



**Diane Might**  
Phoenix Chapter

In Diane Might's ten years as a member of the Phoenix Chapter she has enthusiastically served on the board as VP University Relations, Scholar Awards Dinner Chair, VP Membership, Alumni Scholar Relations Director, and Webmaster. She and her husband

generously sponsor an annual Scholar Award as well as support all other chapter fundraising endeavors.

Diane's previous positions were perfect preparation for her most recent undertaking as a member of the ARCS National Website Project Mercury team. She spent countless hours participating in the development of the new website, migrating Phoenix data, attending training webinars, and creating Phoenix content. More recently, she became a member of an ARCS National task force committee to define training guidelines for all Chapters.

Diane's passion for science and education stems from her bachelor's degree in chemistry; master's degree in educational leadership; and experiences as a teacher and school administrator.

Diane is a devoted wife to CEO husband Tom and a devoted mother to their three accomplished sons who are Georgia Tech graduates. Diane is also a full time caretaker for her eighty-five-year-old mother. She and her husband split their time between Park City, Utah and Scottsdale, Arizona so that she can assist in the loving care of her special needs grandson and new granddaughter in Salt Lake City.



**Kathleen M. Testoni**  
Pittsburgh Chapter

Kathy Testoni has been actively involved as a volunteer in the Pittsburgh community for over twenty-five years, including several roles serving as a member on non-profit boards of directors.

In 2004 she became a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter and has been serving on the board since 2007. ARCS has become one of her most passionate causes because she believes in the importance and impact the ARCS mission has on the future prospects of sciences in the United States. In addition to participating as an active member on many committees, she has held several committee leadership roles, including having co-chaired Membership, co-chaired Nominating, and for the past two years has been the Director of Student Relations, coordinating the Chapter's interaction with ARCS Scholars. As the Co-Chair of the ARCS Membership Committee, Kathy and her co-chair designed, organized and collaborated on an innovative approach to attracting new members to ARCS, which resulted in a record number of new members during that two-year membership campaign.

Kathy appreciates the fact that the foundation for being an effective Board member comes from having first spent many hours as a volunteer.



**Mary Ann Lockwood**  
Portland Chapter

Mary Ann Lockwood has devoted her professional life to the advancement of education. Graduating from the University of Washington, she joined the faculty of OHSU in 1956. As

Associate Professor, director of University Relations and Assistant to the President for University Relations, she and her staff received over seventy national, regional and local awards for outstanding publications and public relations programs. She taught numerous classes on publication design, public relations and communications and was the first woman to chair the national conference of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. In 1994 she became a member of OHSU's emeritus faculty.

Mary Ann is one of the Portland Chapter's founding members. Her contribution was crucial to our success. Because of her long-term involvement at OHSU, she provided invaluable counsel and assistance in opening doors at the university. In our first few years, Mary Ann organized our yearly scholar picnic, parking for programs, meeting arrangements, kept our Chapter records, printed nametags and reminded us of our manners. She has continued to be active in the chapter, quietly and humbly behind the scenes. Since 2004, she has served on the University Relations committee, working with all ARCS students at OHSU.



**Diane Annala Chalmers**  
San Diego

Diane Chalmers, an ARCS member since 2006, has served as Vice President of Fund Development and University Relations and chaired the 2008 Scientist of the Year Dinner and two Scholar Recognition Events.

Diane received her B.A. from Denison University, an M.A. in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University and a post-graduate certificate in Arts Administration from Harvard.

She came to La Jolla in 1970 as Director of University Events at University of California, San Diego, later serving as Executive Director of the San Diego Foundation for the Performing Arts.

In 1993, Diane accepted a position at the University of Louisville, where she met and married Dr. Joseph Chalmers, Chair of the Department of Physics, returning to La Jolla on Joe's retirement in 2005.

A founding board member of City Club of San Diego and the San Diego Symphony Pops, Diane was an early board member of San Diego Repertory and Friends of La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation (now Sanford-Burnham Institute). She is currently president of the Urban Corps of San Diego Charter School Board, chairs the Concert Committee at La Jolla Presbyterian Church and enjoys singing with the Masterworks Chorale. It has been our good fortune to enjoy Diane's extensive leadership gifts.



