



# Society of Women Engineers

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### Letter from the President:

Hi Ladies,

Spring is just around the corner. I can hardly wait for some warmer weather. February has been too cold.

Celebrate!!! Quad Cities/Muscatine SWE was selected as the 2007 'Society of the Year' at the QCESC (Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council) Banquet February 23 at the Lodge. Way to go ladies!!!! The plaque that we received will be come a traveling award so our companies can see how active SWE is in the area. At our February meeting, the plaque was sent to Muscatine. It will spent time at Stanley Consultants and Hon Company. Please let me know if you want to display the award to your company.

Speaking of the February meeting, we had a great turn out for the tour of Chocolate Manor. We were treated to a great tour and lots of opportunities to sample the chocolate. Thanks to Brenda Murphy for setting this meeting up. From the size of the turn out, I would say we have a soft spot for chocolates. I was great to see so many new faces. Let's keep this momentum going and get some of these people to attend our March meeting.

Our March meeting on Financial Planning by speaker, Ruth Lammers, will be held at the Deere-Wiman House. With tax time just around the corner, this will be a great time to review our financial plan and options for the future. Hope to see you all there.

Don't forget that Heather Bishop and her committee have put together a great proposal for our Girl Scout Outreach program on April 15. We will be soliciting for volunteers to help with the April 15<sup>th</sup> activities, so please volunteer.

Sincerely,  
Paula Raney  
Your President  
Quad Cities/Muscatine  
Society of Women Engineer



# Financial Planning March Meeting

**Need help planning your financial future? We have the solution!**

**Speaker:** Ruth Lammers, American National Insurance

**Date:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Time:** 6 pm

**Location:** Deere-Wiman House,  
817 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline Illinois

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person including pizza and soda

**RSVP:** Please email Angel Jacobs at [ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com](mailto:ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com) by noon Friday March 23rd if you plan to attend.



**Directions:** take I-74 E to the "7TH AVE" exit. Turn west onto 7th Avenue. Turn left onto 12th Street. Turn right onto 11th Avenue. **Deere-Wiman House**, at 817-11th Avenue Moline, Ill., will be on your right BEFORE you reach 8th Street. Do not enter the gate, rather park in the 11th Avenue parking lot across the street.

## Volunteers Needed



### Engineering in Your Own Backyard Workshop

**Date:** Sunday, April 15, 2007

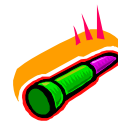
**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

(volunteers will need to be at the facility by 12:30 pm)

**Location:** Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University,  
Davenport, Iowa

**Contact:** Heather Bishop at [heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil](mailto:heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil) or at 309-794-5289

**Planned Activities:** Radioactive Ping Pong Balls, Pasta Bridge Building, Indy Card Cars, Making Lip Gloss, and Box Making





# Chocolate Manor Tour February Meeting

We had educational and entertaining night learning about chocolate thanks to our hosts at Chocolate Manor!

We learned that we should be sure to have a piece of dark chocolate a day to help reduce our risk of heart attacks and strokes. Chocolate Manors sales of dark chocolate have risen significantly over the last 5 years. If you are not typically a dark chocolate lover they have a wonderful “Midnight” piece made with Yucatán chocolate.

We had the opportunity to sample chocolates, caramels, taffy, chocolate covered raspberries and chocolate covered strawberries. We also learned how to make chocolate tulip cups for our next evening of entertaining. They hand make all of their chocolates at the Bettendorf store. I know that they gained some new customers from the evening! Thank you to everyone involved in planning such a great night.



SWE Ladies in attractive hair nets



Tulip Cup

## QCESC 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National Engineers Week Banquet

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) – Quad Cities/Muscatine Section was selected as the 2006 Quad City Engineering & Science Council (QCESC) Society of the Year. The award was received during the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineers Week Banquet held at the Lodge on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations ladies!

