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Letter from the President:

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is gearing up for a beautiful spring. It seems that Mother Nature is playing games with up right now. Hopefully she will give up and give us the nice warm weather permanently.

We are down to our last two meetings of the year. This month's meeting will be at Hon in Muscatine, and the May meeting is our annual potluck at Scott County Park. Elections will be coming up shortly and we have positions available for anyone interested. Please contact me if you are interested by April 15th.

I hope everyone has a great Easter and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Angel J Jacobs
President

Spring Flower Orders Have Arrived!

Orders will be available for pickup at the April meeting on April 28 in Muscatine.

Visit our section's
website:

[http://www.swe.org/SWE/
RegionH/Sections/Quad_
Cities/](http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionH/Sections/Quad_Cities/)

Looking for ways to volunteer? Check
out the **Quad Cities Engineering and
Science Council Volunteering Site:**
<http://www.qcesc.org/support.htm>

April Meeting: Donna Meade



Topic/Speaker: Donna Meade

Date: April 28, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: The Hon Company

Meeting Location Address: 200 Oak Street Muscatine, IA 52761

Meal Cost: \$10

Meal Includes: Beef Stroganoff, green beans, roll and butter, and cheesecake squares.

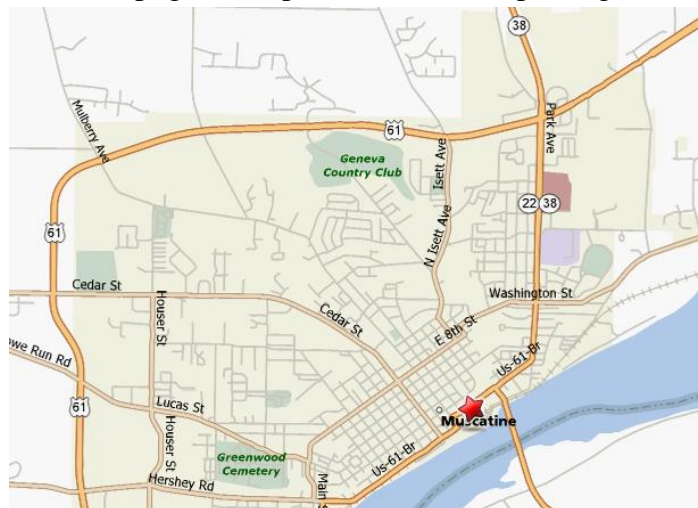
Speaker Bio: Donna Meade is the Vice President of Organizational Development for HNI Corporation. As Vice President, Donna focuses on strategic organizational development initiatives, which include succession planning, leadership development, strategic staffing, diversity, performance management, and employee engagement. Prior to joining HNI, she held multiple human resources positions at Maytag Corporation and also held the position of Manager, Compensation and Benefits at Bandag, Inc. Donna earned a BA degree in English from the University of Iowa and an MBA from Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa.

Meeting Description: Donna will be speaking about ways to develop personally and professionally. She will also touch on attributes of successful businesswomen and how to network.

Please RSVP to Brenda Murphy at murphyb@honcompany.com by end of day on April 24, 2009.

Directions to Location:

Take 61 South to Park Ave. Take a left at the light onto Park Ave. and drive about 2 miles. At the 5 way stop sign, take a slight right putting you onto 2nd Street. Take 2nd street to Oak Street and you will see the big HON sign directly in front of you. Turn right onto Oak Street (at the stoplight) and park in the visitor parking on the right.



Map of Location:

SWE News and Volunteering



Girl Scout Outreach

Calling all volunteers!!

The Girl Scout Science Discovery Badge workshop is scheduled for April 19, 2009, at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University!! We have 25 girls currently scheduled to attend. Please let me know if you will be available to volunteer that afternoon. We will start setup around 12 noon and should be able to clean up and leave by 5 pm. The workshop is scheduled to start at 1 pm and finish around 4:30 pm.

Please RSVP by **April 10, 2009**, to **Donna.M.Jones@usace.army.mil** if you will volunteer for this event.

We still need more Sunday advertisements and magazines for one of the activities. Please remember to bring them along to the workshop. If you are unable to attend, contact Donna to arrange for collection.