**Susan Potts**  
Seattle Chapter

Susan is a remarkably active member and an effective leader, qualities she demonstrated soon after joining the Chapter in 1998. Amongst her many contributions, Susan has served on various ARCS committees nationally and locally, and as Chapter President, Director of Nominating (twice) and Director of Long Range Planning. She consistently makes recommendations for thought-provoking programs, proposes new members, year after year works on fundraising and corporate development, and steps up to do jobs big and small that ensure the Chapter's vitality. An added bonus for those who work with Susan – she is gracious, inclusive and a great listener.

Over the past 20 years, Susan has generously shared her talents

with numerous non-profits, including the University of Washington Foundation, Seattle Children's Museum, Intiman Theatre, Seattle Arts and Lectures, YMCA, King County Public Library and KUOW Public Radio. She also has been active in small town politics as a planning commissioner, city council member and as mayor of Medina, Washington.

Susan's husband Bill recently retired from Precor USA, Inc., where he was president for 12 years. Together, they enjoy traveling, hiking and playing tennis.



**Laura Blackwell**  
Tampa Bay

Laura is a key founding member of ARCS Foundation Tampa Bay. She is currently VP Communications, VP Nominations Committee and Tampa Bay Webmaster. She has been a major contributor to the national website and database implementation, and in building our chapter site; as well as on the National Branding Committee. Laura is very trustworthy and reliable in delivering on the many important roles she has in this new chapter.

A dedicated and passionate marketing professional, Laura has held executive leadership roles in financial institutions across North America. She focuses on growth and profitability by working in collaboration with team members to build brand value and ensure that all projects are on time, on budget, and achieve that anticipated return on investment.

As owner and president of NoMo Cruisin' Jewels, Inc., Laura created a line of jewelry developed to help prevent motion sickness.

Laura is married to Tom Blackwell, a pilot and captain, who owns Tampa Sailing Charters. They have one son Chris, who is a computer engineer. Laura is also a Board Member of Easter Seals Florida.



**Sue Dintelman**  
Utah

Since the establishment of the Utah Chapter in 2009, Sue Dintelman has served on the board as Vice President for Finance/Treasurer as well as chapter webmaster. She performed these duties with exceptional skill, professionalism and good will, never complaining about the overload because of her strong belief in and support of

ARCS.

Sue earned a B.S. in Mathematics from New Mexico State University and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Utah where she stayed to become involved in developing the Utah Population Database, a resource still in use today for the study of genetics.

Sue was the co-founder and CEO of DMS Systems, Inc., a technology transfer company which licensed technology she developed at the University. Later she co-founded Pleiades Software Development, Inc. where she is currently involved in research and development related to the reconstitution of historical populations.

She is passionate about encouraging students, especially women, to choose a career in computing. She works with the Engineering Alumni Association and the Women Tech Council Education committees, speaking often at junior and senior high schools about careers in engineering and computing.

Sue is married to Robert, an electrical engineer who works in the electric utility business. They have three grown children and a new grandson.

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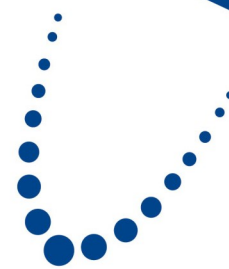
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### **Deborah Liss** Atlanta Chapter

Deborah Liss joined ARCS in 1995 and immediately got involved. She chaired the chapter's trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico and as President she was involved with the chapter's trip to San Francisco. During her presidency she initiated the Century Scholar Fund encouraging members to contribute \$1000, joining forces with other members to give scholarships. She also initiated the ARCS chapter directory to include member photos.

She is currently chairing the Speakers Bureau and the Endowment Series, a fundraising endeavor for the chapter endowment fund. She has been a member of the National Board serving as Public Relations Chair, Vice President of Communications, Advisory Board, and most notably, being involved in the change of the ARCS logo.

Deborah serves on the Board of the Justice Center of Atlanta and has served on the boards of Visiting Nurse and the Komen Foundation. Involved in many philanthropic endeavors, she has chaired the Visiting Nurse Hospice Gala, the Atlanta Symphony Ball and the Big Splash, a fundraiser for the Marcus Autism Center. She is currently co-chairing Project Gift with last year's ARCS Light, Susie Deyo.

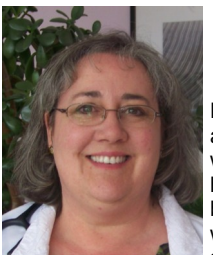
Professionally, Debbie is currently a mediator in the Georgia Court system.



