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JOINT EVENT WITH IIE, SHPE & SWE

Wednesday, September 17th

5:30 PM

Northeast Utilities Corporate Office
107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT

See inside the newsletter for more information and to register for the event!

2ND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 2nd

Dakota Steak House, Rocky Hill, CT

Join us for a fun networking event with hors d'oeuvres.

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SAVE THE DATE!



- Sept 17** **Joint Meeting**
- Sept 22** **National Conference Early
Registration Deadline**
- Sept 27** **FY09 Region F Council Meeting**
- Oct 2** **2nd Annual SWE Hartford Open
House**
- Oct 15** **Joint Meeting with IIE**

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

Remember to check the website for more information!

<http://www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/hartford/>

The Hartford Section is a member of the SWE New England Region, Region F. <http://www.swe.org/regionf/>

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS SWE HARTFORD!

Fall is on the way and so is an exciting slate of SWE Hartford events for FY09. We had a great planning meeting on August 13th and have lined up a host of ideas for the upcoming months. This year's focus for SWE Hartford is all about "Reaching Out" and we hope to get everyone involved in those activities.

We are "Reaching Out" to...

- New SWE Hartford members that have joined us since June
- Existing members who we have not seen in a while
- Collegiate members looking for advice or guidance
- High school, middle school and younger students in our area
- Friends of SWE Hartford, including SHPE, IIE, NSBE, local companies and others...

We will be kicking off this year with a joint IIE and SHPE event, "Strategy Driven Innovation", on Wednesday, September 17th. We will follow up that with our 2nd Annual SWE Hartford Open House & Networking Night, on October 2nd. The Open House was our most popular and successful event in FY08 and we expect even better turnout this year! Both of these events are a great opportunity to meet our members and other professionals from the greater Hartford area, and also to find out how you can get more involved in our meetings and events.

Those two events are only the beginning of the great line up we have for this year. Stay tuned to the newsletter and SWE Hartford website for more information on what we have planned. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for how to make SWE Hartford even better, please contact any of the SWE Hartford officers.

I hope to see everyone – new faces too! – at our exciting FY09 events!

Liz Garypie

SWE Hartford President, FY09

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

On August 13th, we held our annual planning meeting at the Metropolitan District Commission in Hartford. This was a great planning meeting for FY09 and we have some exciting events in store! Thanks to IIE and SHPE for sending representatives to give input and to help us plan future joint events. Keep a look out for all of the exciting events to come this year.

Thanks to Jonna for picking up pizza, salad, and drinks for everyone! It was great brain fuel for the planning session. Make sure to stay tuned to the SWE Hartford website, the newsletter, and your email for more information about this year's events.

As always, let Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) know if you have an idea or location for an event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Co-sponsored by Central CT IIE, SWE-Hartford & SHPE-CT

Wednesday, September 17th

5:30 PM

Northeast Utilities Corporate Office, OCL Training Room 1A

107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT **(New Location!)**

Cost: \$5 for members/students, \$10 for members



Jatin DeSai, Co-founder & CEO of The DeSai Group will be discussing 'Creating Living Organizations Thru Innovation & Learning', based on his company's "Strategy-Driven Innovation" framework.

DeSai is a seasoned business executive, strategic advisor, and a coach for senior leadership teams with extensive field experience in the areas of strategy alignment, corporate innovation, talent management, culture development, and information technology. DeSai's business practice areas offer solutions for Enterprise Innovation and Enterprise Talent Management.

PREVIEW: "Innovation makes a big difference. But some companies are much more successful in innovating than their industry counterparts. Companies that focus on the innovation with focused management & rigor greatly improve their business performance compared to companies that see innovation as something best left to chance."

"Innovation excellence means making a clear choice between three sources of value creation and then aligning innovation efforts towards one of those choices. Each one requires unique approaches to be successful towards building a predictable innovation engine"

Intrigued by what the 3 sources are? What are the unique approaches? These and other questions will be addressed at this provocative presentation.

Dinner will be provided by Roma Pizza. Please register for the event using the following link: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=165436>. Contact Jonna Gerken with any questions at jonna.gerken@pw.utc.com.

2ND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND NETWORKING NIGHT

Thursday, October 2nd

6:00 PM

Dakota Steakhouse (www.dakotarockyhill.com)

1489 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT

Cost: \$20 SWE Members, \$25 Non-Members, \$15 Collegiate Members. Payment collected at the event.

Please check the website and your email for more information. An elaborate assortment of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cash and soda bar extra.

To Register, email Liz Garypie (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org) by September 26th with your name, company\affiliation and membership status.

JOB POSTINGS

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION



The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) is a non-profit municipal organization that provides potable water, sewerage services and other environmental services to the Hartford, Ct. metropolitan area. We are accepting resumes for the position of Facility Engineer 2.

This is very responsible full performance public works professional engineering work involving the technical assistance and support of utility operations and maintenance. Work involves responsibility for the development of engineering solutions to technical and operational problems. Duties include analyzing and solving a wide variety of production, processing, operations and other technical problems in civil, mechanical and electrical systems. This position also has the responsibility for making very difficult technical, operating and maintenance systems decisions. This work requires that the employee have considerable knowledge, skill and ability in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering as applied to utility systems and technologies.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university in civil, mechanical or electrical engineering plus four years of progressively responsible experience in public works or utility engineering. Must have a valid driver's license.

Salary range is \$66,631 to \$86,621 plus an excellent benefits package including vacation, sick and holiday pay, health and dental insurance, and pension plan.

The MDC seeks to enhance the diversity of its workforce. People of color, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. The selected candidate will be required to pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. The District conducts thorough background checks on prospective employees.

