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Letter from the President:

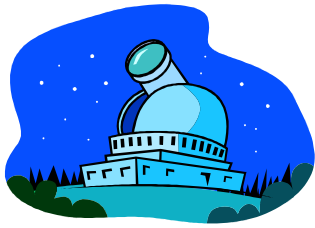
As summer ends, the kids go back to school, and the football season starts, the SWE FY08 also begins. To recap last year, we won the Member Retention Award for a small section (over 95%), the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council awarded us Society of the Year, we received an Honorable Mention for our Girl Scout event and have been asked to present at the National Conference Oct. 25-27 in Nashville, TN!! This year we are planning eight exciting meetings, hosting another Girl Scout event and celebrating E-week as well as numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year including the popular Festival of Trees. If none of these interest you, we are looking for topic ideas for a professional development speaker coming up in February, and all ideas are welcome.

This year our focus is on fundraising. As a section we want to create an annual local scholarship program as well as fund our events to promote engineering to children of all ages. We are looking for corporate donations and need contact information of local companies. Several fundraising events are also scheduled throughout the year that will take minimal effort on our behalf, and more information will be available throughout the year through the newsletters and our website.

If you haven't already renewed your membership I encourage you to do so; a percentage of your dues will come back to the section. Also if there is a new engineer at your company, feel free to invite them to any of our meetings or pass along this newsletter.

With all of these events coming up, volunteers are needed. If you can only donate an hour of your time throughout the year or several hours a month, there is a committee for you. Contact anyone on the cabinet for how you can get involved this year. Our first meeting is just around the corner and it is a great way to start off the year!!

Sincerely,
Brenda Murphy
Quad Cities/ Muscatine Section
President



September Meeting

Augustana Planetarium

Join SWE for Our September meeting at the Augustana Planetarium!

Where: The John Deere Planetarium & Carl Gamble Observatory
820 38th Street
Rock Island, IL

When: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 @ 6:00pm

Who: Anyone interested – Family, Friends,
Children over 5 only (Planetarium rule)

What: Presentation on the stars and solar system

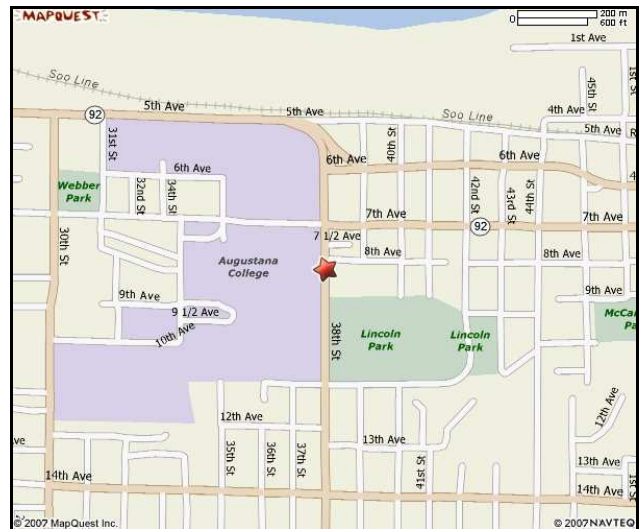
Cost: Meeting - \$2/Adult and \$1/child under 12,
Dinner – Cost As You Order

We will be going to **Arthur's Garden Deli** (3727 Blackhawk Road, Rock Island) when the presentation is over for dinner and meeting.

Please email Angel Jacobs at ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com by 4pm on Friday September 14. Please let her know if you can make it and the number of guests you will be bringing.



Arthur's Deli Location
3727 Blackhawk Road, Rock Island



Planetarium Location
820 38th Street, Rock Island

Year End Potluck May Meeting Summary

The May meeting proved to be another popular meeting. With nice weather and a chance to kick off summer with a picnic, we thanked our current cabinet members for their hard work throughout the year. Paula Raney, the winner of our 50/50 raffle, generously donated her winnings back to the section. Good food, family, and friends around the picnic tables made for a good close to the SWE year.



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/>

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.

Fall Web Seminars:

New SWE Webinars are just a click away. eLearning designed just for you in mind. Registration information will be available soon. More Webinars are planned and will be announced in upcoming newsletters. All Web seminars begin at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Managing Your Workload: How to Set Limits and Say "No" - Cathleen Barton, The Success Connection

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Women's Way of Leadership - Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, US Army, Ret., president and founder, Educational Achievement Services, Inc.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

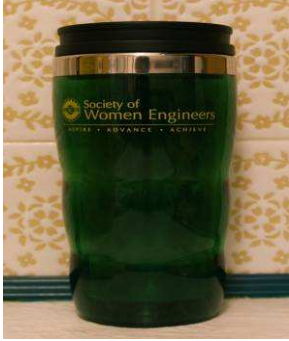
How to Reach Your Goals by Building Your Self-Esteem and Motivation (for college women) - Dr. Pamela McCauley-Bell, associate professor, University of Central Florida, president and owner of Tech-Solutions

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Women Leading the Diversity Advantage - Lenora Billings-Harris, diversity and inclusion consultant, past president, National Speaker's Association

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

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.

Other Area Events:

Iowa-Illinois Section IEEE Meeting

September 18, 2007

TOPIC: Emerging Technologies of Hybrid Electric Vehicles

Contact: Karen Pedersen at (563) 441-0824 or E-mail: kspedersen@mchsi.com for more information.

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

SWE 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule*

Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007	Planetarium Tour	Angel Jacobs	Quad Cities
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 - Career Development	Angel Jacobs	TBD
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.