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University of Hartford SWEET Day

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Time: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Location: University of Hartford

SWE Hartford Holiday Gathering and Wine Tasting

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2007

Time: 6:30PM

Location: TBA

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High School Joint Outreach Event with SHPE

Date: Friday, December 7, 2007

Time: 2:15PM to 5:30PM

Location: Hartford Public High School- Cafeteria

Save-The-Date FYo8

December 1 University of Hartford SWEET Day

December 6 SWE Hartford Holiday Gathering and Wine Tasting

December 7 SWE Hartford Outreach Event: Joint High School Outreach with SHPE



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Stay tuned for more FYo8 SWE Hartford events!

If you are interested in helping coordinate an event, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org).

A Note from the President...

Greetings SWE Hartford Members & Friends! As we approach the mid-point of FY08, I am pleased to report that SWE Hartford is alive and well. We have already hosted a number of exciting events, including our extremely successful Networking Night in September, a number of SWEet Gatherings and, most recently, our first Work/Life Balance Seminar on setting boundaries. We also had an outstanding number of SWE Hartford members who attended October's SWE National Conference in Nashville. In addition, our section is currently ranked 2nd in the region as far as membership growth with a jump of almost 15% in total number of members! This brings our section total to around 88 professional members!

I want to thank all of our committee chairs and volunteers for all of their hard work so far this year in planning and executing events. In particular, I want to thank Natasha Butler for her service as our Professional Development chair. Natasha, who has recently relocated to Charlotte, NC, was a great asset to our executive board and we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. As a result of Natasha's departure, we are still actively searching for a new Professional Development chair. Please contact any of the executive board members if you are interested in taking on this vital position within SWE Hartford.

I can only hope that our section continues to grow as it has in the past few months, and I am looking forward to all of the great events we have planned for December and next year, including:

- Joint High School Outreach Events with SHPE
- Collegiate Scholarship Award Dinner
- *Career Works: Developing the Vision and Pursuing the Path*
- Engineer's Week
- Self Defense for Women Class
- SWEet Gatherings
- Annual Certificate of Merit Awards
- And more...

I hope that everyone plans to attend the SWE Hartford Holiday Wine Tasting on December 6th. It promises to be a fun and festive event! Details will be posted on our website and distributed via email.



As always, if you have any suggestions or comments on how SWE Hartford can better serve the needs of the membership, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other executive board members. I hope you are as excited as I am about what SWE Hartford has to offer in 2008, and I hope to see you at our future events!

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LAST MONTH'S EVENTS...

SWE Hartford Hosted Web Seminar

I attended the seminar on November 27th which included showing the SWE National Web Seminar: Managing Your Workload: How to Set Limits and Say "No". After the Web Seminar, Suzanne Woll facilitated a discussion about many of the topics discussed by the speaker, with SWE Hartford women adding their own struggles and strategies. Many in attendance liked using the SWE National Web Seminar as a presentation medium. In addition, it gave many of us a chance to experience one for the first time.

~Sarah Koenig

Boundaries: Saying "No" and Sticking with It

On Tuesday, November 27, SWE Hartford hosted the first Work/Life Balance Seminar of FY08 at Northeast Utilities in Berlin. Boundaries: Saying "No" and Sticking with It, included a viewing of the SWE National Web Seminar entitled Managing Your Workload, and was followed by a facilitated discussion on how we can all set limits in our work and home lives. The seminar and participants all had great suggestions on how to handle a variety of situations we are confronted with every day - whether it is being asked to take on an additional task at work when you already have a full plate, or setting your priorities when it comes to requests from friends and family. I, for one, walked away with some new techniques on how to "negotiate a no". This event had a great turn out of both new and existing SWE Hartford members, and everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner and some goodies as well. Special thanks to Carol Coppa for arranging the location and food, and to Suzanne Woll for facilitating our discussion. We hope to see all SWE Hartford members and friends at our other Work/Life Balance events in the future!

~ Liz Garypie

UPCOMING SWE HARTFORD EVENTS...

SWE Hartford Holiday Gathering and Wine Tasting This event is FREE to SWE Hartford members

Thursday, December 6, 2007

6:30PM

Location: TBA

Join SWE Hartford for our holiday gathering and wine tasting event. Learn about the art of wine tasting and wine/food pairing. We will be sampling five wines from around the world that will be paired with fun hors d'oeuvres.

Must be 21 to attend

Please RSVP to the evite that or to Jennifer Thomas at jennifer.thomas@swe.org



High School Joint Outreach Event with SHPE

Friday, December 7, 2007

2:15PM to 5:30PM

Hartford Public High School- Cafeteria

55 Forest St

Hartford, CT 06103



Gumdrop Tooth Pick Tower Project

This event is designed to bring engineering concepts to high school students, and have fun while doing it! It is being hosted jointly by SWE, SHPE, and SNEATP. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers, so please contact Sarah sarah.koenig@pw.utc.com if you would like more details or to help out! In the event of a labor action at Pratt and Whitney, the event will be postponed until further notice.

Math, Science, and Creativity are pathways to our future

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Alvin Carrero at Communityservices@shpect.org or (860) 565-1302.