The person must be able to answer **yes** to the following questions.

- Have you designed or worked with conveyer systems?
- Are you familiar with preemptive maintenance System?
- Do you have experience with electric motors?
- Have you worked with bearings, gearboxes or hydraulic pumps?
- Have you used CMMS System?
- Have you used ACAD program?

Please contact Douglas Kerr at DKerr@themdc.com if you are interested in the position.



Do you have an employment opportunity for SWE Hartford members? We will now be accepting job postings and corporate advertisements for **\$25!** This cost includes circulation to all SWE Hartford members and friends via the newsletter and our website for up to 3 months.

Did you know that the SWE Hartford Newsletter has a distribution of over 100 people?! It's a great way to get exposure among engineers and organizations. Contact Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org) if you are interested in any advertising opportunities.

LOCAL EVENTS

WOMEN IN AVIATION RECEPTION

Friday, September 5th
6:00 PM



The Connecticut Chapter of Women in Aviation (WAI) will host their 2nd Annual Reception at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The CT WAI Chapter provides local networking opportunities at regularly scheduled meetings. Activities such as bus trips, assisting with Girl Scout events and various community outreach efforts support regional scholarships that encourage young people to pursue careers in aviation. WAI members range in age and aviation experience and membership is not limited to pilots. The youngest member is a 12-yr old who has a pilot's learner's permit and other members work in the field of aviation or simply enjoy the idea of ascending to the skies!

Terrie Riggs, president of the WAI CT Chapter said, "The chapter members are delighted to organize and host this event and we are looking forward to yet another successful event".

This year's Reception will precede the Great New England Air Show that will be held at the Westover Air Reserve Base on Sept 6 and 7, in Westover, Mass.

If you are interested in learning more about Women in Aviation, CT Chapter, please contact Meredith Moore at (860) 610-3967 or visit their online community at <http://www.wai.org/chapters/index.cfm>.

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT FORUM

I am writing to ask you for your support in the promotion of the ASME Early Career Development Forum (ECDF) program that will be held in conjunction with the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exhibition, Sunday, November 2, 2008 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

We would like the opportunity to alert your chapter members at the Society of Women Engineers, age 20-35, about the event through your general communication channels including your newsletters, website, and event calendars. The program details and registration information can be found at www.asmeconferences.org/Congress08/ECF.cfm.

The ECDF is a special event that provides awareness of trends and opportunities in the engineering profession among early-career engineers (0-10 years experience in professional practice), and offers practical advice and information to help advance their careers through accounts of "real-life" experiences from senior engineers and managers in the industry.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 212.591.8239 or via email: hasanc@asme.org.

Regards,
Cheryl Hasan

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD

Friday, September 5th

Noon—1:30 PM

25 Bacon Road, Enfield, CT

Our September CEO Luncheon will be hosted by Keith Kennedy, General Manager of Hallmark Cards in Enfield, CT. Keith Kennedy is the General Manager of Hallmark Cards, Inc. Enfield Distribution Center in Enfield, Connecticut. He is responsible for the distribution of over \$1.5 Billion of personal expression products to Hallmark Cards' retail partners across the east coast and as far west as Ohio and parts south. He is a member of the Enfield Rotary Club, Northern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, and Reserve Officer Association. He is on the board of directors of New Horizons of Northern Connecticut, and a past board member of numerous other not for profit organizations.

For nearly 100 years, Hallmark Cards, Inc. has helped people connect with one another and give voice to their feelings. Our employees are personally passionate about caring, creativity, quality and innovation, values that have guided us from the start and remain at our core.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SARAH KOENIG moved to Connecticut last year to join the Manufacturing Engineering Development Program at Pratt and Whitney. She graduated from University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in French. She has interned for Mercedes-Benz USA in Montvale, NJ, and for Hutchinson SA's Research Center in Montargis, France. She is currently pursuing her MBA through Carnegie Mellon University. She served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of her collegiate section. Her SWE passion is inspiring other young women to pursue the field of engineering, encouraging and helping them to translate their unique interests into engineering careers.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys traveling, spending time with friends, and participating in ballroom dance competitions across New England.



DID YOU KNOW?

SWE Hartford is also represented at the **Regional and National Levels...**

- Michelle Montepara and Ashley Phillips are the Region F representatives on the membership committee
- Jennifer Thomas is the Region F Collegiate Leadership Coaching Team Lead
- Suzanne Woll is the Nominating Committee Chair at the National level
- Sarah Koenig is a member of the National Outreach Committee

We also have a handful of members that are **SWE Life Members!**

- Carol Coppa
- Jonna Gerken
- Mary Jez
- Andrea Karalus
- Sarah Koenig
- Theresa Langevin

VOLUNTEER!

OPEN FY09 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We need FY09 committee chairs to round out our SWE Hartford Executive Council. Openings include:

- **Professional Development Chair**
- **Publicity \ Membership Chair**
- **Bylaws Committee**

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 officers.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Are you new to the Hartford section? Do you know someone who you would like to share with us? Have an exciting story or event occur and you would like to be profiled? Let us know if you, or someone you know, would be interested in our new Member Spotlight section. We'd love to get to know everyone and grow our SWE Hartford family. Email Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org).

WELCOME OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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 in the newsletter next month.

CALLING ALL ARTICLES!

The SWE Hartford Newsletter is always looking for new and interesting material for its pages. If you have something you think would be of interest email Ashley (Ashley.Phillips@swe.org).

Deadline for the September newsletter:

September 22nd

Engineering is the art of modeling materials we do not wholly understand, into shapes we cannot precisely analyze so as to withstand forces we cannot properly assess, in such a way that the public has no reason to suspect the extent of our ignorance. - Dr AR Dykes



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