



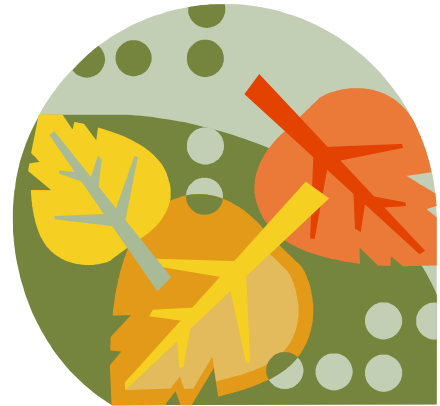
SWE-AV NEWS

Society of Women Engineers
Antelope Valley Section

Message from the President

Summer is over, but the SWE events are just getting started. We've got a busy fall season ahead of us, including the SWE National Conference November 3-6 in Anaheim, CA. Since the conference is just in our backyard, there is no better time to get involved and meet SWE members from all over the country. The SWE conference offers many great personal and professional development workshops, a variety of social activities and a career fair for those of you looking to try something new. Registration details are provided on page 4. Let's show everyone who SWE-AV is!

It is also time for Make a Difference Day. Last year, we all got stiff necks painting overhead beams, but it felt great to see how beautiful the school looked when we were done. Let's all work together and give the students at Joshua Hills Elementary school the extreme makeover they deserve!



Tracy



Join SWE-AV Now and Win!!!

Each month during Fall, new SWE-AV members will be automatically entered to win a \$20 gift certificate raffled off by SWE-AV.

Congratulations to **Fran Houtas** who won a gift certificate to the last raffle!

Open SWE-AV Board Positions

The SWE-AV Board is looking for some more help. Please contact Tracy (tracy.a.hawkins@lmco.com) if you would like to help plan an event or are interested in the following annual positions:

- ★ Webmaster
- ★ Scholarship Chair

Recap

Charter Banquet *by Katy Kuey*

The SWE-AV section officially celebrated its charter on July 14, 2005 at Cascade's Grill at Palmdale's Rancho Vista Golf Course. The section charter has been in the making since May 2004 when a SWE Antelope Valley networking-interest email was first sent. In attendance were SWE dignitaries, Fran Stuart and Vi Brown, respectively SWE Sonoran Region Director and SWE Immediate Past President. Sixty representatives, including charter members, chief engineers from Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, and guests, enjoyed networking prior to dinner. After dinner, Vi Brown presented the charter to the Section and urged SWE-AV to find its own identity. She emphasized, "There is no such thing as a bar set too high."



The Keynote Speech of the evening was presented by Yvonne des Lauriers, the first woman flight test engineer at Edwards Air Force Base. Flown in from New Mexico where she currently works at Kirtland Air Force Base, Yvonne was thrilled to attend as our keynote speaker. Yvonne spoke about various women pilots throughout the 20th and 21st centuries and encouraged attendees to reach for the stars.

SWE-AV President, Tracy Hawkins, then surprised Katy Kuey by naming her the first SWE-AV Spirit Award recipient. The evening closed with a raffle of various prizes from local companies and merchants. Prizes included a Lockheed Martin U-2 model and F-117 coffee mugs, gift certificates to Jamba Juice and Sharkey's Grill, and a Home Depot tool kit. Overall, the evening was a terrific way for everyone to celebrate SWE-AV and the many years of SWE activities to come.



Vi Brown presents the Section with its Charter.



Yvonne Des Lauriers presents the Keynote Speech.

A Meeting about Meetings *by Sarah Winnacker*

In August, SWE-AV members gathered for the fiscal year's first professional development meeting. We all have to go to them, but how can we make meetings better? We started with some basics for planning and running meetings, but soon turned to stories. We discussed some of the challenges we've faced, and were able to help each other come up with good ways of dealing with some of the challenges we've faced in the past. Of course, no group discussing how meetings can be made better could happen without sharing stories. Many of these incidents were so funny, we weren't sure if they were real, or excerpts from Dilbert.

A Day at the Getty

by Maria Weber

This September, members from SWE-AV had met for a day of leisure at the J. Paul Getty Center. Members and friends met at the Garden Terrace Café for a delicious brunch. We then strolled through the art galleries and gardens, took a tour of the incredible architecture and enjoyed the views of Los Angeles and the ocean. Exploring the Getty was a lot of fun and SWE-AV members were able to get to know each other better while having a nice Saturday afternoon!



Upcoming Events

Sign Up now for Make a Difference Day

Join engineers of the Antelope Valley in improving our local schools. Every October, Lockheed Martin sponsors a day of cleaning up and re-painting our local elementary schools. This year, Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 29 from 8am-4pm. SWE-AV will be volunteering at Joshua Hills Elementary School in Palmdale. Please come and help give back to our community. To sign up, contact Amie Bonner (661-572-7961 or amie.a.bonner@lmco.com) by October 18. Be sure to include your T-shirt size so you can get a free volunteer shirt!



Save the Date! – SWE-AV Holiday Dinner



The second annual SWE-AV holiday party is scheduled for Thursday, **December 15**. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it! Details coming soon!

National and Regional News

SWE 2005 National Conference

Good news! This year's SWE National Conference will be held from November 3rd to 5th at the Anaheim Convention Center! This is the first opportunity for SWE-AV to be represented at a SWE National Conference. Many activities await your participation! You may choose also to enhance your career by attending workshops the likes of "Embracing Resistance," "From Specialist to Strategist," and "Understanding Time and Work Style in Teams", or learn something new on technical tours such as Exxon Mobil Refinery, UCI National Fuel Cell, and Medtronic Heart Valve Facility. The Conference will also feature a career fair with exhibits from a variety of employers and graduate schools. And of course, there will be many SWE members to meet and network with. Register for the Conference online at www.swe.org/2005reg. Learn more about SWE 2005 National Conference at www.swe.org/2005. If you are interested in volunteering at the Conference, contact Tracy (tracy.a.hawkins@lmco.com). Also, please contact Tracy if you plan to attend the Conference so we can coordinate as a section.

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