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Letter from the Vice President:

Ladies,

Happy Halloween!! With Thanksgiving Day right around the corner, I thought this would be a good time to talk about our blessings. At the top of the list are our congratulations to our President, Angel Jacobs, on the birth of her son, Justin Wilhelm, born on Monday, October 27th. Our best wishes to Angel and husband, Curt.

Another blessing to be thankful for in this time of economic crisis is our jobs. With companies like HON and GPC in Muscatine having layoffs and lockouts, I am praying that none of our members or their families have been directly affected. Unfortunately, many of us have had friends, and possibly co-workers who have been affected.

Another blessing is our success helping a collegiate interest group at St. Ambrose University (SAU) as it takes its first steps towards becoming a SWE section. I spoke with Dr. Michael Opar of SAU at the QCESC's Hockey Night on Wednesday, October 29th. He has joined SWE along with some of the SAU students. We currently have seven (7) students listed as members in addition to 33 professional members.

Our great meetings this year have been a blessing, too. Our October 21st meeting, Exercise and Stress Management, was very interesting. Thank you to Megan Mathias for setting us up with the ladies from Gold's Gym.

Don't forget to consider helping on November 11th from 6 to 8pm when our section helps with setup for the QC Festival of Trees.

Please be sure to attend our November 25th meeting. Rochelle Trefry has arranged with the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department for us to make wreaths for the holidays. I am looking forward to it. And be thinking ahead to our Saturday morning, January 24th, 2009, meeting which will be a visit to Arsenal Island to view bald eagles and tour the clock tower!

Take care and I hope to see you all soon.

Nancy Shell
Vice President

November Meeting: Wreath Making



November 25th, 2008, at 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Longview Park Greenhouse

Meeting Location Address: 18th Avenue and 17th Street, Rock Island, IL

Meeting Cost: \$15.00 for members/\$20 for non-members, responsible for own meal cost

Meal location after meeting: Arthur's Garden Deli, 3727 Blackhawk Road, Rock Island, IL

Meeting Description: Create your own beautiful wreath to take home for the holidays using live and dried plant materials and evergreen boughs from the Longview Greenhouse. A great alternative to purchasing a wreath this year! Bring gloves and pruning shears. After the wreath making we will meet at Arthur's Garden Deli for dinner.

Please RSVP to Rochelle Trefry at rochelle.trefry@swe.org by Noon on November 21, 2008.

NOTE TO ALL THAT RSVP: Once you RSVP, you have signed up for the cost of the meeting. If you can not attend the meeting for any reason and do not pay, our club takes the loss. So it is very important that if you RSVP, you either attend the meeting, or send your meeting cost to our Treasurer, Paula Raney.

Directions to Location:

From Muscatine:

Take US-61 to I-280 East.

Take Exit 11B onto IL-92 East toward Rock Island.

Take the 18th Ave exit, going right onto 18th Ave.

Longview Park is located on the North just before the corner of 18th Ave. and 17th Street.

From Davenport:

Take US-67 over the Centennial Bridge

Turn left onto 5th Ave

Turn right onto 16th Street, follow slight right onto 17th Street

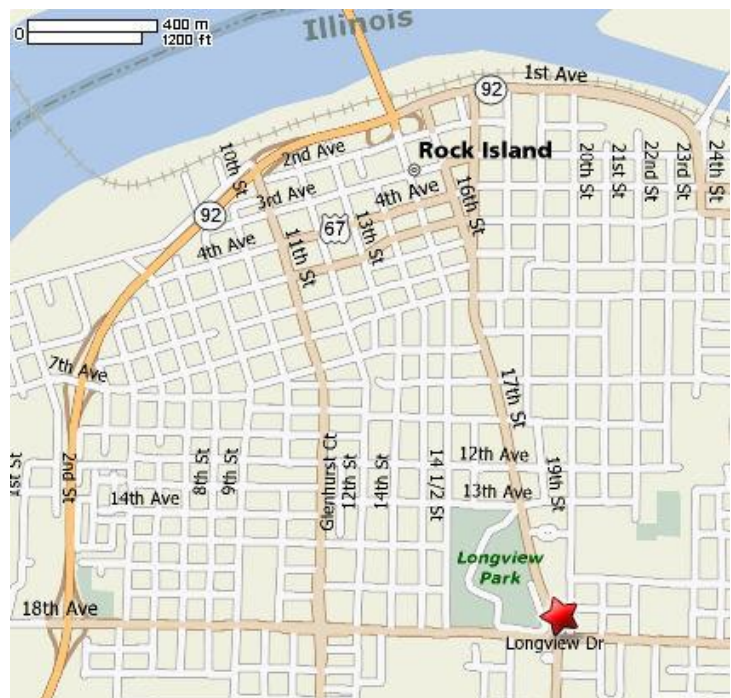
Turn right onto 18th Street, Longview Park is on your right.

