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## Letter from the President

Hi Ladies!

Fall is quickly approaching and it is time for SWE activities to begin again! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and that you are ready for another fun year with SWE.

We have a great group of women serving as our cabinet and we hope to continue to expand our section and put together some interesting meetings and events. We strive to help our members grow professionally, personally and to have some fun along the way!

The cabinet has put together (using the survey results) a list of exciting meeting topics for the coming year. We just need your help to make it all happen! We need some meeting planning committee members to volunteer to plan a single monthly meeting. The responsibilities of committee members along with a list of meeting dates and a list of topics are provided in this newsletter. Please take a look and volunteer to make one meeting happen!

Once again we are having a drawing for everyone who has joined SWE or renewed by our October meeting. Joining SWE helps support our section and allows us to provide great meetings and participate in the community. Send in your membership by the October meeting and you might win a gift certificate to a local restaurant!

I hope to see you all at our September meeting! Check out the meeting announcement in this newsletter for details.

Sincerely,  
Rochelle Trefry

### SWE Fast Fact

When you join SWE 20% of your registration fee comes back to our section! We use this money to fund our great meetings and outreach activities. The rest of your registration fee goes to SWE National to fund the many benefits you receive for joining SWE and exciting programs that inspire women of all ages to aspire, advance, and achieve.

## September Meeting

*Do you want to learn how to increase your productivity and energy level just by eating the right things?*

*Are you wondering if the "Low-Carb" lifestyle is really healthy for you?*

*Would you like to know how to fit healthy eating into your busy lifestyle?*

Your SWE Section would like to help answer these questions and more with our first meeting of the 2004-2005 year:

### **Healthy Eating with Mary Swanson, Nutritionist and Owner of Goal Weight Clinic**

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

6:00 p.m.

Deere Wimer House

817 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

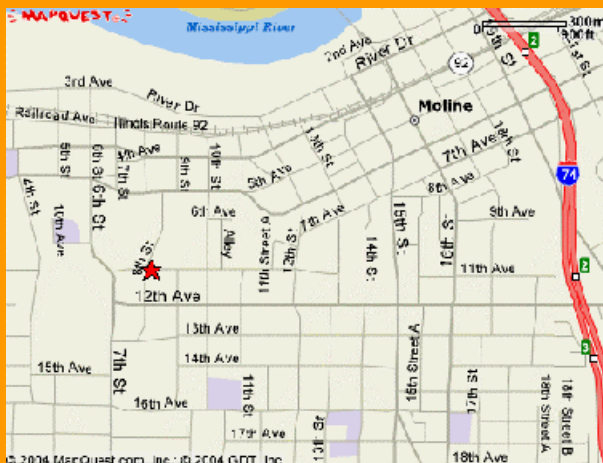
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Cost: \$5

Mary Swanson graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Food, Nutrition, and Business. She has been working in Nutrition for 15 years, and started her own business, Goal Weight Clinic, 10 years ago. She is located in Bettendorf, Iowa.

*Healthy snacks and Dessert will be provided.*

Please RSVP to Rochelle at [rochelle.trefry@swe.org](mailto:rochelle.trefry@swe.org) by September 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Our Section Needs You!!!

Are you looking for an easy way to get involved with SWE? We have a great opportunity for you! This year we are having a meeting planning committee where each person plans a **single** monthly meeting. Heather Bishop is our meeting planning committee chair and will coordinate with our volunteers. The responsibilities of the committee members are:

- Arrange the speaker, tour or activity
- Set up the location
- Arrange the meal and determine the member cost
- Write a brief meeting description for the newsletter (& send it to Tami Wilcox)
- Keep Heather Bishop informed of the plans
- Track the RSVPs and send an email reminder before the meeting

Planning a meeting typically takes four or five hours spread out over a month. Take a look at the meeting schedule for the dates and the following list of topics. All we need are some members to help put it all together! A few topics are already set for a specific month, but we need someone to plan the remaining details. So pick a month and pick a topic and help make this a great year!

The following meeting topics need a planner! Check out the schedule on the following page to see which months are open.

- Organize your home/office
- Cooking class
- Construction tour (Figge Art Museum or other ideas)
- Dale Carnegie speaker (set for the January meeting)
- Holiday craft workshop (set for the November meeting)
- Speaker Gale Mote (set for the March meeting)

Planning a meeting is a HUGE contribution to our section, and a great way for you to practice some of your leadership and organizational skills!

