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SAVE THE DATE!

Keep an eye out for our annual membership networking events. We've had great fun at both Dakota Steakhouse and Kyoto Japanese Steakhouse! These are excellent opportunities for new members, old members, and friends! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Liz (elizabeth.garypie@swe.org)

THANK YOU!

I'd like to say thank you to all SWE Hartford members and friends for all of your support, suggestions, and recommendations. Your help makes the newsletter even better and helps me fit your needs and expectations. I will be continuing on as Editor for FY10 and graciously welcome your opinions, suggestions, and advice.

Wishing everyone a good summer,
~Ashley Phillips, Editor

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 that you will find this newsletter packed with great information about our recent and upcoming events. Just a few weeks ago we held our first joint event with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Almost 30 members from SWE Hartford and AIChE were on hand for the event. Everyone enjoyed an engaging and informative presentation on “Creative Problem Solving” by SWE Region F Coach, Darlene Yerdon. A big “THANK YOU!” goes out to Darlene for traveling all the way from New York for this event, as well as Joyce Carpenter for assisting with the arrangements for AIChE.



Also, congratulations go to Terianna Wax, our 2009 SWE Hartford\ALSTOM High School Scholarship recipient! Terianna was able to join us at Adam’s Mill Restaurant to receive her award. SWE Hartford and ALSTOM are honored to recognize such an outstanding young woman on her accomplishments and wish her the best of luck in her future as she pursues a degree in Chemical Engineering! Thanks to Suzanne Woll for chairing our scholarship, and all those that helped in the decision process.

As for upcoming events, there is already a lot of buzz around our Tri-Section Event with SWE NESS and SWE CT on Friday, June 12th. In case you haven’t heard, we have a great evening planned with a “behind the scenes” tour of Mohegan Sun Casino, a dinner and even discounted room rates for those that would like to stay over. Check out this newsletter for more details – and don’t forget to register soon - we expect it to be a very popular event!

As many of you know, we are quickly approaching the end of our fiscal year and will be ushering in a new slate of Executive Council Officers and committee chairs for FY10 on July 1, 2009. We ask that all paid members please make sure to cast their votes using the survey tool in this newsletter (and provided to you via email) by no later than Wednesday, June 17th. Additionally, if you or someone you know is interested in becoming more involved in SWE Hartford or possibly serving as one of our committee chairs, please let one of the FY09 officers know.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure serving the section over the past 2 years as president, and I look forward to remaining involved in a different capacity next year. I would like to thank all of the FY09 officers and committee chairs for their assistance and dedication to the section, and on behalf of the FY09 SWE Hartford Executive Council, I thank all of those that helped to make FY09 a very successful year for SWE Hartford!

Liz Garypie
SWE Hartford President, FY09

THANK YOU!

The following was a positive note from a recipient at the Certificate of Merit event in April!

I just wanted to thank you again for the SWE awards presentation last month, especially for taking the time to stop to talk to me about my future career choice. The many options for electrical engineers I discovered from that discussion were each more appealing than the last. I found the presentations to be very helpful too-I am more sure than ever that electrical engineering is the right career for me.

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

SWE & AIChE HARTFORD SECTION JOINT EVENT

SWE Hartford and the New England Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) held a great professional development event on May 26th at the Adam's Mill Restaurant in Manchester, CT. We had a very diverse crowd in every category with over 29 people in attendance. The presentation topic was Creative Problem Solving led by Darlene Yerdon, Leadership Coach for Region F. Darlene travels across the region and provides free sessions to swe sections to develop their leadership or as a keynote for a section event. In order to make the event more affordable, SWE Hartford and AIChE paid for tax and tip on behalf of the attendees. We also presented our SWE Hartford\ALSTOM FY09 High School Scholarship to Terianna Wax, a high school senior at Westfield High School in Westfield, MA. She attended the event with her science fair partner and had their science fair project on display. Terianna and her partner participated in several science fairs and placed second in the Region 1 Science and Engineering Fair at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and third at the state fair at MIT along with winning a Clean Technology Award.

We heard many positive comments about this event and are looking forward to working with AIChE again in the future.
~Michelle Montepara



MEMBER INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

AMY KOKOSKI is an intellectual property attorney at Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider. Her practice focuses on patent prosecution and litigation. She has experience in a variety of technologies including consumer products and mechanical, electromechanical, and medical devices. Prior to practicing law, Amy was a mechanical engineer and intellectual property manager at Pratt and Whitney.



Amy holds a Juris Doctor and an Intellectual Property Certificate from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and a dual Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Amy is a co-chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section Intellectual Property Committee as well as a Captain of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association Networking Initiative. Her other memberships include the Connecticut Intellectual Property Law Association, Hartford County Bar Association, and Mensa.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sarah Koenig is graduating from the MED Program (a 2 year rotational program in manufacturing and quality) at Pratt & Whitney. She will continue in her current role as Supplier Quality Engineer for Italy and Switzerland in the International Parts Center. In this role, she will help support the on-time delivery of quality parts and manage investigations of non-conformances.

RENEW TODAY!

Don't forget to renew your SWE Membership! Remember, you will need your new SWE User ID to access the new Member Center. **Renew today...dues expire June 30th!**

Renew now to ensure that you don't have any lapses in great news from the SWE National Magazine, access to member only events and webinars, and

If you have any questions regarding the new system or your membership please contact Ashley, the Region F Membership Coordinator, at Ashley.Phillips@swe.org.



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).

SWE NATIONAL - WEB SEMINAR

SWE WEB SEMINAR

Become a Change Agent and Accelerate Your Success

Thursday, June 18th, 2009

5:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. (EDT)

Registration Fees: Member - Free, Non-member - \$49

While innovative solutions and groundbreaking ideas can fast-track a professional career, be careful not to shortchange or overlook the importance of gaining acceptance by those who are expected to change. Jeanenne LaMarsh, CEO and Founder of LaMarsh & Associates will facilitate a practical webinar designed to build effective change agent skills based on the potential source, type, and degree of resistance that can occur and present the change agent role in managing effective change. This learning opportunity is critical for anyone who wants to position themselves in a strategic role and can be counted on as a person who delivers results.

REGISTER NOW! (Replays of all live web seminars are available within 48 hours)

Registration Instructions: Once you log into your SWE account page, go to "Register for Events" and select the May 21 event. If you are a non-member then you must create a profile and login prior to registering for the Webinar event. Once you complete your registration a confirmation will be emailed to you. A link to the Webinar event will be available in the "Access Your Webinars" area of your SWE account page.

CALLING ALL **SUMMER** ARTICLES AND PICTURES!

The SWE Hartford Newsletter is always looking for new and interesting material for its pages.

Do you have any updates from a fun summer vacation? We'd like to share pictures and stories with our members!

Email Ashley with information or questions: Ashley.Phillips@swe.org.

July Newsletter Deadline: **June 25th!**

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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