### **Lynda Birkelbach** Chicago Chapter

Introduced to ARCS in 2006, Lynda brought commitment and energy to the ARCS Mission from day one. As a board member she served as Co-Benefit Chairperson and Data Administrator. Struggling with how to implement a database for Chicago, she was invited to participate on a panel for redoing the ARCS website at a National Board meeting. She was asked to become an IS Committee member to help create a vision for a new website and database. During the past year Lynda has worked tirelessly on the National website, served as the National IS Committee Chairperson, led the chapter's efforts to implement and populate the site with our information, She also stepped up to served as chapter Treasurer.

Lynda holds a BS from Purdue University in Nutrition, is a Registered Dietitian and a member of the American Dietetic Association and the Chicago Dietetic Association. She co-edited the "Manual of Clinical Dietetics" for healthcare providers and dietitians. She was Executive Director, WIC program for Suburban Cook County, before returning for an MBA in Health Care Policy and Healthcare Informatics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Completing an Internship at Rush Medical Center, Chicago, she worked there until named as CIO of Riverside Healthcare in Kankakee, IL. Retiring in 2000, Lynda and husband Carl bought a home in Colorado to enjoy the mountains. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.



### **Elissa Teel-Duggan** Colorado Chapter

Elissa Teel-Duggan is a passionate advocate and practitioner of volunteerism, especially when it comes to knowledge and education. She has embraced the philosophy that you should be the change you would like to see in the world. ARCS fits right in with that ideal. She has served as the Northern Colorado Coordinator as well as the CSU liaison during her dynamic time with ARCS.

She is an active volunteer in her local school district and has been a Grand Awards Judge and team captain at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair since 1995.

She graduated from Colorado State University in 1985 – Honors Program, Bachelors Degree in Biology, Animal Biology Concentration. In 1989 she earned a degree at CSU in Veterinary Medicine. Currently, she works part time as a small animal veterinarian in Fort Collins, Colorado. She is also Secretary of the company SAV Innovations that she started with her husband, Jerry. The company's main focus is consultation, but green energy and veterinary innovations are also in the mix.

Most important of all, Elissa and her husband have two wonderful children, Colleen and Aidan, as well as a menagerie of pets.



### **Patty Lee** Honolulu Chapter

Patty was a vagabond for the first years of her life, as her dad was in the military. She attended Stephens College and the University of Colorado. She joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in Nakhor Sawan, Thailand teaching English as a Second Language. While she was overseas, her parents moved to Hawaii. Within a few months after returning home Patty met Dan Lee and was married the following year. She taught in the Honolulu public school system and had four children in the process.

Patty fell in love with geology while attending Stephens College and transferred to CU to major in geology. However, during her first and only visit to the Geology Department, she was told that she could NOT be a major. However, in 1985 Patty received her M.S. in Geology from the University of Hawaii. She worked for a geotechnical company for several years, then returned to the UH Geology Department and taught beginning classes.

Patty was introduced to ARCS Foundation by a UH colleague and quickly found herself on the board. She has tirelessly supported the mission, scholars and members. Treasurer, Scholar Relations, Ways & Means, Membership, and President are some of the positions she has held.



### **Carol Towne** Los Angeles Chapter

Born in Fresno, CA, Carol Towne earned her B.A. in Education from the University of Arizona. She taught at the elementary level and developed a science program and workshop along with her student teachers. She has always held strong interests in science, particularly life sciences.

Her career path took her from education to real estate, where she worked in Palm Springs. She moved to Burbank and then to Beverly Hills where she has lived for the past 25 years. Carol has served in many charitable organizations beside ARCS.

Carol joined ARCS in 1993 and in her second year chaired the Scholarship luncheon. From there she has served in many capacities on the board of directors. She chaired the Gala in 1999, 2011 and 2012. She has always been extremely involved in the Los Angeles Chapter and has a very keen interest in promoting the goals of ARCS.

Carol has two wonderful children, Michelle Alton and Gregory Rexroth. Her grandchildren, Courtney and Chase are the light of Carol's life. She spends about three months a year in Maui, her second home, and she loves to travel. Her beloved husband, Robert Towne, who passed away 4 years ago, was also an active supporter of ARCS.



### **Natalie Alicia Caballero** Lubbock Chapter

Natalie Alicia Caballero has been a member of ARCS for four years and believes in serving for the sciences and working towards an effective ARCS mission.

Natalie is from Shallowater, Texas right outside of Lubbock. She attended South Plains College in Cosmetology. She has been a hairstylist for six years. Natalie is serving her first term as the Chairman of Scholar Relations for ARCS Lubbock Chapter and has previously served as Webmaster, Publicity Chairman, and chaired various events.

