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## Letter from the President

Hi Ladies!

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and a great New Year's celebration! I enjoyed Christmas with my family in Wisconsin and wore myself out ice skating and snowmobiling.

In November, we met at Fireworks Coffeehouse to make some beautiful pottery! Check out the pictures in the meeting summary to see what some members made. Thanks to Vonda Johnston for organizing such a fun meeting! We also participated in the set-up for the festival of trees in early November. Our groups "fluffed" trees, put lights on arches, and worked to make the Rivercenter look beautiful for the festival!

We have some great career development meetings coming up this year that we hope will be of great interest to our members. This month we will have a Dale Carnegie speaker. Lisa Lattu and Paula Raney have arranged everything for us and it will be a great meeting.

The SWE Region H conference is coming up in February. Our section rep, Ellen Huntley, will be attending to vote on some Region H bylaws revisions and discuss region business. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference, so check out the conference announcement in this newsletter for a link to registration and schedule information!

I'll see you all at our January meeting in Milan!

Sincerely,  
Rochelle Trefry

President  
Quad City/Muscatine Section  
Society of Women Engineers

## January Meeting

# Carnegie Training® Speaker

Who: Women Engineers and Women who work in Engineering Related Fields  
When: Tuesday January 25, 2004  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Where: John Deere Parts Distribution Center  
1600 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East  
Milan, Illinois  
Menu: Pizza and Salad from Happy Joes  
Cost: \$8.00/person

### Have you ever wanted to be a better speaker, or have more authority in meetings?

Carnegie Training® offers many courses (that average about \$40/hr) to help people to understand how to better project and present themselves in the business world. People who have had this training have wonderful things to say about it and increased self-confidence.

We'll be getting a little sample of what Carnegie Training can do for you, and having dinner on Tuesday January 25 — in Milan at the John Deere Parts Distribution Center.

Pizza and salad will be ordered from Happy Joe's in Milan. A variety of sodas will also be provided.

Please RSVP by Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> to Lisa Lattu at (563) 888-2252 or [llk@ci.davenport.ia.us](mailto:llk@ci.davenport.ia.us)

Thank you Lisa Lattu and Paula Raney for planning this meeting!



#### Directions:

PDC's address is 1600 First Ave. East which is just off I-280 (Exit 15) but we would be entering the building from the Milan Beltway because the receptionist goes home at 4:30 p.m.

You get off I-280 onto Airport Road, which is also First Ave East, Milan. Turn east towards the airport until you come to the Milan Beltway (about 2 blocks). Turn right onto the Milan Beltway. Go down Milan Beltway about ¼ mile. The entrance is on your right next to the Deere sign. Park in the lot closest to the building near the covered stairs.

