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### Letter from the President

Hello ladies!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! It is the start of the New Year, and our SWE section has many great things to be excited about this year. You can learn about some of them in this newsletter.

There is a call for volunteers from Jill for our first Girl Scout Badge Workshop. Jill has an energetic committee working together with the University of Iowa SWE and WISE sections and the East Central Iowa SWE Section to reach out to 400 girls. Wow! Way to go Outreach Committee! Even if you do not have time for the committee, we need you on the day of the event to help.

Our *Drive for 135* continues with Martha heading the charge. Martha has already exceeded our goal of 135, and we now have 146! Great work! We need to reach everyone we can, so please keep sending Martha those names of female engineers!

In March we will hold our Celebration banquet for getting our section chartered. Gretchen is in charge of this committee, and she will be looking for volunteers soon.

This month's meeting is a fun way for us to socialize, and learn about different types of wines. You might not think this applies to your career, but this knowledge can come in handy when you are at those business dinners.

Let me know if you would like to get more involved, have questions about SWE, or ideas for our section. I look forward to seeing everyone at the January Meeting!

Sincerely,  
Tami Wilcox

January Meeting

# Wine and Cheese Tasting



- Who: Women Engineers and Women who work in Engineering Related Fields  
What: Wine and Cheese Tasting - Get the Most for Your Money  
When: Tuesday January 28, 2003  
6:30 pm  
Where: Stanley Consultants Auditorium  
225 Iowa Avenue  
Muscatine, Iowa 52761  
Cost: \$10.00 / person



Have you ever wanted to learn about different types of wine and cheese? Do you want to be able to pick out a wine that does not break your budget? With the help of a local wine shop, we will taste different types of quality wines that cost under \$10 per bottle. We will also sample different types of cheeses. The next time you have a dinner party, or are at a restaurant you will know just what to choose. We will also have finger sandwiches and veggies for people to snack on, so no one tastes wine on an empty stomach!

Please RSVP by January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Tami Wilcox at [twilcox@shive-hattery.com](mailto:twilcox@shive-hattery.com), if you plan on attending. Thanks!

Tami Wilcox and Karmen Heim are planning this interesting meeting. Thanks  
Tami and Karmen!



## 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](mailto:HuntJill@johndeere.com). Thanks!



## DRIVE FOR 135

One of the Cabinet's major goals for this year is to add new names of women engineers to our list of contacts. With your help, we have accomplished our goal! We now have 146 names on our list of contacts! Thanks to everyone who added to our list of contacts.

Everyone who contributed to our list of contacts was included in a drawing for a ***\$20 gift certificate for the Heart of America Restaurant and Hotels***. that was held at the November meeting. The winner of the drawing was Coralie Inman! Enjoy your gift certificate Coralie!

Even though the official Drive for 135 is over, please keep sending in names of contacts to Martha Ward at [WardMartha@JohnDeere.com](mailto:WardMartha@JohnDeere.com). With your support, we can reach all the women engineers in the area. Thanks!

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## Letter from the Editor

Hi All:

I hope you all are enjoying a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy this month's newsletter. I hope to see everyone at January's meeting. It should be lots of fun! 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](mailto:heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil).

Happy New Year!

Thanks,  
Heather Bishop

# November Meeting



The November meeting was held at Fireworks Coffeehouse and Pottery Painted by You in Moline, Illinois. Everyone who attended had a great time!



Karmen Heim and Rose Ayres visit with each other while they paint their pottery.

We started the official SWE meeting by introducing ourselves and showing what piece of pottery we chose to paint. Once the introductions were over, Tami told us about New Member Services Center that is available to SWE members through the Internet. Tami also gave us an update about the upcoming Career Guidance Activity. Our section will team with some other local SWE sections and the Mississippi Valley Girl Scouts to hold a badge workshop this spring (please see the Career Guidance Committee section on page 3 for more details).



Martha Ward works diligently on her snowman mug.

After Martha Ward presented the Treasurer's report, Tami informed us about the upcoming SWE meetings. The January 2003 meeting will be a Wine and Cheese Tasting Event (please see the January Meeting section on page 2 for more details) and the February 2003 meeting will be held at John Deere Davenportworks. Last but not least, Tami reminded us about the upcoming SWE Charter Banquet to celebrate our group becoming an official SWE section. The Charter Banquet will be held this spring.



Georgia Klinefelter looks on as Janet Maas puts the finishing touches on her snowman ornament.

The last official SWE business item was the awarding of the \$20 gift certificate for the Heart of America Restaurant and Hotels to the Coralie Inman, winner of the Drive for 135 drawing.



Coralie Inman ponders what she will do with her gift certificate.



Andrea Johnson, Stephanie Ashby, and Gayle Keys get some painting pointers from the Fireworks staff.



Steph and McClain Acri and Roni, Jodi, and "Stubby" Goodale enjoy painting their treasures.

We spent the remainder of the meeting painting pottery and visiting amongst ourselves. It was a relaxing way to spend an evening during the holiday season. A big "Thanks!" goes out to Sara Votroubek and Georgia Klinefelter for planning this meeting.



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## Upcoming Events

### **Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council**

January 8, 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](mailto:mdaniels@tgt-insurance.com)

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### **Quad Cities/Muscatine SWE Section February Meeting**

Tour of John Deere Davenportworks  
Tuesday February 25, 2002 at 6:30 pm  
Location: John Deere Davenportworks

The February SWE meeting will be a tour of the John Deere Davenportworks in Davenport, Iowa. More details will be announced at a later date.

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## 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, 2002   | Wine & Cheese Tasting             | Muscatine      |
| Tuesday, February 25, 2002  | Tour of John Deere Davenportworks | Davenport      |
| March – TBD                 | Chartering Banquet                | TBD            |
| Tuesday, April 22, 2002     | Tour of Lock & Dam                | Muscatine      |
| Tuesday, May 27, 2002       | Tour of IMAX Theater              | Davenport      |

\* Depending of facility availability meeting topics might change.