Natalie dedicates her time to serving the Lubbock community through various organizations. She currently serves on the boards for the Lubbock Junior Women's Club, Lubbock Symphony Guild, and South Plains Children's Shelter. She also serves as a membership ambassador for PBA/NCA, a professional organization. In October 2011, she was honored as the Lubbock Area Republican Women's "Rookie of the Year."

The Lubbock Chapter is proud to recognize Natalie for her efforts in advancing science in America.



### **Renee Fontenot** Metro Washington Chapter

Renee Fontenot has been a very active member right from the get-go since she joined us in 1992. For years, she was our youngest member and used all her youthful energy to benefit our chapter. When asked to take on a responsibility, she always responds with a big smile and immediately goes to work.

She has been our go-to person for anything related to computers and the internet, including keeping our website up to date. She has worked tirelessly to make our newsletter the slick professional publication we now enjoy. Producing our Scholar's Brochure is a piece of cake for her. With her computer talents, she has brought the Silent Auction effort into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and to a new level of success.

Renee has served on the board in numerous positions almost every year since she became a member. She received this passion for ARCS from her mother, who, in her time, was a very active member in the Los Angeles Auxiliary Chapter. As a tribute to Renee's dedicated, behind-the-scenes accomplishments, she was honored as an ARCS Angel in 2003. We are delighted to name Renee as Metropolitan Washington Chapter's ARCS Light!



### **Jenny Edstrom** Minnesota Chapter

Jenny Edstrom has been the backbone of the Minnesota Chapter since its inception in 2008. Her commitment to STEM education came through her father who was a professor of biochemistry at the University of Minnesota. A named scholar award is currently in the making to honor her father, Ron Edstrom, and that task is another indication of her commitment and determination.

As one of three women who were the initial founders of the Minnesota Chapter, Jenny served in the role of President and now past-president. She has recruited members and funds, labored over the establishment of our bylaws and guiding principles, and held parties to honor the charter members. In addition to both the big-picture and

details of our chapter, she co-led the national effort to establish our new website. Jenny's expertise in this implementation was a significant contribution to bringing the new website into existence—both from a perspective of educating members on the cost and complexity of such a project as well as the wisdom and determination to undertake this effort.

Jenny currently works as a consultant for Best Buy, specializing in program and change leadership. Jenny is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Jenny, her husband and her very blended family, reside in the Twin Cities area. Without her, this chapter would not exist.



### **Christine Mott Hutchinson** Northern California Chapter

Christine Mott Hutchinson has been an active member of ARCS since 2008. She has served on the Development, University Relations, Allocations, and Finance committees, and took on the board role of VP Finance for the past two years. During her tenure in finance, Christine has been instrumental in

analyzing the prudent utilization of reserves and endowment funds to fund additional scholar awards. She has also enjoyed working with other members on the Finance team to effect further cost rationalization. Additionally, Christine has been active in leading an ongoing Strategic Review of ARCS NCC.

Christine grew up in San Luis Obispo, California and moved back to the Bay Area in 2006. After graduating first in her class from Santa Clara University, Christine worked in New York as an investment banker for Lehman Brothers and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (later Credit Suisse First Boston). As a Director of Credit Suisse London, she specialized in the structuring of subordinated debt and leveraged buy-outs.

In addition to her dedication to ARCS, Christine has also been active in her community, particularly with the schools of her two young children. Christine lives in Woodside with her husband Rob and children Georgia and Henry.



### **Kathy Rolfes** Orange County Chapter

Kathy Rolfes graduated from Marquette University's Dental Hygiene School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1953. She married her college sweetheart Paul, who after graduation went to New Mexico to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. There Kathy was a dental hygiene pioneer - her license was number five in

the state. Four years later Paul's career brought them to California to join in starting a new engineering firm. Kathy continued in her field and worked for over thirty years helping patients and their families with education on following good dental health procedures.

Paul and Kathy have five children, all of which are college graduates that have been successful in their chosen fields. The importance of community service has always been a part of their lives. Kathy has been active in the National Charity League, the Guild of the Orange County Performing Arts Center and in her church as well.

Kathy joined ARCS in 2006 at the invitation of a good friend. Again she started out as a working member with Historian, Newsletter Editor, and VP Administration positions. She sincerely believes in the purpose of ARCS and always wants to help with time and treasure.