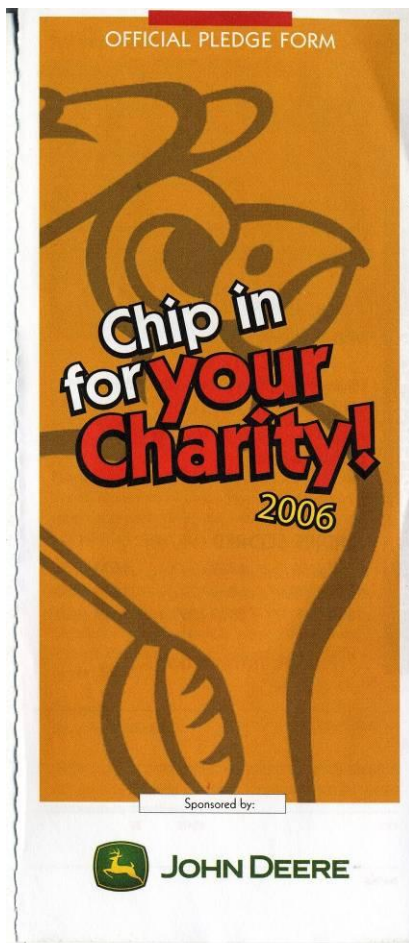


Picture of the Award



Angel Jacobs, Paula Raney, and Nancy Shell

# Section Fundraising Initiatives



## Birdies for Charity

This year we will be earning money by participating in the 2007 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program. 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 2007 John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. A 1 cent pledge per birdie has historically resulted in a donation of approximately \$20.

The nice thing is that we can start NOW giving out the pledge forms to our 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, then sends all money received from our donators to our organization.

Pledge forms will be passed out at each of our monthly meetings or can be obtained by emailing Nancy Shell, Treasurer, at [shellnancy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:shellnancy@stanleygroup.com) or by calling Nancy at 563-264-6428 (day) or 563-299-8432 (cell).

## SWE Mugs for Sale:



Cost: \$10 each  
Plenty of mugs are still available!

If interested, contact Heather Bishop at: [heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil](mailto:heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil) or they will be available for sale at all upcoming meetings.

## SWE 50/50 Raffle

Starting with our October 2006 meeting and continuing until our May 2007 meeting, our section will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets will sell for \$1/each or 6 tickets/\$5. At our May 2007 meeting, a Grand Prize winning ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive half the money collected from the sale of the tickets. Please see Nancy Shell, Treasurer, to purchase tickets at any of our 2006/07 meetings. For more information, contact Nancy at [shellnancy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:shellnancy@stanleygroup.com).

# Upcoming Events



The two-day event, April 12-13, 2007, will include keynote speakers of national and regional prominence, and will focus on four tracks: Taking Risks, Going Public, Connecting To People, Choosing Your Balance For more information please see:

<http://www.iowawomensconference.com/Default.aspx>

Early registration deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>SWE 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule*</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Planner</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006	Tour of Rock River Bridge	Donna Jones	Moline
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006	Tour of Louisa Generating Station	Rochelle Trefry	Muscatine
Monday, Nov. 27, 2006	Candle Making	Angel Jacobs	Rapids City Community Center
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007	Speaker: Betsy McKnight-Latko Topic: Stress Management	Angel Jacobs	Deere-Wiman House Living/Dining Room, Main Floor
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007	Country Manor Chocolates Tour - Bring a friend	Brenda Murphy	Bettendorf
Tuesday, March 27, 2007	Speaker: Ruth Lamers Topic: Financial Planning Joint Meeting	Angel Jacobs	Deere-Wiman House, Main Floor
Tuesday, April 24, 2007	Tour of The HON Company, Oak Steel Plant	Brenda Murphy	Muscatine 301 Oak Street
Tuesday, May 22, 2007	Family Potluck	Brenda Murphy	Quad Cities West Lake Park

\*Depending on facility availability meeting topics may change.