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### Letter from the President

Hello everyone! Welcome back from a fun, hot summer! I hope everyone got a chance to play and enjoy the long sunny days.

The cabinet is in full swing, and ready for an exciting year with SWE. We have spent some time going over the meeting survey that everyone filled out at the end of last year. Thanks to the survey and your input, we have decided on 8 interesting topics for our meetings this year. A meeting schedule is attached with your newsletter. Print it out, so you will not forget when the meetings are. We will be asking for volunteers to help plan meetings, so pick one that interests you and volunteer!

On September 10th, our section will be submitting to Nationals to become a chartered section. What this means is we will be an official section and have voting rights in the National SWE organization. Gretchen Landini is our representative, so she will be our voice. Gretchen has also put a great deal of effort into putting together our chartering package. It looks awesome. Thanks Gretchen!

One of our goals last year was to get a website by October. Thanks to Rose Ayres, we already had one at the beginning of August! Check it out! This will be a great place to get updates on meeting times and places, and also see pictures from past events. Let Rose know if you have any ideas for the website.

There are many ways for you to get involved with our section. The more you are involved, the more fun it will become. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar and new faces at meetings this year!

See you September 24th at our Kick-off Picnic!

Tami

# September Meeting

## Kick-off Picnic

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

When: **6:00 p.m.**  
Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Where: West Lake Park  
14910 110<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804  
LakeView Shelter -Gate 1

Program: Speaker will be **Becky Svatos**. Becky will speak on her experiences with SWE and how she has personally and professionally benefited from SWE.

Dinner: Chicken dinner including coleslaw, cheesy potatoes, mixed veggies, and fruit salad, roll, drink and Sundae bar for dessert.

Cost: \$9

A big thanks goes to Karmen Heim for planning this meeting!!!



### A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED!

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](mailto:HuntJill@JohnDeere.com) or 563-445-7167. Planning will begin in the fall. Thanks!



### September Speaker

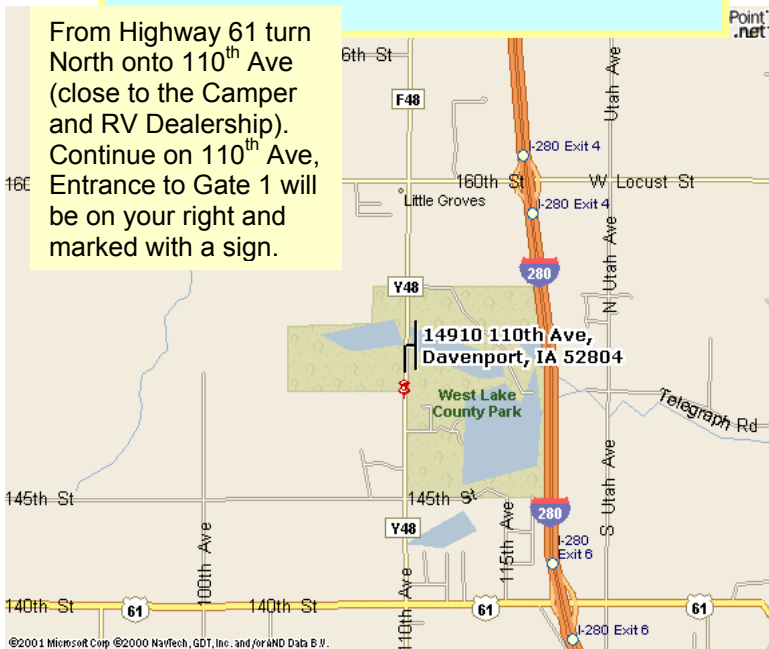
*Becky Svatos is currently a senior Environmental Engineer and Professional Engineer for The Stanley Group in Iowa City, Iowa. She does a wide range of environmental engineering work for industrial and governmental clients including permitting, environmental audits, wetlands mitigation, and Brownfields redevelopment.*

*Past employers include the Omaha District of the Corps of Engineers, CH2M HILL in Gainesville, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina, and Howard R. Green Company in Cedar Rapids.*

*Becky received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Texas.*

*Becky has been heavily involved with SWE throughout her career. She has been a member since her college days at the University of Iowa. SWE experience includes: Distinguished New Engineer award – 1992, Organizer and first President of Eastern Nebraska Section, Florida Section President, University of Florida Student Section Advisor, and Senior Life Member of SWE.*

From Highway 61 turn North onto 110<sup>th</sup> Ave (close to the Camper and RV Dealership). Continue on 110<sup>th</sup> Ave, Entrance to Gate 1 will be on your right and marked with a sign.



# DRIVE FOR 135

One of Cabinet's major goals this year is to add to our list of women engineer contacts. **We need your help locating these women!** Right now we have 110 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 women 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 for a *fabulous* prize drawing. 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 October 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 October meeting, do not need to be present to win

Please send entries to [WardMartha@johndeere.com](mailto:WardMartha@johndeere.com).

Good Luck!



## Upcoming Events

### 2002 SWE National Conference

October 9-12, 2002

Cobo Conference/Exposition Center – Detroit, Michigan

The theme of the conference is the Art of Engineering, which speaks to the fact that engineering is not a technological study alone, but rather a combination of art and science. The 2002 SWE National Conference will be a cultural experience as well as a technical one. For more information, please see the conference website at <http://www.swe.org/SWE/Convention/detroit/>.



### SWE National Board of Directors votes on our Petition to Charter

October 12, 2002

### October Section Meeting

October 22, 2002

Muscatine, IA

Career Development Paths

Our new website address:

<http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionH/RegionH.html>

Letter from the Editor

Thanks for reading the newsletter this month! Let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Heather