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Note from the VP:

Hello Ladies,

Well fall is here in full swing. The fields are getting picked and the weather doesn't know what it wants to do. I hope everyone is enjoying these last few weeks of warm weather and getting yard work done or just relaxing outside before the snow begins to fall.

We had a great turn out for the first meeting of the year at the Planetarium. I was happy to see some new faces. I hope everyone that attended had a good time.

We have some great meetings coming this year and hope to see everyone there. We tried to plan meetings from the survey that was sent out last spring. This year the cabinet has come up with a few tours, a great craft, and some excellent speakers.

Sincerely,
Angel Jacobs
Vice President

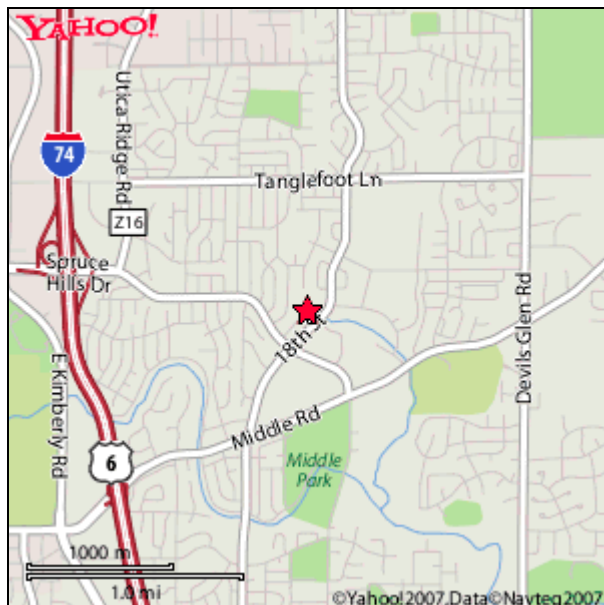
Speaker

What is Six Sigma?

Join SWE for Our October meeting:

- Speaker: Mike Harper, Manager of Six Sigma Services, Deere & Co.
- Topic: What is Six Sigma?
- When: Tuesday, Oct 16th 2007
- Time: 6:00 pm
- Where: Bettendorf Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA
- Cost: \$10 (includes dinner and beverage)
- RSVP: Due by Friday, October 12 to Katie Ehrke at EhrkeKathrynE@JohnDeere.com

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About the Speaker:

Mike Harper started his career at Westinghouse Electric in their Engineering/Manufacturing Professional Development Program in 1989. In December 2005, he started his current position as Manager of Six Sigma Services for Deere & Co. He has responsibility for the Six Sigma training curriculum and providing coaching to Black Belts across the Enterprise.

Mike holds a BS degree in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University, and Masters of Engineering degree from North Carolina State University. He has earned ASQ Certifications as a Quality Auditor, Quality Engineer, Quality Manager, and Six Sigma Black Belt. Mike is registered as a Professional Engineer in Iowa and North Carolina.



Festival of Trees Volunteer Opportunity

Need help getting in the holiday spirit? As in years past, volunteer with SWE to help setup for the Festival of Trees at the River Center in Davenport. Volunteer times have selected:

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 6pm - 8pm
Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6pm - 8pm
Saturday, November 10, 2007, 9am – noon

To volunteer, please contact Donna Jones by October 16th at donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil

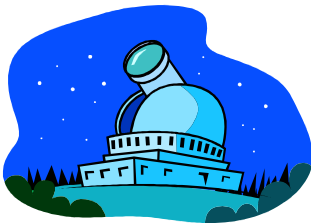


We Need Your Vote

Pam Hillary from Kneading Minds will be speaking at our February meeting. Please vote on which topic you would like to see Pam present!

You can vote by going to the link below. Voting will close on Dec 1.

<http://www.hostedsurvey.com/takesurvey.asp?c=swe-febmeet>



September Meeting Summary

The September meeting was held at the Augustana Planetarium in Rock Island. There were 13 members and 6 guests present!

Mr. Lee Carkner, the Director of the Planetarium, welcomed and educated us on the type of equipment the planetarium uses. We viewed a presentation titled "More than Meets the Eye". The presentation was a combination of what you would see in the sky on a typical night and high resolution pictures taken from space.