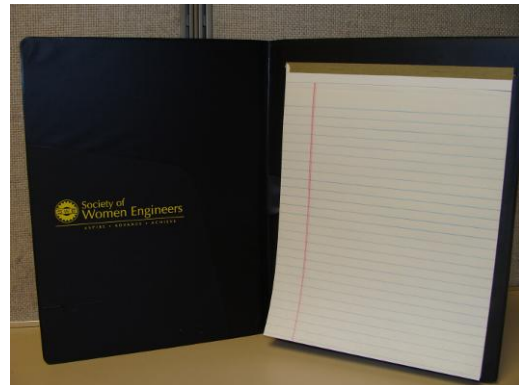
2009 Birdies for Charity

Once again our SWE section will be participating in the 2009 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program as a fundraiser. The way Birdies For Charity works is to obtain flat dollar donations OR pledges of 1 cent or more for every "birdie" made at the 2009 John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. A 1 cent pledge per birdie has historically resulted in a donation of approximately \$20. In 2008, 1,921 birdies were scored during the 2008 John Deere Classic. Those who guessed the exact number of birdies participated in a drawing to determine the grand prize winner. Donna Jones was one of last year's finalists and won tickets to 2009 tournament. The 2008 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity Program raised approximately \$4.79 million in pledges. Our SWE section received \$314.47 in pledges and \$31.44 in bonus dollars from the 2008 program.

All organizations with pledges turned in by June 19, 2009 could receive free tickets and parking for the week. If we reach \$1.00 in pledges over last years total or \$10,000 in flat donations by June 19, 2009, we would be eligible to receive a 5 % bonus dollars.

Please plan to pick up some pledge forms at our May meeting or email Paula Raney at raneypaulaj@johndeere.com for forms. Just hand them out to friends, family, and co-workers. ALL the money we raise will come back to us. All administrative or promotional costs of the program are paid by John Deere. Birdies for Charity collects the pledges after the tournament and sends all money received from our donators to our organization plus a 5% bonus.

SWE Portfolios For Sale



Cost is \$10 each; they are available at meetings and through Paula Raney (RaneyPaulaJ@johndeere.com)

March Meeting Wrap-Up

A group of 15 of our members attended last month's meeting at the Alcoa aluminum plant in Riverdale, IA. Alcoa is a mile-long aluminum processing plant that makes products for many applications. Please see the picture showing our members and gracious hosts. Thanks very much to Anne Zemo and Donna Jones for arranging the meeting!



Girls Night Out- The Road to Engineering



On February 17, St. Ambrose once again hosted their Girls' Night Out event, in which high school and community college students visit and area professional women engineers answer questions in a panel format to give some insight into their journey into engineering. The picture to the left shows Kristin Campbell taking time to speak to the attendees. Below is the panel for the event.



We are currently taking nominations for the 2009-2010 SWE Cabinet. Please consider volunteering for a position! All positions are available for nominations.

Ballot will be open 24Mar, Closed 15Apr, new cabinet announced 19May.

SWE Cabinet Positions:

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. 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

Estimated time commitment ~ 5 hrs/month

Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council Representative

1. Represent SWE at Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council monthly meetings
2. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

Outreach Committee Chair

1. Lead outreach committee
2. Coordinate outreach events
3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 3 hrs/month

Webmaster

1. Update and maintain the section's web page
2. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 3 hrs/month

| SWE 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Date | Topic | Planner | Location |
| Tuesday, April 28, 2009 | Speaker – Donna Meade, HNI Corp Vice President | Brenda Murphy | Muscatine |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2009 | Potluck / Recipe Exchange | Brenda Murphy | West Lake Park, Davenport |

SWE Membership info:

You can join SWE on the web. Go to <http://www.swe.org/membership>. Follow the easy instructions from there to join or renew your membership. Forms can either be printed or you can join online. The Online Application for new members 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!

Once you are a SWE member, you will then be able to log into the member directory to update your registration and search for other SWE member contact information. You will be helping not only yourself, the regional organization and the national organization, but you will also be helping our section. Twenty percent of the funds come back to our section.

Exercise your brain with a few new Sudoku puzzles
(websudoku.com)....

.....the first is 'Easy' the second is 'Evil'.

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