILDREN TO LOVE LEARNING"

How do parents instill a lifelong love of learning in their children? Deborah J. Stipek, Dean of the School of Education at Stanford, draws from current research to share both the obvious and subtle ways that parents can maintain their children's enthusiasm for learning while helping them succeed academically. She gives useful suggestions for building children's self-confidence, engaging their curiosity and intrinsic interest, and developing a sense of personal responsibility and pride in their achievements. Co-author of *Motivated Minds: Raising Children to Love Learning* (Henry Holt), Stipek also suggests ways to protect children from the pressure so prevalent in schools today.



Dean Deborah J. Stipek joined the Stanford University School of Education as Dean and Professor of Education in January 2001. Dr. Stipek's scholarship concerns instructional effects on children's achievement motivation, early childhood education, elementary education and school reform. In addition, Dr. Stipek advises education policy makers at the national and local levels.

SPWLA is co-sponsoring this event with the Stanford Club of Pasadena.

Registration for this event is available only through the SAA website: [www.stanfordalumni.org](http://www.stanfordalumni.org). Click on "Events" and follow the directions for payment. If you have questions, you may contact Nancy Chu.

#### E V E N T D E T A I L S

**Speaker:** Deborah J. Stipek  
**Date:** Sunday, September 29, 2002  
**Time:** 3:00 pm -5:00 pm, Reception with Refreshments 3:00 pm—4:00 pm, Speaker 4:00 pm—5:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$10.00 per person — payable in advance via the SAA website  
**Location:** Mayfield Senior School, 500 Bellefontaine Street, Pasadena, CA 91105  
**Directions:** Mayfield can be reached easily via either the 134, 210, or the 110 Freeways.

## President's Message

On behalf of the 2002-2003 SPWLA Board members and myself, I would like to welcome you to the twenty-fifth year of SPWLA as a Stanford Alumni organization. Our dynamic and diverse Board members range in profession from attorneys to retirees, in graduating year from class of '59 to '96, and in geographic location from La Canada to Palo Verdes and Thousand Oaks to Pasadena. We are proud of our connection to Stanford and invite you all to come and participate in our events!

Last year, under the leadership of our Past-President, Lisa Nesbitt, we increased our membership from 170 to 210 members and sponsored two exceptional young interns. Our calendar began with an "Open House" Regional meeting in September and culminated with a very successful dinner/meeting with Mr. Dennis Tito, our citizen in space. Thank you, Lisa and the entire 2001-2002 Board, for a very exciting and rewarding year!

With the invaluable experience of our Program Chairs, planning is well under way for this year's activities. We will begin the year with our traditional Fall Regional where new members have an opportunity to meet other members of the SPWLA in a smaller, cozier setting. This is one of our more successful events of the year. Future activities include a private tour of a LACMA exhibit, an afternoon with Stanford's Dean of Education and a Holiday Tea at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills. Please review the Save the Date section for details of upcoming events.

We hope you will find the time to come join us in the silver anniversary year of SPWLA. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions regarding any of our activities. I look forward to seeing you all!  
—Nancy Chin Chu

## 2002 SPWLA Interns

SPWLA is pleased to announce the selection of its 2002 interns: Lauren Faber and Nicole Sandoval. Each recipient has been awarded a stipend of \$2,500.

Lauren is currently an intern at the EPA's Pacific Southwest Regional Office, Air Division, in San Francisco. Lauren hails from the Los Angeles area and has spent the last few summers working at the Coalition for Clean Air in Los Angeles. She will spend Winter Quarter at Stanford-in-Washington focusing on Environmental and Health Policy. As a junior majoring in Earth Systems, Lauren feels "that working for the EPA will provide necessary experience and confidence to help me narrow my focus while in school, and when I leave Stanford." She explains that the only way to work with the EPA and handle environmental issues specific to California is to work at EPA's office in San Francisco.

Nicole landed an internship with the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program at USC. MESA is a non-profit academic enrichment program designed to give awareness of math, science and engineering fields to high school and middle school students. The program primarily serves educationally disadvantaged students. Nicole is a junior majoring in Human Biology with a concentration in the education and development of the urban adolescent. She hopes to go to medical school and specialize in adolescent medicine and work with low-income children in the Los Angeles area. Nicole was born and raised in East L.A.

We look forward to hearing from Lauren and Nicole about their experiences this summer.