Directions from Longview Park to Arthur's Deli:

Go south on 17th Street (this becomes 24th Street)

Turn left onto Blackhawk Road

Arthur's Deli is on the left just under a mile down (just before 38th Street)



October Meeting Summary:

The October meeting was held on October 21 at the John Deere Cylinder Division. There were 16 attendees at the meeting with several new faces. The general assembly meeting was held first along with boxed meals. For fundraising, we are ordering binders with the SWE logo that will be sold for \$10 apiece. They will be available soon.



Nancy Shell and Angel Jacobs practicing yoga poses

Next the speaker was licensed occupational therapist and Gold's Gym instructor, Erin Phillips. She began with an overview of what yoga means and how it can mean different things to different people. Erin led the group in seated yoga exercises that we can incorporate into our busy work days or at home. Erin said the main purposes of yoga are to free the mind, relieve tension, and open the heart. Thanks Megan Mathias for arranging the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CHECK OUT:

Festival of Trees Volunteering

We are volunteering on November 11, 2008, 6 - 8 p.m., at the Davenport RiverCenter to assist in the setup for the event. Dress casually.

We never know what assignments we might be given. Please contact donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil if you need more information or directions to the RiverCenter.

Invited to attend local IEEE Section Meeting – November 8

See the attachment for details on the upcoming IEEE meeting at the Putnam Museum. The topic is "Investigating Paranormal Mysteries", with speaker Joe Nickell. The cost is \$20 and RSVPs are due by Wednesday, November 5.

Opportunity to inspire – First Lego League

ISU is looking for volunteers to judge a LEGO robot to accomplish the tasks set in the challenge. The event is on January 17, 2009, in Howe and Hoover Halls. This is an all day event (8am to 5pm) filled with approximately 750 young student excited to compete and learn, making this a very energetic and fun environment. For more detail information and to register as a volunteer go to www.isek.iastate.edu, or contact Julie Fisher.

SWE Webinar this month: Diverse Perspectives Drive Innovation

Thursday, November 20, 2008
Speaker: Mary Ellyn Visksta

All SWE members can view this web seminar at the time scheduled or a replay of it within 48 hours of the broadcast.

Click below to register and learn more:
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hockey Night with the QC Engineering and Science Council



iWireless Center - Home of the QC Flames



Nancy and Amy Shell

The QCESC President's Reception & ASM's Hockey Night 2008 was held on Wednesday, October 29th, at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse's Metro Room. Nancy Shell and her daughter, Amy Shell, and Dr. Michael Opar attended. Amy Shell is a Planning Analyst with Stanley Consultants, Inc. in Englewood, CO. It was a great evening spent networking with members of other Quad Cities societies.

The evening included a silent auction, raffle, dinner, speaker, and tickets to the QC Flames vs Manitoba Moose hockey game at the I Wireless Center. The Manitoba Moose won 4-3.

Bill Stoermer, from Exelon's Quad Cities Generating Station, Cordova's nuclear power station, spoke to us on alternate and nuclear energy. The facts he gave on nuclear and wind energy were very interesting. We learned about the waste management procedures and safety and reliability of nuclear plants.

SWE 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule			
Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008	Craft Meeting	Rochelle Trefry	Rock Island
<i>*** Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009</i>	<i>Eagle Watch at the Rock Island Arsenal</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Quad Cities</i>
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
*** Note change in date and topic for January meeting			

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.