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HALLMARK FACILITY TOUR

Wednesday, January 21st
Starts at 6:30 PM
25 Bacon Road, Enfield, CT 06082
Dinner will be provided

Please RSVP to Christine Lagree at christine.lagree@gmail.com by Friday, January 16th. This event is open to professionals and students.

JANUARY PLANNING MEETING

Date TBD

Keep an eye out for more information via email and the website regarding this meeting. It's a great opportunity to help us organize events that you are interested in!

Please keep an eye out for more events in 2009. More information is available on the website and via email. If you have any suggestions for next year, please let one of the section officers know!

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/>

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS SWE HARTFORD!

I hope everyone is enjoying what has started out as a very cold and snowy winter. We have arrived at the halfway point of our SWE fiscal year, and have a lot to be proud of as a section. We started the year off with our Annual Networking Night & Open House, and followed with a number of joint events, a fantastic national conference, a SWEet Gathering and our holiday wine tasting.

For those of you that were unable to attend our wine tasting on December 15th, you missed out on a great time! Thanks go to Ashley Phillips for hosting and our wine consultant, Andrea Oddi, for the 6 fabulous wines and the wealth of wine information. It is exciting to see so many new faces and SWE friends at our events this year, and we look forward to meeting even more of you as we move into our spring schedule!



January is lining up to be a fun filled month for SWE Hartford. First, we will be having a planning meeting to layout all of our events for January through June 2009. The meeting date is still being finalized, but stay tuned to your SWE Hartford email and website for further information. As always, we are looking for some good ideas and volunteers to help make our programs a success. Should you have any suggestions for events, please make sure to let our executive board know.

Also on tap for January 21st is a tour of Hallmark in Enfield, CT, where we will be presenting our 2008-2009 collegiate scholarship. Christine Lagree, who is an IE at Hallmark, graciously arranged this event for our section. Also, details will be arriving soon for a joint event at the end of the month with the University of Bridgeport SWE. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to give mock interviews to students as part of that event. If you are interested, be sure to contact our Outreach Chair, Sarah Koenig.

And remember, we have a great list of events for the remaining months of FY09 - including our 25th Annual Certificate of Merit. We will be looking for volunteers to help plan that event beginning in February. If you have not made it out to a SWE Hartford event yet this year, we hope to see you in the spring!

On behalf of SWE Hartford, and the entire Executive Board, I wish you and your family a very Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year!

Liz Garypie
SWE Hartford President, FY09

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).

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

ANNUAL HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

On December 15th, SWE Hartford hosted our annual holiday wine tasting with the aid of Andrea Oddi, our wine consultant from The Traveling Vineyard. Over fifteen attendees, both SWE members and friends, participated in the event and brought a dish to share and taste with the wine. We were able to sample from six extravagant wines. It was great that everyone brought a great assortment of dishes from cheese to dip to cake! Thanks to Ashley who was gracious enough to host everyone in her home. We hope to see the rest of you next year at the event!

If you have questions or would like more information on the event please contact Jennifer at jennifer.thomas@swe.org. Please let us know if you might be interested in a similar event during the summer with an assortment of light and fresh wines!



READER'S RECIPE

BACON WRAPPED DATES RECIPE

These make a great, quick appetizer for parties. They combine salty and sweet in a way that people are sure to enjoy!

Ingredients:

1 Package Bacon strips
1 container dates (pitted, but whole)
Toothpicks
Small bowl to soak toothpicks in

Directions:

Soak toothpicks in bowl of water for approximately 10 minutes to prevent splintering. Preheat oven to 400. Take package of bacon, cut strips in half. Wrap the half strip of bacon around a date, and secure with toothpick. Repeat until all bacon or all dates are gone. Place in oven for approximately 10 minutes. Remove, turn each one over, and replace into oven for another 7-8 minutes or until they look done. One package of bacon and one package of dates makes approximately 40.

Submitted by Sarah Koenig



Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share with other SWE members? Are you looking for a particular recipe or advice that SWE members can help with? Please submit recipes or suggestions to Ashley at Ashley.Phillips@swe.org.

UPCOMING SWE HARTFORD EVENTS

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25 Bacon Road, Enfield, CT 06082
N/S Conference Room
Dinner will be provided
Flat shoes are strongly recommended
***snow date of Thursday, January 22nd**



Hallmark has history in Enfield dating back to 1952. The Bacon Road facility ships counter cards and party supplies to all cities east of the Mississippi River. The facility is 1.1 million square feet which includes two identical warehouses and a filling floor to support 45,000+ active SKUs. A total of 160+ million everyday and seasonal items are shipped out annually.

Please RSVP to Christine Lagree at christine.lagree@gmail.com by Friday, January 16th. This event is open to professionals and students.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

Below are some great outreach opportunities in the community over the next few months. Please contact our outreach coordinator, Sarah at sarah.koenig@pw.utc.com, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

Delta Academy

The Delta Academy's goals are to provide young girls with supervised and structured experiences that broaden their world views, improve their academic performance, increase their technical skills, and give them opportunities for leadership and service.

