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### Letter from the President

Hi Ladies!

Our March meeting was an energetic presentation by Gale Mote that had us all laughing and shouting! Gale shared tips to simplify our lives and find a balance between work and life. Thanks to Nancy Shell for her help in putting the meeting together!

Our April meeting is going to be a fun family event! Bring your family to enjoy a baseball game with SWE at John O'Donnell Stadium. Donna Jones has arranged for us to have a tour of the stadium and some great seats for the game! You can read all the details in this newsletter.

It is time to start lining up our cabinet for the next year. Descriptions of all the positions are detailed in this newsletter. Check them out and contact me if you are interested in volunteering or have a friend that you would like to nominate. SWE cabinet is a great way to get involved with the section and a lot of fun!

Katie Ehrke has set up a job shadow day at John Deere for two local high school seniors! They will talk with various female engineers and learn about a career in engineering. Katie will let us know how the day goes in our next newsletter.

I hope to see you all for a family night out at our April meeting in Davenport!

Sincerely,  
Rochelle Trefry  
President  
Quad City/Muscatine Section  
Society of Women Engineers

**SWE Fast Fact**

*Renew your membership or join SWE now!*

Professional members will receive a \$5 discount if payment is received prior to June 30.

## April Meeting – It's Baseball Time!!!

### Tour the John O'Donnell Stadium and Attend a Swing Baseball Game with SWE

Who: Women Engineers and Women who work in Engineering Related Fields and their Friends and Family

When: **Thursday**, April 28, 2005  
5:00 pm – ?

Where: John O'Donnell Stadium  
209 S Gaines Street  
Davenport, Iowa 52802

Cost: \$8.50/person plus the cost of concessions

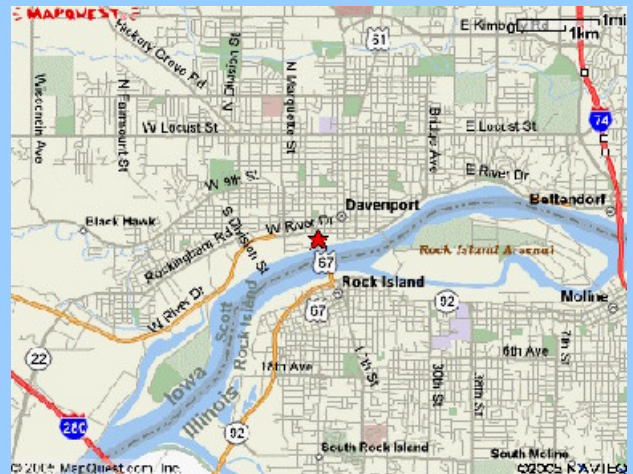
Take your family and friends out to the ball game at John O'Donnell Stadium on **Thursday, April 28, 2005**. The Swing of the Quad Cities is playing against the Cedar Rapids Kernels at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are only **\$8.50/person** for box (assigned) seats.

We will have a **tour** of the facility at **5:00 p.m.** for those that are interested. It will last approximately 30 minutes. The concessions will be open by the time we have finished our tour. You will be able to obtain all your traditional baseball food and beverages or our local specialties, whichever your preference. After we have found our seats, we will have a very brief meeting before the game starts.

In order to arrange for tickets to be picked up at the 'Will Call' window, I will need everyone to indicate how many tickets they need to pick up that night. I also need you to tell me how many people will be coming for the tour at 5:00 p.m. The JOD staff will make sure to have enough people available to conduct the tours.

Again, please note this is a Thursday.

Please provide Donna Jones,  
[donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil](mailto:donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil), your reservation information by **April 11, 2005**.



Map obtained from [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com).

Artwork obtained from the  
Swing of the Quad Cities Website ([www.swingbaseball.com](http://www.swingbaseball.com)).

## March Meeting

Our March meeting was an energetic presentation by motivational speaker, Gale Mote. Gale talked with us about work-life balance and the 3 C's for Better Balance: Choice, Control and Commitment! She taught us how to say "NO" nicely and some techniques to help improve our work-life balance. These techniques included outsourcing, bundling and simplifying. Gale shared many great stories from her own experiences and kept us laughing the whole evening!

One reference Gale suggested for those who would like to read more about the topic was Beyond Juggling: Rebalancing Your Busy Life by Kurt Sandholtz, Brooklyn Derr, Kathy Buckner, and Dawn Carlson.

Gale also gave us "Fifteen Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity" including:

- Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In."
- Put Decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine additions, switch to Espresso.
- Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

## Community Outreach

### Job Shadow at John Deere Davenport Works

On Friday, April 8th, Sara Chase - a high school senior from Cambridge, IL - did a job shadow at John Deere Davenport Works. Sara got a tour of the factory and met with fellow SWE members Ellen Huntley, Keri Walter and Katie Ehrke. The day gave her exposure to factory operations and insight into the duties of design, materials and assembly engineers. After graduation, Sara will be attending Blackhawk College for two years and then is interested in transferring to a university - possibly majoring in Engineering. Sara and her mom found our SWE website doing an internet search on engineering in the area and contacted us about potential job shadow opportunities. Sara was an extremely bright, interested student and she seemed to enjoy her day thoroughly. Before she left she purchased a pink and white John Deere sun visor from the gift show to commemorate her visit to Davenport Works!

## Joining SWE is EASY!

You can join SWE on the web. Go to [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org). Click on "Join SWE" and "Apply for Membership On-line" or "Renew your Membership On-line". This process gets you to the on-line application. Once there, it will take you approximately 20 minutes to fill out. Keep in mind that many companies will pay dues for professional organizations, so be sure to ask!

