



SWE-AV NEWS

Society of Women Engineers
Antelope Valley Section

Message from the President

Time flies when you're having fun! Here it is, our fifth year of SWE in the Antelope Valley, and it seems like only yesterday that we were just getting started. A lot has happened in those five years and we have grown steadily as a section since we were chartered on March 25, 2005. In celebration of the 5-year anniversary, we will be hosting a banquet in the Spring. Work is already underway to plan the banquet, but we can use lots of help. If you would be interested in helping out, please let us know!

In addition to the banquet, we have many fun events planned for this year. Coming up soon, we'll be visiting the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound in Rosamond for a Twilight Tour. And don't forget, we have a networking happy hour each month to give SWE members, new and old, a chance to meet and get to know one another. Come out and join us (look for the people pictured below)!

For the first time, this year SWE-AV will be offering a scholarship to students of the Antelope Valley. We are excited to have the opportunity to do this, and have begun putting together the details. Once again, we would love any input or help you could provide. Let us know if you're interested!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact myself or any other board member. I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming events!

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Join Us - Upcoming Events

Twilight Tour at the Cat House

On Saturday, September 19th, SWE will be attending the Twilight Tour at the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound in Rosamond, CA. The tour begins at 5:30pm and continues until it's dark. Visitors can experience the Cat House at a time when the cats are much more active, as well as have access to parts of the compound that are not usually open to the public. Because of this, the tour is only open to Adults (18 years or older). The cost to attend is \$15 per person, payable at the gate. RSVP to Karen (karen.l.weigle@lmco.com) by September 15th if you are planning to join us. After the tour, join SWE at the Golden Cantina in Rosamond for dinner.

Networking Happy Hour

On Thursday, September 10th, our monthly networking happy hour will be at Sharky's Billiards in Lancaster. Sharky's is located at 808 W Ave L (near Ave L & 10th St W). We'll be meeting at 6:30pm.

October Dinner & Speaker

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 7th, when Jennifer Cole, NASA Dryden engineer and branch chief, will be speaking to SWE about her experiences as a female engineer. Stay tuned, more information will be provided in the October e-mailing.

SWE Convention in Long Beach, CA

This year, the SWE national convention will be held in Long Beach, CA on October 14-17. As a result, many of your fellow SWE-AV members will be attending. Information is available online at <http://we09.swe.org>. If you are planning to attend, please email Amie (amie.a.bonner@gmail.com). We are compiling an email list of all SWE-AV members who will be at the Conference to allow us to coordinate with each other as well as communicate important information.

Get Involved - Volunteer Opportunities

SWE-AV Committees

SWE-AV is looking for volunteers to help out on our **Scholarship Committee** and our **Banquet Committee**. This is the first year that we will be offering a scholarship, so help is needed in setting up the process. If you are interested, please email Katy (katy.kuey@lmco.com). Also, in 2010 we will be hosting a 5-year anniversary banquet and much help is needed in planning it. If you are interested in helping out with that, please email Karen (karen.l.weigle@lmco.com).

Volunteers for the SWE Boutique at the Long Beach Conference

Interested in helping raise money for your SWE section at the Long Beach Conference? SWE-Antelope Valley, SWE-Orange County, and SWE-Los Angeles will be selling items with the conference logo at the SWE Boutique during the Conference and we need your help! Volunteers to staff the Host Section Boutique table are needed. One-hour shifts are available for the following times: Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 8am to 5pm (last shift begins at 4pm) and Saturday 8am to 2pm (last shift begins at 1pm). Please email rachel.morford@swe.org with your name, phone number, and the shift you can work if you are available to help!



Volunteer to be interviewed by High School Students

Students at Wililam J. (Pete) Knight High School in Palmdale are currently researching engineering fields that interest them. As part of that assignment, they must interview an engineer in that field over the phone. Interviews will probably last 15-20 minutes, and students have until September 18th to complete their paper. Engineering disciplines include: aerospace, audio, biomedical, combat, computer, ocean, mechanical, and nuclear. If you (or someone you know) are interested in being interviewed, please contact Bill Lewis (blewis@avhsd.org, 661-533-9000x149).

Free SWE Web Seminars

Values-Based Leadership: Leading with R.E.S.P.E.C.T. – Part 1 Monday, September 14, 2009 – 5:00pm-6:00pm EDT

Values-Based Leadership - Leading With R.E.S.P.E.C.T. webinar series is designed to help leaders at all levels remove old personal barriers and uncover and develop previously hidden strengths. Using the principles of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. that are at the essence of values-based leadership, participants will discover how becoming more proficient at Responsiveness, Empathy, Service, Perspectives, Self Esteem, Courage and Truth-telling will transform the way they lead, the relationships they create, and the results they produce. Click [here](#) to for more information or to register.

Little Things Mean A Lot™: From Microinequities to Micro-affirmations September 30, 2009 – 2:00pm EDT

Diverse organizations outperform their competitors by being more engaged, productive and innovative. But leveraging diversity is more than a numbers game; it's the result of countless "micro" messages we send each day that help or hinder inclusion efforts. Please join us as Brigid Moynahan, a leading expert on diversity and inclusion, discusses microinequities and micro-affirmations in the following webinar sponsored by Kellogg's. Participants will:

- Discover why inclusion is key to advancing women and achieving record results
- Learn how to stop microinequities that undermine morale, teamwork, engagement and diversity
- Take away practical tips on what to say and what to do to gain inclusion

Click [here](#) to for more information or to register.

For information on other webinars, click [here](#).

Have an idea for an event?

If you have ideas for a social, career development or community service event, would like to recommend a guest speaker, or would just like to help plan an event, please contact us at SWE.AntelopeValley@gmail.com.



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