SWEET Day - Society of Women Engineers Educating for Tomorrow Saturday, December 1, 2007

On December 1st, Alexandra Symmonds '10, University of Hartford SWE president and Dr. Clara Fang, faculty advisor to SWE and assistant professor of civil/environmental/biomedical engineering, CETA, will create "SWEET Day (Society of Women Engineers Educating for Tomorrow)." SWEET Day will engage 100 area high school women and their parents in a day of hands-on engineering, with activities offered by all of the CETA clubs. Workshops, informative guest speakers, and a tour of the CETA facilities will advance the SWE goals of stimulating women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expanding the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving quality of life, and demonstrating the value of diversity to the field. Please join us at the University of Hartford for the next SWEET Day on December 1st!

Please email any questions to Alexandra Symmonds: alexsymmonds@gmail.com

Schedule:

8:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Introduction
9:30 AM	Students: Engineering Modules Parents: Informational Meeting
10:30 AM	Parents: Engineering Modules
12:00 PM	Students: Competition
1-2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Speakers
3:30 PM	Group Picture
4:00 PM	Optional Tour

SWE HARTFORD MEMBER NEWS...

SWE Polos!

This fall, SWE Hartford will be selling SWE women's polo shirts to raise funds for SWE Hartford and our annual scholarship. This is a great way to show your pride in SWE! The shirts will be navy blue and have the SWE gear logo embroidered along with the words "Society of Women Engineers."



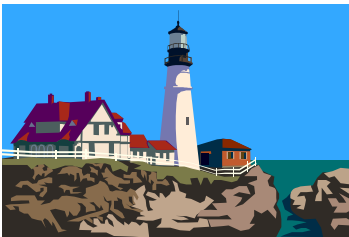
Shirts will be available for \$22, and come in sizes small through 2XL.

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2X-Large
USA Sizes	6 to 8	10 to 12	14 to 16	18 to 20	20
Bust	34-35	36-38	39-41	42-44	45-47

Reserve yours today! Email Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) your name and size.

Don't Forget the SWE Hartford Website...

www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford



Support the SWE-CT section and buy an Entertainment Book by visiting their website www.swect.com

Also visit our friends at SWE-NESS on their website <http://www.sweness.org>

REGION F NEWS...

Region F Conference – April 12-13, 2008

Call for Volunteers!

Planning for the 2008 SWE Region F Conference has begun! The conference will be held April 12-13 at Olin College in Needham, MA. The conference will feature a career fair, several workshop tracks, technical tours, networking opportunities, and SWE business meetings. We are currently looking for committee members to help plan the conference.

The planning for the conference is done entirely via telecon and email, as the committee is made up of members from all over New England. We need help with career fair coordination, event planning, speaker and session planning, publicity, artwork -- you name it! There are opportunities to help out for every level of time commitment and skill. If you are interested in joining the committee or have questions about the conference, contact Region F Governor Emily Synk at emily.synk@swe.org or 617-605-0915.

Greetings from Rutgers University!

The School of Engineering is proud to offer the Rutgers University Women in Engineering Leadership League (RU WELL). The League's mission is to increase the retention and graduation of women in the School of Engineering and to destroy negative stereotypes concerning the ability of women to achieve in the engineering profession. League members participate in e-mentoring (mentoring over email), leadership seminars, corporate visits, and various activities that focus on personal and professional development.

We are recruiting women with an academic background in engineering, or those who are currently working in an engineering related job, to volunteer as e-mentors. If you, or your colleagues, are interested, please email Evelyn H. Laffey at ehlaffey@rci.rutgers.edu a brief (one-to-two paragraph) description of your academic and professional experiences. Using your submitted profile, I will match you with one undergraduate female engineering student.

SWE NATIONAL NEWS...

December SWE Web Seminars

These Web Seminars are free for SWE members; \$49 for non-members.

Women's Way of Leadership - Being a Leader and Leaving a Legacy
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
5PM - 6PM (EST)

Speaker

LTC Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch (U.S. Army Retired)

Through a thoughtful and introspective presentation, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch discusses leadership, service, and leaving a legacy. With her 20+ years of experience in the U.S. Army, she knows a thing or two about leading and about being a woman in a male dominated field! Her insights on leadership will help you reflect upon your own leadership style and will inspire and challenge you to not only lead - but to leave a legacy of distinction.

Women Leading the Diversity Advantage
Thursday, December 13, 2007
5PM - 6PM (EST)

Speaker

Lenora Billings-Harris, CSP. President, Excel Development Systems, Inc.

Have you ever been asked to "share the woman's point of view?" As a leader do you sometimes feel your efforts being judged as a "woman engineer" rather than as an engineer? Join Lenora Billings-Harris, to explore ways to successfully lead without carrying the burden/responsibility of all of womankind. You will end the session with actionable tips and techniques that build upon your strengths and will enable you to experience future career successes.



LOCAL EVENTS...

