

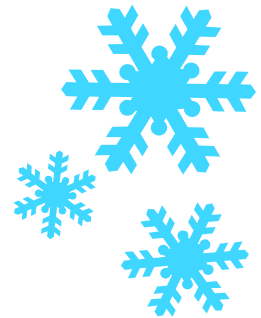


SWE-AV NEWS

Society of Women Engineers
Proposed Antelope Valley Section

Board Notes

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, SWE-AV would like to thank everyone for the amazing beginning we've had in 2004. Starting next year, we will be making more strides towards becoming an official section. In January, we will hold Executive Board elections. We will continue to host events each month and our section will be presented at the SWE Regional Conference in March. I encourage you all to attend our upcoming events and also become an official SWE member by filling out a membership form, found at the end of this newsletter. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season and we'll see you in the new year!



Upcoming Event! **SIGN UP NOW!**

Celebrate the holidays with the Society of Women Engineers!

When: Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:00pm
Where: [Buca di Beppo](#)
26940 Theater Drive; Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(carpools will be arranged after everyone has RSVP'd)
Who: You! And anyone you want to invite.

There will be a White Elephant Gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, please bring a gift valued at \$10 or less. **ACT FAST!** Please RSVP to Tracy (tracy.a.hawkins@lmco.com) ASAP.

SWE-LA Holiday Extravaganza

On Sunday, December 12 at 2-5pm, please join SWE-LA for their annual SWE-LA Holiday Gathering! Throughout the afternoon they will have food, holiday music and activities galore! All friends and family are welcome. Holiday Potluck, White Elephant Gift Exchange, and "Vegas Style" Gaming in support of the Adopt-A-Family Program!

Please RSVP to Hayley McGuire (hayley.mcguire@swe.org) or (310)977-0694 with the potluck dish you'll be bringing.

SWE-LA will also accept cash or check donation for the Adopt-A-Family program. If you wish to buy the family a specific item on their wish list please contact Lisa Jankovitch at Lisa.Jankovich@LOSANGELES.AF.MIL

September's Meeting Soars *by Sara Fournier*



SWE-AV featured guest speaker and inspiration to all, Yvonne Des Lauriers, at our section meeting held September 20. Members gathered at Hometown Buffet in Palmdale for dinner and Yvonne's presentation.

Yvonne is currently a Chief Technologist at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and she was one of the first woman flight test engineers at Edwards Air Force Base AFFTC (Air Force Flight Test Center). Her spirited presentation included stories of the presence of women throughout the development of flight. Some of the women that she discussed were Katherine Wright (sister to Wilbur and Orville Wright), Bessie Coleman (the first woman to earn an International Aviation License and the world's first licensed black aviator), and Anne Morrow Lindbergh (wife of Charles Lindbergh).

After her presentation, Yvonne opened the floor for SWE members to share their experiences. Many of the attendees had very interesting stories related to women in the armed services. Jonae Fedors spoke about being a flight test engineer on the F-16. Holley Williams shared her experience being one of only a few women flying in the Navy. Jennifer Andrews talked about her current experience in Flight School. Laura Boltz told of her experience in the Navy and overcoming the changes of adding women bunks to the ships. These stories were very interesting and helped the members to get to know each other a little better. All were grateful to Yvonne for taking her time to speak to our members and educate them on the history of women in aerospace.

SWE Potluck Picnic *by Amie Bonner*

On October 23, 2004, the SWE-AV welcomed the arrival of fall with a potluck picnic at Marie Kerr Park in Palmdale. Family and friends joined SWE members for an afternoon of food, fun, and pumpkin carving. Although the park was overflowing with energetic little leaguers and their families, we found a cozy section of the park to enjoy eating and socializing. Everyone had a great time



The group feasts at Marie Kerr Park in Palmdale.

getting their hands dirty carving pumpkins, and we had some really creative designs!

After cleaning up the pumpkin guts, we grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and engorged ourselves on the multitude of delicious snacks and desserts contributed by all those who attended.

Once the food settled, attendees took advantage of the grassy areas for a game of catch and the sand volleyball pit for a game of volleyball. Finally, as the picnic wound to a close, we sat and chatted before everyone went home to enjoy their festive pumpkins and tasty leftovers.

Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to make this such a successful event!



SWE Members *Make a Difference* at Local Schools

by Alea Gale

SWE-AV joined with Lockheed Martin and the Palmdale School District to spruce up local schools as part of Make A Difference Day, a national effort of neighbors helping neighbors. Over 600 volunteers participated in this one day event on October 30 and we were proud to represent SWE.

SWE volunteers were assigned to Ocotillo Elementary School in West Palmdale. Our assignment was to repaint overhead wooden beams. This involved painting overhead with long-handled rollers and climbing up on scaffolding to paint. The wood soaked up a lot of the paint, so it was frustrating at first not to see much progress. By the end of the afternoon, though, it looked great.

