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Letter from the President:

Dear Ladies and Gents,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the years activities. Please make sure you place your vote by May 15th for the new cabinet. Also join us for the potluck/recipe exchange on May 19th at West Lake.

We are looking for volunteers to help judge scholarship applications for Nationals. This fall we will be awarding our first scholarship to someone. The winner will be announced later this year. Thank you to all who sold flowers to make the scholarship possible.

Thank you for making this year a great year and I hope to see everyone next year.

Sincerely,
Angel Jacobs
President

Visit our section's
website:

[http://www.swe.org/SWE/
RegionH/Sections/Quad_
Cities/](http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionH/Sections/Quad_Cities/)

Looking for ways to volunteer? Check
out the Quad Cities Engineering and
Science Council Volunteering Site:
<http://www.qcesc.org/support.htm>

May Meeting: Potluck & Recipe Exchange



Join SWE in May for our End of Year Potluck. Let's celebrate the end of another successful SWE year. The winners of the 2008-2009 cabinet election will be announced. Bring the recipe for your dish to share with our other members!

Program: End of Year Potluck and Recipe Exchange

Who: Friends and Family of SWE

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 6pm

Where: West Lake Park
High Meadows Pavilion
110th Avenue
Davenport, IA

Meal: Please bring a dish to share.

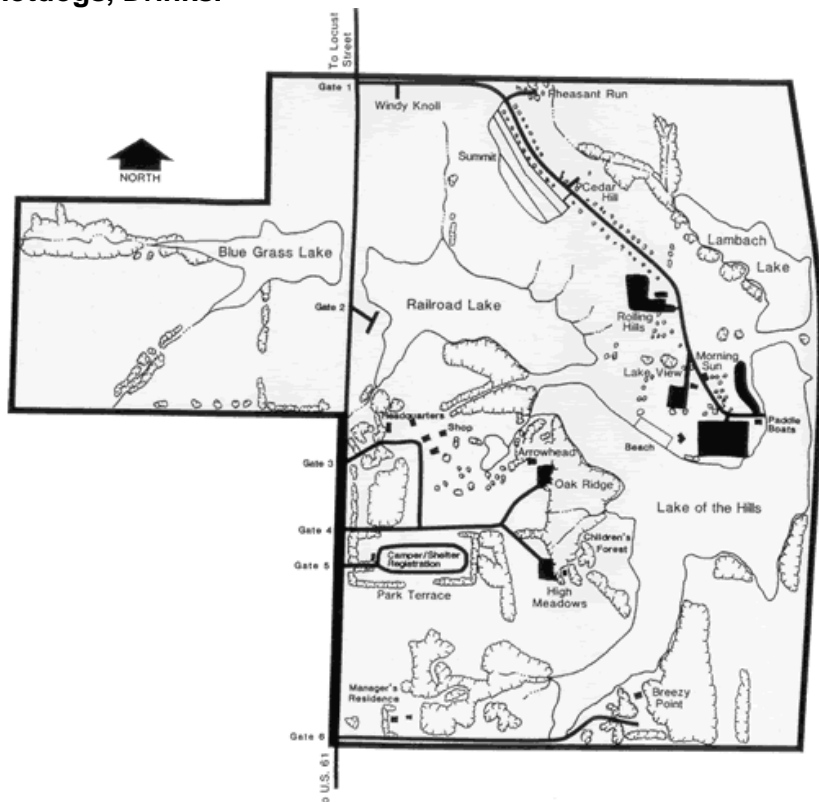
BBQ Hamburger, Hotdogs, Drinks.

Meeting Cost: None

Please RSVP to Angel Jacobs at ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com by 4:00pm on May, 19, 2008. **Please include what you are bringing with your RSVP.**

Directions to :

Take Hwy. 61 North to 110th Ave., turn North on 110th Ave. Go a couple miles to Gate 4. turn right into gate four. Drive until fork in road take the right fork to High Meadows Shelter.



SWE News and Volunteering

Girl Scout Outreach

On April 19, we had 28 Junior Girl Scouts complete the requirements for the Science Discovery Badge. Six activities were organized which demonstrated the properties of water, chemical reactions, properties of friction and gravity, reflection of light, optical illusions, and how scientists are responsible for everyday items we depend upon. The girls received their badge at the conclusion of the event at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa. Thank to the volunteers and to Donna Jones for planning the event. Next year's event is already scheduled for April 25, 2010.

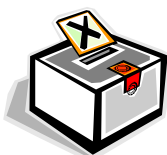
2009 Birdies for Charity



Once again our SWE section will be participating in the 2009 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program as a fundraiser. 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 2009 John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. A 1 cent pledge per birdie has historically resulted in a donation of approximately \$20. In 2008, 1,921 birdies were scored during the 2008 John Deere Classic. Those who guessed the exact number of birdies participated in a drawing to determine the grand prize winner. Donna Jones was one of last year's finalists and won tickets to 2009 tournament. The 2008 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity Program raised approximately \$4.79 million in pledges. Our SWE section received \$314.47 in pledges and \$31.44 in bonus dollars from the 2008 program.

All organizations with pledges turned in by June 19, 2009 could receive free tickets and parking for the week. If we reach \$1.00 in pledges over last years total or \$10,000 in flat donations by June 19, 2009, we would be eligible to receive a 5 % bonus dollars.

Please plan to pick up some pledge forms at our May meeting or email Paula Raney at raneypaulaj@johndeere.com for forms. Just hand them out to 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 and sends all money received from our donators to our organization plus a 5% bonus.



VOTE!

Please take the time to vote for next year's cabinet members. Paid members have received an email with the link to the voting information. Voting will close on May 15th and results will be announced at the May meeting.

If you have any questions or would like a paper copy of the ballot, please contact Rochelle Trefry at Rochelle.trefry@swe.org.

April Meeting Wrap-Up

A group of 10 of our members attended last month's meeting at the HON company in Muscatine, IA. The presenter for the meeting was Donna Meade, Vice President of Organizational Management for HNI Corp. Since developing the careers of others is a big part of her job, she spoke very freely about this topic near and dear to her heart. She broke down the percentage of ways we can develop on the job- 70% of what we learn is on the job experience. 20% is through relationships, and only 10% is in formal training. This was a somewhat surprising statistic given the emphasis sometimes placed on formal training as part of a job. She also talked about attributes of a successful businessperson. One important trait was confidence, which she added, during times of stress, always listen and do not let the fear show on your face. Another attribute was to be comfortable in the "stretch zone"- do not be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and take a new assignment or meet someone new.

Thanks so much to Brenda Murphy for organizing this meeting!

Give us Your Opinion - Surveys!

You will be receiving notifications for 2 different surveys. We will be conducting a member's survey to determine what motivates people to join SWE and what they look to get from the society. We will also be doing a general survey to determine what people would like to see for future meetings. Please provide your thoughts because it leads to future meeting topics.

If you have any questions please contact:
Rochelle Trefry at Rochelle.trefry@swe.org.

SWE Portfolios For Sale



Cost is \$10 each; they are available at meetings
and through Paula Raney
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From our SWE section representative:

Now is the time to apply for our Region H professional individual awards for this fiscal year! There are both individual and section awards. The region is especially looking for more nominations for the Emerging Leader award. See details at the following page:

<http://www.swe.org/swe/regionh/ProfessionalAwards.htm>

On the SWE webpage, SWE login ID's have changed. If you have a problem logging in, try your `firstname.lastname####` where the 4 #s are the last 4 digits of your membership number.

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 new Sudoku puzzles
(websudoku.com)....
.....the first is 'Medium' the second is 'Hard'.

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