SWE CT Holiday Party Invitation

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Tour at 5:00PM (if there is enough interest) with party following at 6:00PM

Schick Wilkinson Sword, 10 Leighton Rd. Milford, CT 06460

Price: \$15.00

Celebrate the holiday season with SWE-CT! Come one, Come all! Bring a friend and join the party! We are having an Italian Feast including Italian Salad, Baked Ziti, Stuffed Fillet of Sole, Chicken Florentine, Soda, Coffee and Italian Pastry.

Help us celebrate this holiday season by helping a fellow woman. Bring a gift card from Target, CVS or RiteAid, and they will benefit the Women's Shelter in Ansonia. Monetary donations also accepted.

Interested on how a razor is made? Come tour Schick prior to the party at 5:00PM.

Please RSVP by December 03, 2007 to deborah.kelloggvanorden@swe.org and indicate if you are interested in the tour & if you are interested, please note the name of the company you work for.



SWE NY After Holiday Party

Saturday, January 12, 2008 at promptly 1:00PM

Tony DiNapoli's - located in the heart of Times Square in New York City at 147 west 43rd street (between 6th and 7th avenues)

Price: \$34.00 Per Person (Includes tax and gratuity)

On behalf of SWE New York, I would like to cordially invite you and your section to our annual After the Holidays Party. I hope you can join us for a family style, three-course, prix-fixe meal with fellow SWE members. This is also a family-friendly event, with significant others welcome. This party is a great opportunity for members of your section to meet other engineering professionals, or simply become reacquainted with one another!

Further information regarding the event can be found on our website at:

<http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionE/Sections/sweny/flyers/HolidayParty011208.pdf>

RSVP by Thursday, January 3, 2008 by following the link in the above document.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Alicia Licata at alicata@halcrow.com. We hope to see you and members of your section at this event!

JOB OPPORTUNITY!

The Hennessy Group Presents: The STAR Program (Strategic Talent Acquisition Resource)

The Hennessy Group is a retained executive search firm headquartered outside of Philadelphia, PA. With additional offices located in San Francisco, Ca. and Brussels Belgium, we provide executive search consulting to companies in the chemical, life science and consumer industries on a global basis. Our mission is to help clients create and sustain a competitive advantage through executive leadership. The Hennessy Group currently supports businesses within the healthcare, chemical/industrial and consumer industries. For the new program, STAR, we are looking to identify young talent like yourself who would like to be informed of networking events and opportunities as they arise within the chemical field. We are looking for 3-4 years of solid working experience within the Chemical Industry.

The STAR Program (Strategic Talent Acquisition Resource) is a newly released retained search program that is focused on identifying, assisting and placing high potential candidates for our clients primarily in the chemical industry. STAR is selectively focused on identifying only high potential talent currently working in the following functional areas:

- Research & Development
- Engineering
- Business Development
- Product Management
- Marketing
- Sales

This program is designed to match future leaders to our client companies as opportunities and needs arise. Additionally, The Hennessy Group will provide on-going career assistance and consulting services to individuals that are selected to become members of the STAR program.

- Benefits of becoming a member of the STAR program include:
 - Accessibility to outstanding chemical/industrial companies and opportunities as they arise.
 - Private consultative services that provide members with regular career choices and advice.
 - Periodic networking sessions, such as luncheons and presentations to update on industry trends and potential career opportunities.
- Requirements of a “STAR”:
 - Bachelor’s degree within a technical discipline such as chemistry, chemical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, biology or other related technical areas.
 - A minimum of 3 to 4 years working experience with a track record indicating rapid compensation and career progression.
 - MBA or other graduate degree is strongly preferred.
 - The personal drive to advance your career.

For more information regarding the STAR program, please send a copy of your resume to alee@thehennessygroup.com

Angela M. Lee, President, Chemical & Industrial Practice Recruiting Consultant

VOLUNTEER!

Are you interested to speak at area high schools? Email Sarah at sarah.koenig@pw.utc.com with your name, email address, and any other relevant information.

Would you like to host a SWE Hartford meeting?

We have great events planned for FYo8, but now we need places to hold them!

All you need is a conference room that holds 15 people from 6:30-8:30 pm. It's a great way to get company exposure.

If you are interested, contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or Michelle (michelle.montepara@swe.org).

Are you Involved?

Do you have a professional organization you belong to that you think would be of interest to other SWE Hartford members?

Please let Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org) know and we'll include it next month.

OPEN FYo8 COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

We need FYo8 committee chairs to round out our SWE Hartford Executive Council for next year. Openings include:

- **Awards Chair**
- **Marketing \ Fundraising Chair**

If you are interested in any of these positions or want more information, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) or any of the other FYo8 officers.

SWE Hartford wants to hear from you!

Have you recently...

- Received a promotion or moved to a new and exciting position?
- Completed a great project?
- Attended an interesting lecture, seminar or conference?
- Read a good article or book?
- Added a new member to your family?

Let us know!

We want to publicize the accomplishments of our members. Send a note to Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org) with your news and we'll take it from there!

Calling All Articles!

The SWE Hartford News is always looking for new and interesting material for its pages. If you have something you think would be of interest to the membership or would like to see included, email Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org)

**Deadline for the
December newsletter:
December 19th!**

Well-behaved women rarely make history.

~Anita Borg



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