Kathy Wehunt, Principal of Ocotillo Elementary School, said this following the event: "Thank you for making a difference at Ocotillo school. I wish you all could have been here this morning when the students, parents and teachers arrived. Everyone loved what you all accomplished. Our school has never looked better. We will always remember the hard work and effort you put in to make our school look great! Thanks a million."

Thank you to those who participated in this great event. We hope to see more volunteers at our next community service opportunity.



Pictured: Tracy Hawkins, Alea Gale and Liz Maas paint Ocotillo Elementary School in Palmdale.



Save the Date!

Come join us on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2005** for our final administrative meeting before our group applies to become an official section. We will reintroduce the acting Board members and discuss Executive Board elections. Time and location will be announced early January, so keep the date open!

More about SWE

If you would like to learn more about SWE or would like a membership application, please visit the SWE National website at www.swe.org.

SWE Mission:

- Stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders
- Expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life
- Demonstrate the value of diversity

Learn also about events in the Los Angeles Area with the SWE-LA chapter. www.swela.org

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SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS—MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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YOU CAN APPLY, RENEW OR UPGRADE ONLINE AT WWW.SWE.ORG/JOIN

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES Membership year is July 1–June 30

Membership Category	Fiscal Year	Jan 1–Apr 30
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional Member	\$120	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional Member (<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed or <input type="checkbox"/> Retired).....	\$70	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Reinstatement—Former student members not eligible for recent graduate reinstatement or former professional member whose dues have lapsed for more than one fiscal year	\$100	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Reinstatement (<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed or <input type="checkbox"/> Retired)—Former member whose dues have..... lapsed for more than one fiscal year	\$50	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduate—Graduated in the past 24 months but not a former student member	\$70	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduate (Unemployed)—Graduated in the past 24 months but not a former student member	\$45	\$32.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduate Reinstatement—Former student member who graduated within the past 24 months	\$50	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> New Student Member—Must be a college student and not employed full-time in engineering.....	\$20	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member Upgrade to Professional Member—Must have graduated in the past 12 months	\$20	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member Reinstatement/Renewal—College student not employed full-time in engineering	\$20	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Upgrade to a higher membership grade—Must be a current professional member.....	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate-Sponsored Member—Payment included with corporate membership application	N/A	N/A

Professionals will receive the highest eligible membership grade based on information submitted with this application. Dollar figures listed above for Professional and Recent Graduate applicants joining for the first time include a one-time \$20 application fee. Dues for Professional and Recent Graduate applicants are reduced 50% between Jan 1 and Apr 30; the application fee is not reduced. Dues for Professional Reinstatement applicants are reduced 50% between Jan 1 and Apr 30; no application fee applies. Dues for Students and Student Member Upgrade applicants are not reduced after Jan 1; no application fee applies. Dues submitted after Apr 30 are for the next fiscal year.

PAYMENT

Check Enclosed (Checks payable to SWE in U.S. Funds) Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Cardholder name as it appears on the card

Signature

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

EDUCATION

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME	DEGREE (B.S., ETC.)*	DISCIPLINE/MAJOR	DATE OF DEGREE*

*Students must provide Expected Degree and Graduation Date.

HQ Use Only: Member Grade _____ Section/MAL _____ ID# _____ Ballot # _____ Check # _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Send Mail to: Home Business Alternate/School

Send E-mail to: Home Business Alternate/School

Last Name First Name Initial Suffix (P.E., P.L.S., Ph.D., etc.):

Street Address (students: enter a parental or permanent address) Apt/Unit # City State/Province Postal Code Country

Phone (include area code) Fax E-mail Address

Business or Alternate/School (if applicable)

Street Address Suite/Unit # City State/Province Postal Code Country

Phone (include area code) Fax E-mail Address

Student members are assigned to the student section if there is one on campus. Professional members and other student members are assigned to the section or member-at-large region based on preferred mailing address. If you prefer a different assignment, specify the name of the section or MAL region: _____

(The following items are optional and gathered for statistical purposes only. They are managed with confidentiality and are not criteria for membership.)

Gender: Female Male Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Ethnic Origin: Black/African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Hispanic White Asian or Pacific Islander Other

I do not wish to have my name and address released to SWE affiliated member benefit vendors.

I do not wish to receive SWE Magazine (sorry, no dues reduction).

Please send me information on Life membership. You can visit www.swe.org/lifemember to receive this information instead.

Sponsored by: _____ Sponsor's Section/MAL Region: _____

The president of a professional section, member of council of representatives or a director must sponsor non-technical applicants. Sponsorship is optional for all other applicants. Sponsors are eligible for individual membership awards.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

List most recent employer and position first. If you have held more than two positions, please attach resume (not required for students).

Employer

Job Title From Year to Year

Duties & Responsibilities

Employer

Job Title From Year to Year

Duties & Responsibilities

What is your principal function? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General/Corporate Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Engineering Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Physics/Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Engineering Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering (not specified elsewhere) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design/Development Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Production Engineering (processing or manufacturing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testing, reliability, quality control, standards | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Teaching |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

EIT/FE certified Professional Engineer. List up to three states _____