## May Meeting

More than 25 women engineers joined our section for a tour of the Isabel Bloom Manufacturing Facility last May. We were able to learn about the entire process from how the design ideas are created to the finishing touches that make Isabelle Blooms so special.



Following the tour everyone met at Boozies Bar and Grill in Downtown Davenport for dinner and a short business meeting. Karmen recognized the 2003-2004 Cabinet Members and welcomed the 2004-2005 Cabinet Members. Retiring members were Karmen Heim, Jill Hunt and Vonda Johnston. We welcomed Heather Bishop as Vice President and Katie Ehrke as Career Guidance Coordinator.

Attendees filled out a questionnaire asking what meeting topics they were interested in. The questionnaire was used to plan our meeting schedule for this year.

## 2004 National SWE Conference

When: October 14-16, 2004  
Where: Milwaukee, WI

This is a *great* chance to attend a national conference! The SWE National Conference is the *largest* professional development and career conference for women engineers, attracting *more than 3,000* engineering professionals, students and corporate representatives. This year's conference, *Engineers Leading Change*, highlights the *life-changing contributions* engineers make to *society* and the *industry-changing impact* women engineers have on the profession.

See <http://www.swe.org/2004> for more information.

## Engineering Conference

ASCE and SAME invite you to attend their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Engineering Conference.

**Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am – 4:30pm  
Davenport Holiday Inn

Contact Deb Mathias,  
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SWE Member, for more  
information or check out the SAME  
website:

<http://posts.same.org/rockisland/>

## We are an Award-Winning Section!

Our section has been awarded the 2003-2004 Region H Continuous Improvement Award! We also received an honorable mention for the Membership Growth Award!

Congratulations to our members!

## SWE Fast Fact

The SWE National Conference is 3 days jam packed with more than 75 Professional Development Seminars presented by authors, speakers, and experts from around the country.


## SWE 2004-2005 Meeting Schedule\*

Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, September 28, 2004	Healthy Eating	Cabinet	QC
Tuesday, October 26, 2004	Pearl Button Museum Tour	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, November 23, 2004	Holiday Craft Workshop		QC
Tuesday, January 25, 2005	Dale Carnegie Speaker		QC
Tuesday, February 22, 2005			
Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Speaker: Gale Mote		Muscatine
Tuesday, April 26, 2005			
Tuesday, May 24, 2005	John O'Donnell Stadium Tour	Donna Jones	QC

\*Depending on availability meetings may change.

### SWE Fast Fact

In 2003, SWE disbursed more than 130 scholarships to women enrolled in accredited engineering, engineering technology, and computer science programs valued at more than \$280,000.




# MBA

# SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

**Real Focus, Real Success**

- Students are exposed to valuable learning outside of the classroom. Enrichment activities and events underscore current supply chain practices and expose students to forward thinking about how new technologies such as RFID will impact the supply chain.
- The Grainger Center won the 2004 International Graduate Logistics Case Competition. Grainger Center teams have the distinction of being the only teams to have won this elite competition twice. We are also the only program to have teams finish in the top three in every competition since first participating in 1999.
- 100 percent of May 2004 graduates had an offer for a full-time position at graduation.
- 100 percent of continuing students were placed into meaningful summer internships.



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### PLACEMENT

#### Internship Offers

Best Buy  
Briggs & Stratton (2 offers)  
Cisco Systems  
E.&J. Gallo Winery  
W.W. Grainger, Inc.  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company  
IBM Corp.  
Kohler Company  
Oshkosh Truck  
Ryerson Tull  
Schreiber Foods, Inc. (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
*Average Accepted Monthly Base Salary: \$5,745*

#### Full-time Employment Offers

Abbott Laboratories  
Cargemini U.S.  
Laton Corp.  
ExxonMobil Chemical  
GE Medical Systems  
General Mills  
Guidant Corp.  
Hewlett-Packard (2 of 2 offers accepted)  
IBM (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
Intel  
Kendall Jackson Estates  
Lands' End  
Nike (2 offers)  
Siemens Medical Solutions  
Snap-On Inc.  
Philip Morris  
*Average Accepted Base Salary: \$81,413*

**Bold** type indicates an accepted offer