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Letter from the President:

As summer winds down and kids go back to school, the SWE FY09 also begins.

This year our focus is on fundraising and setting up a scholarship committee to get the requirements for a scholarship set. 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. 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. The first fundraising event is the fall flower sales. There is an order form on the website and all monies are due at the September meeting to ensure delivery at the October meeting.

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 the many upcoming events, 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,
Angel Jacobs
President
Quad Cities/Muscatine Section

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

Thanks from Brenda Murphy, Scholarship Chair- I would like to thank the 9 volunteers who spent many weeknights, Saturdays, and any other free moment reviewing 750 scholarship applications. You have all made a difference in the lives of 38 young women.

September Meeting

Lafarge Tour



Join SWE for Our September meeting at the Lafarge construction materials plant!

Where: Lafarge

301 E Front Street

Buffalo, IA

When: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 @ 6:00pm

Who: Anyone interested – SWE members, friends

What: Greeting from the Plant Manager, presentation on manufacturing process, and tour.

Cost: Meeting - \$10

Dinner – Happy Joe's Pizza and Pop Included

Please RSVP to Angel Jacobs at ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com by 4pm on Friday September 19. Please let her know if you can make it and the number of guests you will be bringing.

DIRECTIONS TO LAFARGE:

From QUAD CITIES:

- Take Hwy 22 West from I-280 or Hwy 61.
- About 5 miles from I-280, the Lafarge plant is on the left (south) side of the street.
- When you pass under the second over-road conveyor, the main plant entrance is a left turn.
- After turning into the plant, follow the drive to a small parking lot in front of a concrete office building.
- Enter through the main (center) door of that building.

From MUSCATINE AREA:

- Take Hwy 61 toward Davenport
- Turn right onto Y-48 (also known as 110th Ave) at the light.
- Follow Y-48 until it ends on Hwy 22.
- Turn right on Hwy 22.
- The Lafarge plant is on the left (south) side of the street less than half a mile from this turn.
- When you pass under the over-road conveyor, the main plant entrance is a left turn.
- After turning into the plant, follow the drive to a small parking lot in front of a concrete office building.
- Enter through the main (center) door of that building.

FY08 Year End Potluck / May Meeting Summary

Despite the cool and windy weather, 11 members and their families enjoyed the End of Year Potluck at West Lake Park. Our president Brenda Murphy thanked the 2007-08 cabinet with gifts and welcomed the new cabinet members. Our 2008-09 Cabinet is listed on the front page of the newsletter.

Thanks to Angel Jacobs for planning this meeting. There was plenty of food and fun for all.



Vanessa Haberman and Son



Ellen Huntley and boys Alex and Max



Rochelle Trefry and daughter



Angel, Paula, Nancy and Mary Lou



Alex Huntley and Andrew Heim



Karmen's son Ashton

Flower Sales:



It's time once again for the fall bulb sale. Packets are now available and our section keeps 50% of all sales! All money is due back at the September meeting with delivery of the bulbs at the October meeting.

Contact Brenda Murphy: murphyb@honcompany.com if you would like a packet.

SWE 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule*			
Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008	Lafarge Tour	Angel Jacobs Tracy Suits	Buffalo, IA
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008	Exercise – Stress Management	Megan Mathias	Quad Cities
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	Quad City Industrial Tour	Donna Jones Anne Zemo	Quad Cities
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 for more details.



Women Leading a Technical Revolution

Remember, you can still register for the National Conference to be held 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.