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Welcome to FY12 with some great events

Events:

✚ **Jan 4th Deadline**
New England Scholarship

✚ **Jan 19th**
SWEet Event,
Uncorked Restaurant & Wine Bar,
Blue Back Square,
63 Memorial Road,
West Hartford, CT
RSVP to ashley.phillips@swe.org

✚ **Jan 26th**
Sikorsky Take Your Career to
New Heights Day
Contact:
Norma-Ester.Medina@sikorsky.com

✚ **Present thru May 2012**
YMCA New Britain STE program

Upcoming Events:

February:

- General Body Mtg
- Engineering Week Outreach Event
- E-Week 19th-25th
- Science Night @ local HS

March:

- Regional Conference at MIT 3rd-4th
- Scholarship Deadlines

Future Events:

- Millstone reactor tour with Women in Nuclear, SWE NESS
- Community service walks
- Dinner with UCONN SWE section
- Event with Trinity SWE section

SWE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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, and demonstrate the value of diversity.

SWE Hartford Calendar
<http://www.swe.org/RegionF/sections/Hartford/sched.shtml>

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Letter from the President

Ashley Phillips

SWE Hartford President

Greetings SWE Hartford and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season.

To close out 2011 we had a successful general membership meeting on December 14th. At the meeting everyone networked and mingled over pizza. The current SWE Hartford officers and chairs provided an update of what they have been working on this fiscal year (June 30-July 1) and their ideas and plans for 2012. We also signed Hallmark Cards that will be delivered to a local nursing home for the holidays. It was great to see so many familiar faces and meet new people. I think everyone had a good time.

In January we will be starting the year off with a few events. The Covidien Women's Council is interested in co-sponsoring an event with our SWE section. Covidien is a healthcare products leader and they have a facility in Connecticut. While at their plant we will also get a small tour and learn about how they weave suture materials. More details to be sent out as the event is finalized.

We will also have a SWEet event in January. These events are informal gatherings to meet and mingle with your favorite SWEesters. On Thursday, January 19th we will be meeting at Uncorked restaurant and wine bar in West Hartford. If you are interested in attending, please let me know (ashley.phillips@swe.org).

Keep an eye out for another activity survey! We will be sending another survey out early in January to assess our progress over the last six months and use this information to plan events for the upcoming year. SWE Hartford officers and chairs will be meeting at the end of the month to plan out events and would love your input. If you have any additional ideas or suggestions and can't wait for the survey please email Teresa (Teresa.amaducci@swe.org).

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*Letter from the
Professional Development Corner
Norma-Ester Medina*

“Take your Career to New Heights Event”

The HLF is hosting their annual “Take Your Career to New Heights” event at Sikorsky Aircraft, in the Cranford Conference room. The event is **Thursday January 26th**, 2012; from **4pm – 6pm**. The snow date is February 2nd.

We are looking for those whom are at Sikorsky to help table the event for any portion of the time.

We need a few hands to stand by a booth with SWE information and in order to inform anyone who is interested about the organization.

Contact me at Norma-Ester.Medina@sikorsky.com

Norma-Ester
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Event Details

Call for speakers at YMCA New Britain after School Program

Date: Thursdays, November thru May,

Time: 4:00 -4:30

Contact Info: Tracey Madden-Hennessey
Associate Director
[860. 225-4681, ext. 288](tel:860.225-4681)



The YWCA New Britain received funding to offer an after school STEM program for New Britain middle school girls. This program directly contributes towards our agency mission, the empowerment of women. The goal of the project is to increase girl's interest in math and science so they pursue coursework at the High School level that will ultimately allow them to set college goals that lead to a STEM career.

Most of our students do not have a college educated role models and we believe it is important that they meet and hear from women working successfully in STEM careers. This not only lets them know what is possible, but the breadth of opportunity available to them if they pursue this line of study.

The YWCA is looking for a diverse group of women working in careers that use STEM skills to speak to a group of middle school girls (for about 30 minutes-including question/answer) after school on Thursdays. (4-4:30 pm approx). We are very flexible; the program began in November and will operate through mid-May.

If you, or anyone you know, is willing and able to work with us, please forward my email to them with my contact information and I will share some thoughts on how they can frame their presentation.

Thanks for your help. I hope to speak to many of you in the near future.

Tracey Madden-Hennessey

New England Scholarship

Engineers Week - New England \$5000 Scholarship Opportunity - Deadline: January 4, 2012

The Engineers Week - New England Scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors and has a total value of \$5,000. The first \$2,500 will be dispersed to the scholarship winner upon receipt of a copy of their first semester course registration for a qualified engineering program as described below. The remainder will be dispersed upon receipt of a copy of his/her first semester transcript proving that he/she has completed one semester of the aforementioned program.

NOTE TO APPLICANT:

To be eligible for the Engineers Week - New England Scholarship you must plan to attend an accredited engineering or engineering technology program or a pre-engineering program such as the one at Bunker Hill Community College or Springfield Technical Community College.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must show involvement with activities outside of the regular class curriculum that relates to engineering, be it an internship, after-school club, competition or other similar effort.

HOW TO APPLY:

Assemble the application in the following order. Do not staple or use a report binder.

1. Student Scholarship Application Form
2. Teacher Recommendation (at least one)
3. Employer Recommendation (optional)
4. Essay (maximum 500 words)
5. One copy of High School Transcript

Mail the above items to: Engineers Week - New England Committee The Engineering Center
One Walnut Street
Boston, MA 02108-3616

The application shall be received no later than Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Should you have any questions during the application process, please contact: engweek@engineers.org

Past Event Dec 14th General Body Mtg & Greeting Cards



Katie Czaja was our raffle winner at the meeting



Holiday card signing

At this General Body meeting we reviewed some of the events from this past year and discuss some of the new events that you will be coming up in 2012.

The annual signing of our Hallmark Cards for charity was also part of this meet. The cards were sent to the local nursing home.

All enjoyed the communality of our SWE members as we discussed over pizza.