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## S P W L A 2002 - 2003

## EVENT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESERVATION FORM: "Fall Regionals Focus on Think Again" — Wednesday, September 18, 2002 6—9 pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

SPW Member?  Yes  No

First Event?  Yes  No

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Work

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Members \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be attending the Fall Regional at:**

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Brentwood/West LA  Los Feliz/Los Angeles

Donation to Intern Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pasadena  South Bay

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thousand Oaks

**Reservations must be received by Wednesday, September 11, 2002  
Make your check payable to SPWLA and return with this form to: Linda Christie**

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## **UPCOMING SPWLA EVENTS**

### ***Sunday, September 29***

Our second event for the year is on Sunday, September 29. SPWLA and the Stanford Pasadena Club are co-sponsoring this presentation. Dean Deborah Stipek from Stanford will be discussing "Raising Children to Love Learning." The event will be held at the Mayfield Senior School in Pasadena. See details on page 1.

### ***Tuesday, October 15***

Distinguished alumna, Alma Derricks, '88, will be teaching the fundamentals of individual branding in: "The Art of Personal Branding." Whether you are a business owner or a professional mom, you are the best product around and learning to adapt product and service branding for your own usage will increase your worth, both personally and professionally. Look for details in our next newsletter.

### ***Saturday, October 26***

Celebrate the fall football season with fellow alumni and friends at the Stanford vs. UCLA Game Tailgate Party. The event will be held at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena at 1:30 pm.

### ***Thursday, November 7***

On Thursday, November 7, Sharon Takeda, Chief Curator of LACMA and alumna Marni Pozil '91, who is on the Board of the Costumes and Textiles Department of LACMA, will be taking us on a private tour of the Noh Exhibit of Japanese robes and costumes. These antiquities have never been exhibited in the United States and SPWLA members will be seeing the exhibit before it is open to the public. Dinner will follow. Space is limited to 30 people, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### ***Saturday, December 7***

Holiday Tea at the Peninsula in Beverly Hills. Details in a future newsletter.

### ***Tuesday, December 17***

Save the date for our Mistletoe and Cocktails holiday event. More details to come.

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## *Well-Kept Secrets of the San Fernando Valley*

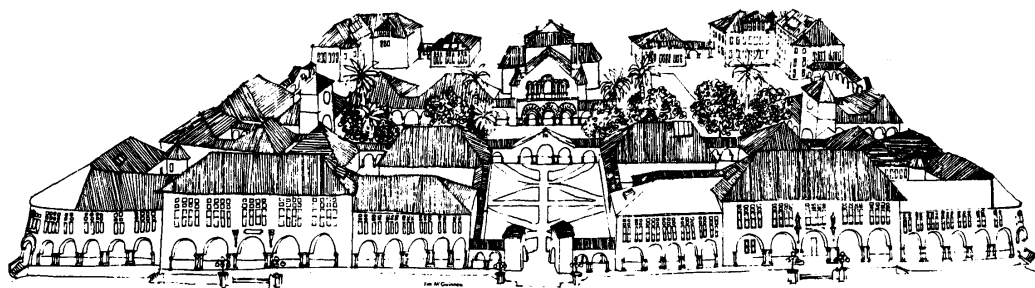
*We are pleased to start the year off with of our best kept secrets from the SPWLA Regional meetings last fall. These listings do not reflect any official endorsement by SPWLA, but they are suggestions shared by members who are familiar with these services.*

**Shopping:** Boutique—*Dungarees*, Shoes—*Lennie Dots*, both in Studio City.

**Dining:** Pizza—*Il Bacone* for an authentic Italian pizza on Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks. Sandwiches—*Bagel Nosh* has the best tuna sandwich, Encino. You can buy it by the pint to use for tuna casserole or tuna melts. Sushi—*Yotsuya* on Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana has **amazing** sushi that rivals Nozowa's and is not crowded (it's still a secret); and the chef has the sweetest presence.

**Tailoring:** *Art House of Tailoring* in Studio City with a new location in Tarzana is great for tailoring everything from slacks to long suede coats. They work wonders!

**Desktop Publishing:** Sheri Lee at *CreativeLee Designed* provides professional desktop services—typesetting, customized forms, presentations, technical reports, and MS Word software training. She's our newsletter designer and our best kept secret.



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