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Letter from the President

Hello ladies!

Get ready for a busy spring everybody! Our section is gearing up to hold our first ever Girl Scout Badge Workshop and our Chartering Banquet along with our normal meetings. Throughout the rest of the year we will be touring different facilities for our meetings. This will be a fun chance for us to see something new!

In this issue you will learn how easy it is to become a SWE member. It is very important for everyone that is able to join, to do so because our section receives a portion of the dues. That money is used for things such as funding our meetings, planning outreach events, and running our organization.

As usual, you can learn about volunteer opportunities and the January meeting. Contact me if you have questions or comments about anything. I hope to see you at John Deere Davenport Works this month!

Sincerely,
Tami Wilcox

New Contacts

Our goal is to add new names of women engineers to our list of contacts. If you know of someone who would be interested in SWE, please send their name to Martha Ward at WardMartha@JohnDeere.com. With your support, we can reach all the women engineers in the area. Thanks!

February Meeting

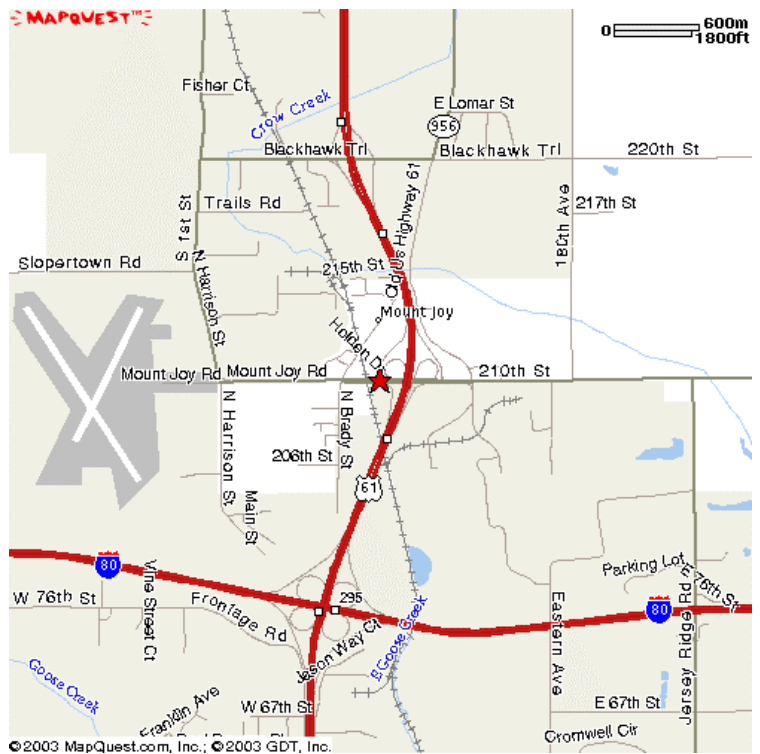


- Who: Women Engineers and Women who work in Engineering Related Fields
- What: Tour of John Deere Davenport Works
- When: Tuesday February 25, 2003
6:30 pm
- Where: John Deere Davenport Works
1175 East 90th Street
Davenport, IA 52809
- Menu: Pizza and Pop
- Cost: \$6.00 / person

The February SWE meeting will be a tour of John Deere Davenport Works. This meeting promises to be an interesting and informative meeting. 4-Wheel Drive Loaders, Excavators, Motor Graders, Skidders, and Scrapers are manufactured at John Deere Davenport Works.

Please RSVP by February 21st to Martha Ward at WardMartha@JohnDeere.com if you plan on attending. Thanks!

Martha Ward and Jill Hunt are planning this interesting meeting. Thanks Martha and Jill!



Career Guidance Committee

Calling all volunteers - Mark your calendars! The Career Guidance Committee has been actively planning an awesome badge workshop for area **Girl Scouts**, and we need your help! We will host the event for approximately 300 Girl Scouts on April 12 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City. We will need a number of volunteers to help with everything from registration to clean-up at the event.

If you are interested in helping out on the day of the workshop, please contact Jill Hunt at HuntJill@johndeere.com. Thanks!



Letter from the Editor

Hi All:

Enjoy this month's newsletter. I hope to see everyone at the February meeting at John Deere Davenport Works. It should be really interesting! As always, if you have any suggestions for future newsletters or information on any upcoming events, please email me at heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil.

Thanks,
Heather Bishop

January Meeting



The January meeting was a Wine and Cheese Tasting Event held at Stanley Consultants in Muscatine. We started the meeting by introducing ourselves sharing our favorite type of wine.

Once the introductions were over, Tami Wilcox started the wine and cheese tasting experience by explaining how she chose what wines to taste.