You will then be able to log into the member directory to update your registration and search for other SWE member contact information.

### SWE Fast Fact

#### Announcing SWE Emerging Leader Awards

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce a new series of awards to recognize women engineers with 10-15 years of experience. The **Emerging Leader Awards** honor a woman engineer who has demonstrated outstanding technical excellence as an individual resulting in significant accomplishments.

Detailed information on the **Emerging Leader Awards** can be found online. Nominations are due May 15.

## Learn Leadership Skills with a SWE Cabinet Position

It is that time of year again! We are now taking nominations for our 2005-2006 cabinet. A section cabinet is needed to make important decisions about how our section will be run. You would be volunteering for a one-year commitment starting June 1st (although we do not schedule meetings in June, July or August). This is a great chance to increase your leadership skills, meet other women, and make a difference in your community. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email Rochelle Trefry (rochelle.trefry@swe.org) by the April meeting.

### **President's Duties**

1. Leadership of the section
  2. Prepare agendas for monthly section meetings
  3. Prepare agendas for monthly cabinet conference calls
  4. Attend and facilitate section meetings
  5. Assume all other executive duties not otherwise delegated
  6. Coordinate all activities and execute the business and policies of the section between meetings
- Estimated time commitment ~ 12 hrs/month

### **Vice President's Duties**

1. Organize the planning of monthly meetings (Note: This does not mean you have to plan every meeting. We will continue to use volunteers to plan each meeting.)
  2. Perform all duties of the President in her absence
  3. Attend monthly section meetings and cabinet conference calls
  4. Send out meeting reminders and reminders to those who RSVP
  5. Take on the Presidential Role the following year
- Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

### **Secretary's Duties**

1. Record and distribute meeting minutes to section cabinet
  2. Publish and distribute the monthly newsletter
  3. Attend monthly section meetings and cabinet conference calls
- Estimated time commitment ~ 6 hrs/month

### **Treasurer's Duties**

1. Prepare, maintain, and report on the financial position of the section
  2. Maintain the membership spreadsheet for the section
  3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls
- Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

### **Section Representative's Duties**

1. Report to the section on the business matters received through correspondence from national and the region
  2. Represent our section at the Council of Representatives (2 meetings per year, 1 at the Region Conference and 1 at the National Convention)
  3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls
  4. Participate in regional conference calls (approx. once a quarter)
  5. File quarterly section reports with the Region Director to send to the Board of Directors
  6. Represent SWE at Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council monthly meetings
- Estimated time commitment ~ 5 hrs/month

### **Career Guidance Committee Chair**

1. Lead career guidance committee
  2. Coordinate outreach events
  3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls
- Estimated time commitment ~ 3 hrs/month

### **Webmaster**


## SWE 2004-2005 Meeting Schedule\*

Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, September 28, 2004	Healthy Eating	Cabinet	QC
Tuesday, October 26, 2004	Pearl Button Museum Tour	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, November 23, 2004	Holiday Craft Workshop	Vonda Johnston	QC
Tuesday, January 25, 2005	Dale Carnegie Speaker	Lisa Lattu	QC
Tuesday, February 22, 2005	Cooking Class	Jodi Goodale	Muscatine
Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Speaker: Gale Mote	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Thursday, April 28, 2005	Quad City Swing Game	Donna Jones	QC
Tuesday, May 24, 2005	Rinker Materials Tour w/ ASCE	Heather Bishop	QC

\*Depending on availability meetings may change.

### SWE Fast Fact


**Career Guidance Awards Update: Call for Judges** - If you would like to participate in judging this year's Career Guidance Awards, please send a note to Elizabeth Bierman, Career Guidance Awards chair, at [cg-awards@swe.org](mailto:cg-awards@swe.org) to get on the list of judges.



# MBA SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

**Real Focus, Real Success**

- Students are exposed to valuable learning outside of the classroom. Enrichment activities and events underscore current supply chain practices and expose students to forward thinking about how new technologies such as RFID will impact the supply chain.
- The Grainger Center won the 2004 International Graduate Logistics Case Competition. Grainger Center teams have the distinction of being the only teams to have won this elite competition twice. We are also the only program to have teams finish in the top three in every competition since first participating in 1999.
- 100 percent of May 2004 graduates had an offer for a full-time position at graduation.
- 100 percent of continuing students were placed into meaningful summer internships.



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### PLACEMENT

#### Internship Offers

Best Buy  
Briggs & Stratton (2 offers)  
**Cisco Systems**  
E.&J. Gallo Winery  
**W.W. Grainger, Inc.**  
**Harley-Davidson Motor Company**  
IBM Corp.  
Kohler Company  
Oshkosh Truck  
**Ryerson Tull**  
**Schreiber Foods, Inc.** (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
Average Accepted Monthly Base Salary: \$5,745

#### Full-time Employment Offers

Abbott Laboratories  
**Cargemini U.S.**  
Laton Corp.  
**ExxonMobil Chemical**  
GE Medical Systems  
General Mills  
**Guidant Corp.**  
**Hewlett-Packard** (2 of 2 offers accepted)  
**IBM** (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
Intel  
Kendall Jackson Estates  
**Lands' End**  
Nike (2 offers)  
**Siemens Medical Solutions**  
**Snap-On Inc.**  
**Philip Morris**  
Average Accepted Base Salary: \$81,413

*Bold type indicates an accepted offer*