The projector at the planetarium was built in 1969 and is maintained once a year.

Mr. Carkner also pointed out the constellations that can typically be viewed in the September sky. The presentation was concluded with viewing the Planetarium's impressive collection of meteorites.

Following the presentation, we headed to Arthur's Deli for meeting and dinner.

Thanks to **Angel Jacobs** for planning this wonderful meeting!



Women in Tune With Technology

Remember, you can still register for the National Conference to be held October 25- 27 in Nashville, TN. Register on SWE's 2007 National Conference Web Site.

<http://www.swe07.org/>

2008 Region H Conference
January 25-27, 2008
Bradley University, Peoria, IL

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 comes back to our section.

Web Seminars:

New SWE Webinars are just a click away. eLearning designed just for you in mind. Go to www.swe.org for more information. All Web seminars begin at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Women's Way of Leadership

Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, US Army, Ret., president and founder, Educational Achievement Services, Inc.

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Sharpening Your Interviewing Skills: Practical Tips for Career Fairs and Company Visits

Jada Phillabaum
Recruiting and Development
Caterpillar Inc.,
Global Marketing Talent Division

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

How to Reach Your Goals by Building Your Self-Esteem and Motivation (for college women)

Dr. Pamela McCauley-Bell, associate professor, University of Central Florida, president and owner of Tech-Solutions

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Women Leading the Diversity Advantage -

Lenora Billings-Harris, diversity and inclusion consultant, past president, National Speaker's Association

SWE Web seminars are **FREE** for SWE members and \$49 for non-members.

Section Fundraising

Flower Bulb Sales:

Our section is selling flower bulbs as a fundraiser. Half of the sales come back to our section! Monies raised will go toward developing a scholarship for an aspiring local woman engineering student.

You can view the product flyer on our website at:

http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionH/Sections/Quad_Cities/fundraising.htm

Orders need to be placed with Donna Jones by COB on **October 3rd**.
Donna.M.Jones@usace.army.mil.
Payments are due at the October 16th meeting.

SWE Mugs for Sale:



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

If interested, contact Nancy Shell at: shellnancy@stanleygroup.com or mugs will be available for sale at all upcoming meetings.



Plans are underway for the April Girl Scout Outreach event. If you would like to volunteer your time to help plan the event or would like to volunteer for the day of the event, please contact Donna Jones, Donna.M.Jones@usace.army.mil.

Date of Event: Sunday, April 20, 2008
Location: St. Ambrose University, Rogalski Center

SWE 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule*			
Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007	Speaker - Six Sigma	Katie Ehrke	Quad Cities
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007	Endless Ideas - Scrapbooking / Cardmaking	Karmen Heim	Muscatine
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008	Hy-Vee Nutrition / Cake Making	Ellen Huntley	Quad Cities
Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008	Speaker – Pam Hillary	Katie Ehrke	Quad Cities
Tuesday, March 25, 2008	Botanical Center	Angel Jacobs	Quad Cities
Tuesday, April 22, 2008	GPC Tour	Angel Jacobs	Muscatine
Tuesday, May 20, 2008	Family Event	Angel Jacobs	TBD

*Depending on facility availability meeting topics may change.

Help Plan at Meeting

Know of a great meeting place? Want to help plan a meeting? Please consider volunteering to help plan a meeting. There are several meetings that are in need of a meeting place and someone to coordinate them. If interested in being involved, contact Angel Jacobs at ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com for more details.

Other Area Events:

October 9th: IIE Chapter 46 October Meeting

Topic: "Using Simulation Models to Analyze Systems"

Presented By: Rainer Dronzek, Assistant Vice President, TranSystems, Chicago, IL

For more information: Please contact Bonnie Thiede (309-756-1454 or thiedebonniej@johndeere.com)

October 20th: Block Kids Contest, Family Museum Bettendorf.

October 26th: ASM International (Quad-City Chapter)

Topic: Hockey Night 2007

For more information: Please contact BTMurchieQET@yahoo.com

May 26th: ASM International (Quad-City Chapter)

Topic: Golf Classic 2008

For more information: Please contact BTMurchieQET@yahoo.com

For more local engineering meetings, check out: <http://www.qcesc.org/calendar.htm>