Jodi Goodale, Donna Jones, Amy Moore, and Rochelle Trefry listen attentively while Tami explains the differences between the various wines.

With help from Gendlers, she chose five different wines to represent 5 of the 6 major types of grapes that are used to make wine. Hacienda's "Claire de Lune," Maison l'Aiglon's "Grand Reserve," Columbia Winery's "Cellarmaster's Rieseling," Bianchi Vineyard's "Pinot Noir," and Pepperwood Grove's "Cabernet Sauvignon" were chosen to represent Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay grapes, respectively. Gouda, Havarti, Brie, Parmesan, and Cheddar cheeses were served with the Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay wines, respectively.



Amy Moore, Rochelle Trefry, and Julie Fisher taste the Riesling.

After all the wines and cheeses had been tasted, everyone identified their favorite wine and cheese. Although the Riesling wine and Gouda cheese were the winners, several people enjoyed the Pinot Noir wine/Parmesan cheese combination. All the ladies who attended the wine and cheese tasting learned a lot about wine!



Tami Wilcox samples the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Before the meeting adjourned, we covered a little SWE business. Tami presented the Treasurer's Report – our SWE section has approximately \$680 in our bank account. Thanks to all of you who joined national SWE – a portion of your dues is returned to our section.



Tami also gave an update about the upcoming Chartering Banquet. The tentative date is March 25, 2003. More details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Jill Hunt reminded us that the Girl Scout badge workshop will be held on April 12th. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please see the Career Guidance Committee Section on page 3.

The next SWE meeting will take place on February 25th, 2003 at John Deere Davenport Works. Please see the February Meeting Section on page 2 for more details.



Jill Hunt, Connie Bowling, and Karmen Heim enjoyed the wine tasting.



Upcoming Events

Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council

February 19, 2003 @ 5:00 pm
Butterworth Center - Moline, IL

The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) is an umbrella organization representing 35 technical societies in the Quad City area with approximately 6,000 associated members. The QCESC is non-profit and is actively seeking new society members as well as additional corporate sponsors. The QCESC was originally formed to focus the public's attention on the importance of the contributions that the engineering and science community make to society. For more information, please see the Council's website at <http://www.qcesc.org/> or contact the QCESC President, Mary Daniels, at (563) 344-9965 or mdaniels@tgt-insurance.com

Quad Cities/Muscatine SWE Section April Meeting

Tour of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lock & Dam 16
Tuesday April 22, 2003 at 6:00 pm
Location: Lock & Dam 16 – Muscatine, IA

The April SWE meeting will be a tour of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam 16 near Muscatine, Iowa. More details will be announced at a later date.



SWE 2002–2003 Meeting Schedule*



Date	Topic	Location
Tuesday, September 24, 2002	Beginning of Year Picnic	West Lake Park
Tuesday, October 22, 2002	Career Development Paths	Muscatine
Tuesday, November 26, 2002	Christmas Pottery Painting	Quad Cities
Tuesday, January 28, 2003	Wine & Cheese Tasting	Muscatine
Tuesday, February 25, 2003	Tour of John Deere Davenportworks	Davenport
March – TBD	Chartering Banquet	TBD
Tuesday, April 22, 2003	Tour of Lock & Dam	Muscatine
Tuesday, May 27, 2003	Tour of IMAX Theater	Davenport

* Depending of facility availability meeting topics might change.



Society of Women Engineers
Chicago Regional Section
Professional Development Conference 2003

Join the Society of Women Engineers - Chicago Regional Section for their annual Professional Development Conference. The conference, **Success, Wisdom, Enrichment... Building our lives through SWE** will take place on March 22 at Abbott Labs in Abbott Park, Illinois. Whether you are laying the foundation of your career or adding a new addition, we will provide the tools for **S**uccess in your professional life, **W**isdom in your technical life and **E**nrichment in your personal life.

We are honored to have Alma Martinez Fallon, President-elect for SWE National, as our keynote speaker. Alma is a Manager of Planning and Manufacturing Engineering for the Structural Fabrication and Assembly Division at Northrop Grumman Newport News where she is responsible for leading an organization of engineers, planners and analysts. Alma is a senior life member of SWE where she has belonged since 1985 and received one of the Distinguished New Engineer awards in 1997.

The conference, a daylong event featuring the keynote address and a series of workshops in personal, professional and technical development, will also offer a closing session for all attendees presented by Carolyn Arthur, *Never Stop Dreaming*.

Registration will begin in late February so check the website at <http://www.iit.edu/~swe-chi>. Register by March 10th to receive the early-bird rate of \$75 for SWE members and \$90 for non-members. If you would like more information, please contact Nelly Sanchez at NSanchez@northropgrumman.com.