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Letter from the President:

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is making it through the winter well and staying warm. We have some great speakers coming up this spring and I hope to see everyone. Bring someone new so we can continue to grow as a section.

I would like to congratulate the St. Ambrose students on getting approved to become a SWE Collegiate Interest Group. We are hoping to see you at many meetings; as an incentive to join, we will pay half of your student membership fee for the year!

There are many volunteer opportunities in the newsletter coming up with either our section or with the Quad City Engineering Science Council. Please read through them and if you have the time and would like volunteer contact the appropriate person.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the great meetings we have scheduled for the rest of the spring!

Sincerely,
Angel Jacobs
President

Spring Flower Sale Brochures are Here!

This is one of our chapter's yearly fundraisers. Contact Brenda (MurphyB@honcompany.com) and she will get a brochure to you.

All money will be due at the March meeting on March 23rd.

February Meeting: A View from the Top



With Gayle Roberts, President and COO, Stanley Consultants



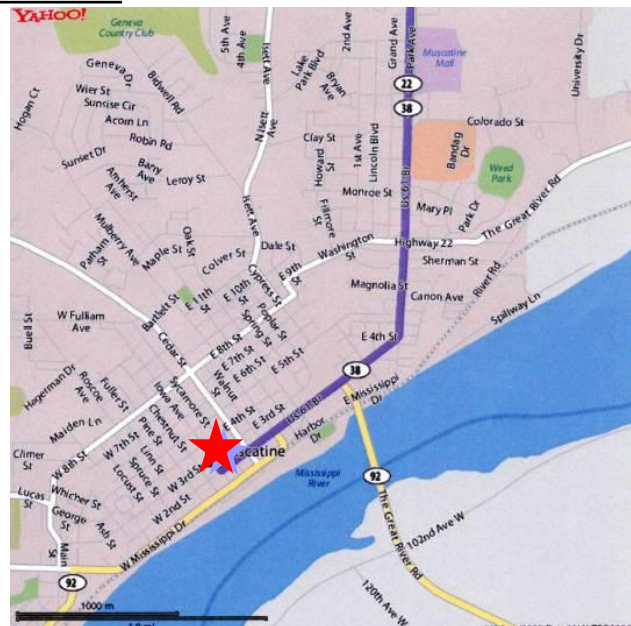
In September 2007, Gayle Roberts became only the fifth president in the 94-year history of Stanley Consultants. In this conversational session, Gayle will share with us her first-hand experiences after 1 ½ years serving as president and chief operating officer. Topics covered will include the transition process, challenges and rewards, and managing change. Join us as Gayle explores her first years' initiatives in strategic planning, leadership development, and enhancing employee communication. Be sure to come equipped with questions for Gayle.

- Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009
Time: 6 pm (dinner will be served first)
Location: Stanley Building Auditorium
Stanley Consultants
225 Iowa Avenue (corner of Iowa Avenue and East 3rd Street)
Muscatine, IA 52761
Dinner: Scott's Catering will provide:
Tenderloin Sandwiches
Cheesy Potatoes
Green Beans
Brownies
Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided
Cost: \$10/person

RSVP: Nancy at shellnancy@stanleygroup.com by noon on Friday, February 20.

Directions:

1. From the Quad Cities, drive west on US61 to Muscatine.
2. Turn left on Park Avenue/Business US61.
3. Continue on East 2nd Street (Park Avenue becomes E. 2nd Street at 5-way intersection).
4. Turn right on Iowa Avenue for one block.
5. Stanley Consultants is on the corner of Iowa Avenue and E. 3rd Street.
6. Park on street or in Central State Bank lot across from main entrance.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

National E-Week Banquet

SWE is invited to this 47th Annual banquet on Friday, February 20 in Davenport at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

The speaker will be Dr. John Anfinson – “A River Transformed: The Upper Mississippi Before and After the Locks and Dams.”

Please see the link below for more info and to sign up:

<http://www.qcesc.org/banquet.htm>

Girls’ Night Out–The Road to Engineering

Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5:30-8 pm, St. Ambrose is hosting this event for female high school and community college students with an interest in Engineering.

They are looking for volunteers to sit on a panel to answer questions from the girls and generate enthusiasm about our chosen field.

Please contact Miranda Nelp
(NelpMirandaK@sau.edu) to sign up.

U of Illinois Extension 4-H Tech Club

Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16

This is a group that meets monthly to explore different topics for youth in 5th-8th grade who have an interest in technology. Topics include wind energy, robotics, bridge building, rocketry, and more. They are looking for volunteers to present at a meeting during the above dates.

If you would like to help with either event, please contact Jennifer Holldorf at 309-796-0512 or Holldorf@Illinois.edu.

Team up with IIE for Trivia Night + 50/50 Raffle

Friday, Apr. 3 at Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose Campus

IIE is sponsoring an Engineering & Science Trivia Night and has invited us to join in on the fun! We are looking for members to participate on the trivia, and also to conduct a 50/50 raffle. This will be used as a fundraiser for our new scholarship fund.

Please contact Bonnie Thiede (ThiedeBonnieJ@JohnDeere.com) as soon as possible to sign up!!

Battle of the Bridge Contest

Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Putnam

QCESC is looking for volunteers to help out at this event. Please contact Scott Bullock at scott.a.bullock@usace.army.mil to help out!!

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

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, Feb. 24, 2009	Speaker – Gayle Roberts, Stanley Consultants President	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, March 24, 2009	Alcoa Tour	Donna Jones Anne Zemo	Davenport
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 Sudoku puzzles
(websudoku.com)....
.....the first is 'Easy' the second is 'Evil'

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