This year's theme is "Go-Green" so we have several speakers and sessions on this subject (plus other technology, education, and science items). We would like for the girls (ages 7-16) to experience speakers, especially women of color, in the science fields. A session would be for 1-hour max and take place on the 4th Saturday of a month. The particular month can probably be selected based on your preference.

Girl Scout Event—10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Girl Scouts hold an annual event to celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts in March of each year (97th anniversary in 2009). The theme this year is Math and Science. The event will be help on Pi day (Saturday March 14th, 2009) at the Enfield Square Mall. It is a Girl Scout event, but is also open to the public.

I want to invite SWE to participate in the celebration in 2009. The girls greatly enjoyed working with women role models. They still talk about the activities from a SWE event at Pratt & Whitney several years ago. I also had a former girl scout, RPI student (at that time) and I believe a student member of SWE come to a troop meeting to lead a science badge and talk to the girls about careers in engineering.

Women in Engineering Day

RHAM High School in Hebron, CT is holding its second Women in Engineering Day, on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. They are looking for dynamic, enthusiastic women engineers, particularly in the biomedical, civil, environmental, electrical/electronic, and computer fields to speak. They are looking for speakers to generate excitement about our profession in middle and high school age young women. If you are interested in speaking to a group of young women and helping to inspire a love of science and engineering, please contact Sarah Koenig at sarah.koenig@pw.utc.com for more information. It is during the work day, but it is to accommodate the school schedule.



Pictures from the 2008 Women in Engineering Day show SWE Volunteers and students



LOCAL EVENTS

ASME PRESENTS: NUCLEAR POWER RENAISSANCE, HERE & NOW

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Adam's Mill Restaurant, 165 Adams Street, Manchester, CT

5:45 PM Welcome, cocktails (cash bar), 6:00 PM dinner followed by the presentation

Cost: \$25 - Adults (members and non members), \$15 - Students and Children

Worldwide, nuclear power for the generation of electricity is receiving renewed interest and application. Westinghouse Electric Co., headquartered in Monroeville, PA, is a world leading nuclear vendor. The Windsor, CT, Westinghouse facility is providing significant inputs to new Westinghouse plants in China, the US and elsewhere. The Advanced Generation nuclear plants being offered by Westinghouse will be described, including innovative options for high temperature process heat and small electric grids.

Speaker: Sten A. Caspersson, Jr. - BS Physics, St. Lawrence University MS Nuclear Engineering, University of Wisconsin. Employed by Westinghouse Electric Co., Nuclear Power Plants Division, Windsor, CT. Fellow Engineer and Project Manager for High Temperature Reactors. Member of Connecticut Academy of Scientists and Engineers (CASE).

Registration deadline is January 18, 2009. To register, call the Hartford section hotline 860-722-5005 or email HartfordSection@ASME.org. Please choose one of the following dinner choices: Chicken, Salmon Filet, Prime Rib, or Pasta

For more information please visit the ASME website: <http://sections.asme.org/hartford>

VOLUNTEER!

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

REGION F CONFERENCE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Region F 2009 Conference will be April 4-5 at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Planning is underway and it's shaping up to be a great conference. The speaker committee has put together a potential slate for sessions and needs your help identifying Region F members (or others) to be on panels or lead sessions. If you have ideas or suggestions, send them to the speaker committee.

If you have questions about the Region conference, contact Conference Chair, Ebony Joseph, at ebony.joseph.swe@gmail.com. Thanks for your support of the Region F Conference!

Regards, Region F 2009 Conference Speaker Committee
Emily Synk, Maureen Masiulus, Denise Griffin, Emma Dalton

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, November 5, members of SWE Hartford had the opportunity to meet with Michael Van Parys, Vice President of the Greater Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau. As many of you may already know, there has been interest from both SWE Hartford and the Greater Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau to host a future SWE National Conference. Our dinner with Michael was an excellent opportunity for him to meet the section and to learn more about SWE and the conference, and also for us to learn more about what Hartford can offer as a future SWE conference location. Additionally, SWE Hartford executive council members, along with representatives from Region F, had the opportunity to speak with SWE national leadership to learn about what is required to host a national conference, and to "plug" Hartford as a potential location for the 2012 conference.

SWE Hartford is now forming a "National Conference Exploratory Committee," whose charter is to help poise Hartford as a future SWE National Conference location. We are actively looking for a committee chair or co-chairs, as well as volunteers to serve on the committee and help with research and "marketing". If you would like to help us bring the SWE Conference to Hartford, please contact Liz Garypie (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org).

CALLING ALL ARTICLES AND PICTURES!

The SWE Hartford Newsletter is always looking for new and interesting material for its pages
Email Ashley with information or questions: Ashley.Phillips@swe.org.

February Newsletter Deadline: **January 21**

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a not-for-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Founded in 1950, SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more.



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