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### Letter from the President:

Ladies,

Well fall has arrived and as the farmers go to the fields to harvest, we are just getting going on a great new year of SWE. We had a great turnout for the September meeting at Lafarge. I hope to see everyone back at the next meeting. Bring a friend or co-worker, the next meeting topic is Exercise and Stress Management. I know I am ready for a little stress management help, and anything to maybe help after baby Jacobs is born at the end of the month.

We have many tours and great speakers lined up for this years meetings. We also have many volunteer opportunities for anyone this year. We are going to be doing our annual Girl Scout workshop in April. Also we will be volunteering at the Festival of Trees as we have in years past. As opportunities come in they will be added to the newsletter and also emailed out.

Our fall flower sales raised \$240 for the scholarship fund and general funds to help defray the cost of meetings and speakers. If you didn't get a chance to purchase flowers this fall we will be doing the flower sales again in the spring. We are also in the process of ordering portfolios to replace the travel mugs as our sale item and speaker gift. The portfolios will be company friendly with the SWE logo on the inside cover instead of on the outside. We will let everyone know when they are available.

See you at the meeting,

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/)

### Fundraising:



Flowers that have been ordered during this fall's Flower Power fundraising drive will be ready for pickup **during the October meeting**. Our section keeps 50% of all sales!

Contact Brenda Murphy:

[murphyb@honcompany.com](mailto:murphyb@honcompany.com) if you have questions.

# ***October Meeting: Exercise for Stress Management***



Join SWE for our October meeting at the John Deere Cylinder Division Conference Center!

**Where:** JD Cylinder Conference Center – 909 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265

**When:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 @ 6:00pm

**Who:** Anyone interested – SWE members, friends

**What:** A Gold's Gym trainer will present on methods to reduce stress including stretching, yoga, and other exercises. Participation in exercises will not be required, just wear comfortable clothing!

**Cost:** Meeting - \$10

Dinner – Hungry Hobo lunch boxes, your choice of (5) sandwiches, (3) types of chips, (2) kinds of cookies and (6) drinks. Details for food choice will be provided in RSVP email next week.

Please RSVP to Megan Mathias at [mathiasmeganc@johndeere.com](mailto:mathiasmeganc@johndeere.com) by 4pm on Friday October 17. Let her know if you can make it and the number of guests you will be bringing.

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## **DIRECTIONS TO JD CYLINDER DIVISION:**

***From North: Follow I-74 into Illinois and take first exit for River Drive. Take a left at the exit stop light and turn right into the parking lot at the next stop light after the I-Wireless center.***

***From South: Follow I-74 until exit for 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Moline. Take a left on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave then a right onto 19<sup>th</sup> St. Follow 19<sup>th</sup> St until 3<sup>d</sup> Ave and take a left. Turn right into the parking lot at the next stop light after the I-Wireless center.***

***After parking, walk east and enter at a single door that connects the four-story and two-story part of the plant. Take a right once inside and follow the long hallway past cubicles until you reach the conference room on your right. (THERE WILL BE SIGNS POSTED)***



# September Meeting Summary:



September's meeting was held at LaFarge's Davenport Cement Plant in Buffalo. LaFarge is the co-leader in Cement and Aggregate production and number 3 in Concrete and Gypsum. They are a French based company whose stocks are traded on the European markets. There were many new faces to start off the year with a total of 17 in attendance.

After a short safety video and safety glasses, steel toed shoes, and hardhat check the tour stopped by the alternative materials mixer, cyclone dryers, kiln, test lab, control booth, and even to the top of the roof to see all the buildings, quarry, and lakes that make up the Buffalo campus. The plant was on a scheduled maintenance shutdown so we did not get to experience the "cool" **800C** temperature of the plant. ***A special thanks to Tracy Suits for coordinating the plant tour!***

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## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS TO CHECK OUT:

### Scholarship Committee

The newly formed scholarship committee will be meeting briefly after the October meeting. Our section is looking to start our own scholarship fund and need your help. If you are interested in helping to establish judging criteria, minimum requirements, and what will be submitted in the application process, please feel free to join us on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Brenda Murphy [murphyb@honcompany.com](mailto:murphyb@honcompany.com) for more information.

### Fall Girl Scout / SWE Event Cancelled

Due to the low number of registrants for the Girl Scout Event scheduled for October 12, we have decided to cancel this event. I have already confirmed the Rogalski Center is available April 19th, 2009. We will send out reminders for the event next Spring. Please keep this date in mind. We will need volunteers.

### Festival of Trees Volunteer Opportunity

To get into the Holiday Spirit and help a good cause, SWE will be assisting with the Festival of Trees Great Hall Set-Up on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, from 6 - 8 p.m.

The event is held in the River Center in Davenport.

Please send your name to [donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil](mailto:donna.m.jones@usace.army.mil) so a consolidated list of SWE members can be sent to the Event's volunteer coordinator.

RSVPs for this activity are due by our meeting on October 21, 2008.



### Hockey Night with the QC Engineering and Science Council

The Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) is hosting a Hockey Night. The following link is for the Hockey Night Flyer:

[http://www.qcesc.org/Hockey%20Night%202008%203 .pdf](http://www.qcesc.org/Hockey%20Night%202008%203.pdf)

Or, contact our QCESC rep, Julie Fisher at [Julie.L.Fisher@usace.army.mil](mailto:Julie.L.Fisher@usace.army.mil) for more details.

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<b>SWE 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule*</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Planner</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008	Lafarge Tour	Angel Jacobs Tracy Suits	Buffalo, IA
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008</b>	<b>Exercise – Stress Management</b>	<b>Megan Mathias</b>	<b>Moline, IL</b>
Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008	Craft Meeting	Rochelle Trefry	Muscatine
Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009	Quad City Industrial Tour - TBD	Donna Jones	Quad Cities
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
*Depending on facility availability meeting topics may change.			

### Help Plan a 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](mailto:ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com) for more details.



### Women Leading a Technical Revolution

Registration is still open for the National Conference held on November 6-8 in Baltimore, MD. Register on SWE's 2008 National Conference Web Site:

<http://www.we08.org/>

### 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 comes back to our section.