#### If you are coming across I-74

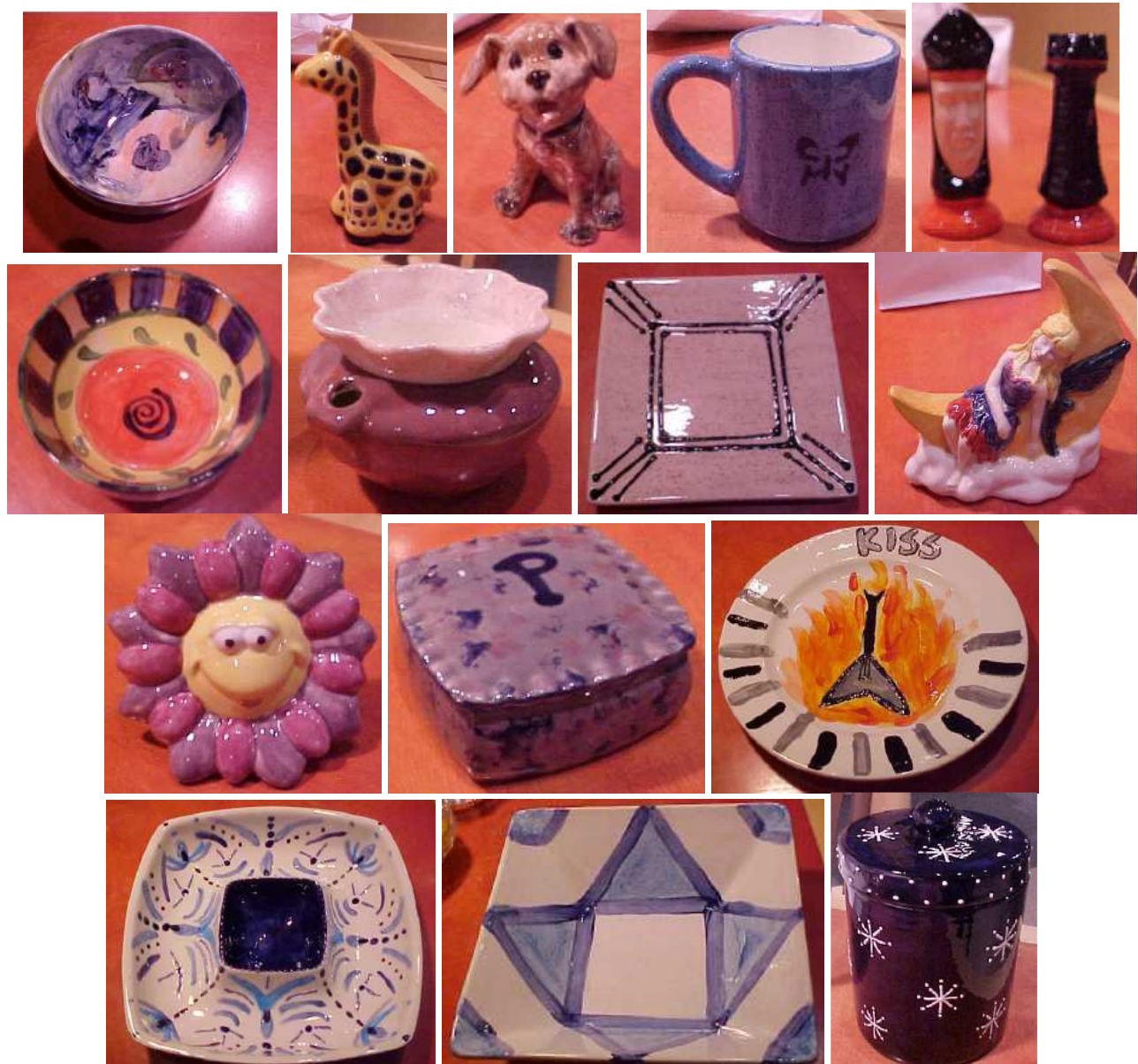
Take I-74 to I-280 West and follow the directions above, exiting at Exit 15.

# November Meeting

At the November SWE meeting, we met at Fireworks Coffeehouse and Pottery Painted by You in Moline. Vonda Johnston planned this meeting for us and did a great job! Thanks Vonda! Many members brought their family along to have some fun painting. We had our own room at Fireworks to eat, paint and conduct our meeting.

Each participant chose a piece of pottery (or more!) to work on ranging from plates and vases to figurines and chess sets! We got to pick the paint and decorate our pottery however we wanted. Everything was left to be fired and picked up about a week later. All of the pieces turned out great! We have some creative engineers in our section!

During our business meeting we discussed our upcoming meetings and Region H conference along with past events. Everyone discussed their holiday plans and had a great time getting to know other members while painting their pottery!



## Regional and National News:

The Region H Conference is being held February 11-13, 2005 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The conference will include social activities on Friday night in addition to the student and professional meetings, workshops, a career fair, on- and off-campus tours, a networking session, and the keynote banquet on Saturday. See <http://www.nd.edu/~swe/regionh/> for more information.

### **SWE Fast Fact**

Join SWE this year in Anaheim, CA where thousands of SWE members, partners, and industry come for networking, professional development, technical training, career advancement and much more.

The 2005 SWE National Conference will be held November 3 – 5 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California.

## Membership info:

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 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 & Paula Raney	John Deere Parts Distribution Center (PDC) Milan, IL
Tuesday, February 22, 2005	Cooking Class	Jodi Goodale	Muscatine
Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Speaker: Gale Mote	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, April 26, 2005	John O'Donnell Stadium Tour	Donna Jones	QC
Tuesday, May 24, 2005	Rinker Materials Tour	Heather Bishop & ASCE	Buffalo, IA

\*Depending of facility availability meeting topics may change.