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Letter from the President

Hello Ladies!

SWE is very busy this fall planning some great meetings for everyone. The fall picnic was a great success! We learned a lot from Becky Svatos, and the evening was perfect picnic weather. We are hoping for some more great success as we start holding the meetings that you voted on. This month we are discussing different career paths, which was an overwhelming success on your meeting survey. We have lined up some dynamic women engineers with diverse experiences.

The Drive for 135 is still going on. Please help us reach our goals by getting us the names of those women engineers. Let's try to find every woman engineering the QCM Area!

I am off to the National Conference today where they will be voting on our petition to charter. Hopefully, next month I will be able to announce that we are an official section! Thanks to everyone who signed the petition and helped put together our application packet.

Have a great month! Let me know if you have ideas, questions, or suggestions. I will see you at the meeting on the 22nd.

Sincerely,
Tami Wilcox



October Meeting

Career Paths

Who: Women Engineers and Women who work in Engineering Related Fields

When: Tuesday October 22, 2002 at 6:30 pm

Where: Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor
203 Lake Park Blvd.
Muscatine, Iowa

Menu: Pizza and Soft Drinks

Cost: \$9

At the October meeting, a panel of experienced women including Janice Hotz, Shirley Johnson, and Krisan Steiger will discuss the different paths their careers have taken.

Rose Ayres has done a wonderful job of planning this meeting. Thanks Rose!

Please RSVP by October 18th to Rose Ayres at rose.m.ayres@monsanto.com, if you plan on attending.



Biography - Janice Hotz

Janice Hotz is currently the Plant Engineering Business Unit Leader at the Monsanto Muscatine Manufacturing Facility. In this role, she manages mechanical and electrical project engineering, process control engineering, core maintenance, and the environmental, safety and health organizations for the site. During the fourteen years that Janice has been with Monsanto she has acted as the Roundup Manufacturing Manager at the Monsanto headquarters in St. Louis and as the Plant Manager of the Melbourne, Australia Agricultural Chemical Plant. She also held various manufacturing management positions at locations in Luling, Louisiana; Muscatine, Iowa; and St. Louis, Missouri - in the agricultural chemicals and ABS Plastics businesses. Prior to working for Monsanto, Janice held an internship for several years with a nuclear power plant in Nebraska. Janice holds a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Iowa State University and a MBA from the University of Iowa.

Favorite 'life balance' activities: Hot air ballooning, finding interesting new locales on weekend adventures with my husband and friends (either on the Indian motorcycle or by car), nature hiking, gardening, cooking, and cross-stitch.

Biography - Shirley Johnson

Shirley Johnson graduated with a B.S. from Iowa State University and is a registered hydrologist with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District. With 25 years experience as a district hydrologist, Shirley has analyzed a full-range of hydrologic and hydraulic problems involved in flood protection planning for specified urban and rural areas.

Other interests: Tennis, hiking, home-brewing, beerology –would like to become a beerologist!

Biography - Krisan Steiger

Krisan Steiger graduated from Augustana College with a BA in Political Science (Pre discipline in Law) and a minor in Women's Studies. During my interim at Augustana College my full time job was Construction Manager overseeing 40 + million dollars worth of new and remodeled construction and demolition. Concurrently I was the Head Women's Soccer Coach for eight years and a part time student. Upon graduating, I was hired to oversee the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing for the Quad City International Airport during the construction of the new terminals for a construction management firm. From there I was recruited to work as a Construction Administrator for KJWW Engineering Consultants. One of my current projects is Trinity at Terrace Park in Bettendorf, Iowa. Primarily, I oversee the work being done in the field and confirm that it matches the integrity and intent of the Engineers design.

I still coach girls' soccer at Central High School in Davenport, Iowa and play soccer on the Davenport Lightning Women's soccer team. My passions are being a Grandma to Lathan (age 3) and a part time Mom to Hilary (age 12) and Bass fishing with my husband Mark.

September Meeting

The Kick-off Picnic was held at West Lake Park in Davenport. It was a beautiful evening at the park. Before dinner was served, everyone had an opportunity to visit with each other and catch up on all news since we did not have any SWE meetings during the summer months. Dinner was excellent – we had chicken, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes, fruit salad, veggies, rolls, and hot apple crisp. Yum! After dinner, we all introduced ourselves and talked about our plans for the weekend.



Tami Wilcox and Becky Svatos discuss starting up a local SWE section.



Becky Svatos, Tami Wilcox, Deb Mathias, Sara Votroubek, Eileen Chambers, and Georgia Klinefelter share their plans for the weekend.



Carolyn Orr and Krisan Steiger also share their plans for the weekend.



Rose Ayres and Karmen Heim introduce themselves.

After the introductions, Becky Svatos spoke about her experiences with SWE, which started when she was in High School! As Becky's career progressed, she moved to different places around the country. When she lived in Omaha and Florida, she was key in starting up local SWE sections.



Becky Svatos shares her experiences with SWE.

The September meeting was a great success thanks to thoughtful planning of Tami Wilcox and Karmen Heim. Thanks Tami and Karmen!



Everyone had a great time at the picnic!

Career Guidance Committee

Our SWE group will be planning and leading an event with area Girl Scouts sometime during the next School Year! The Career Guidance Committee will be heading up this effort. If you are interested in participating on this

committee and helping plan this fun "engineering-related" event, or if you have ideas for the event, please contact Jill Hunt at HuntJill@JohnDeere.com or 563-445-7167. Planning will begin in the fall. Thanks!

Letter from the Editor

Hi All:

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting. As always, if you have any suggestions for future newsletters or information on any

upcoming events, please email me at heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil.

Thanks,
Heather Bishop

Upcoming Events

Proposed Quad Cities/Muscatine SWE Section November Meeting

Tuesday November 26, 2002 at 6:30 pm

Location: Fireworks Coffeehouse and
Pottery Pained by You

The November meeting will be held at
Fireworks Coffeehouse and Pottery in Moline.
Sara Votroubek and Georgia Klinefelter are
planning this fun-filled evening.

Halloween

Thursday October 31, 2002



DRIVE FOR 135

One of the Cabinet's major goals for this year is to add new names of women engineers to our list of contacts. **We need your help locating these women!** Right now we have **119** women on our contact list. The goal is to reach **135 women**. That's why we call it the *Drive for 135!* If you know a woman engineer, tell her to contact us, or better yet, forward us her information. We will add her to our distribution list and put your name in the drawing for a *fabulous* prize. You can also send us the name of a company that hires engineers. The prize is unknown right now, so we will announce it in the November newsletter.

Here are the rules:

1. All current SWE contacts can submit one of the following:
 - New contact - email address
 - New company - address
2. Each person/company entered will count as an individual entry.
3. Drawing to be held at the November meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

Please send entries to

WardMartha@johndeere.com

Good Luck!



SWE 2002-2003 Meeting Schedule*



Date	Topic	Location
Tuesday, September 24, 2002	Beginning of Year Picnic	West Lake Park
Tuesday, October 22, 2002	Career Development Paths	Muscatine
Tuesday, November 26, 2002	Christmas Pottery Painting	Quad Cities
Tuesday, January 27, 2002	Wine & Cheese Tasting	Muscatine
Tuesday, February 25, 2002	Tour of John Deere Davenportworks	Davenport
March - TBD	Chartering Banquet	TBD
Tuesday, April 22, 2002	Tour of Lock & Dam	Muscatine
Tuesday, May 27, 2002	Tour of IMAX Theater	Davenport

*Depending of facility availability meeting topics might change.