

Bluegrass SWE

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Letter from the President

Hello SWE Members & Friends,

Welcome to the new SWE year! We are excited about the activities and events we have available for you this year. Opportunities abound for you to interact with young girls as we encourage them to enter science and engineering. Studies are showing that rates of women choosing engineering are decreasing, so we need to help correct that trend. We can do our small part by participating in the Girl Scout badge day in the Spring, the Engineering Day event in February, and the GEMS event in October. You can volunteer as much or as little as you are available. We appreciate our members and volunteers who have served tirelessly the past 14 years. As Bluegrass SWE approaches its 15th anniversary, we are thrilled that you continue to support our events and our activities. We do it all for you and we look forward to seeing you soon.

To help you plan, we have included our full calendar of events for the year, as it is right now. There are additional events in the planning stages, so this calendar will be updated at each monthly meeting and in this newsletter.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the Third Friday of each month in CR A&B in Building 032 at Lexmark International. This building is directly across from the Channel 18 TV station on Russell Cave Road and has a parking lot right out front. The meetings are one hour during lunchtime and generally run from 11:45 – 12:45 PM. We look forward to seeing you at a monthly meeting, or an upcoming event.

The first meeting of this year is Friday, September 19 at 11:45 in CRA&B of the 032 Lobby at Lexmark. Deb MacKay is presenting “Creative Problem Solving”. Come and learn about different, interesting ways to approach problems – a skill that can help you in your job every day.

As your FY09 Bluegrass SWE President, I hope to meet each and every one of you throughout this year. We have several exciting events planned, and we need your help and contribution. Feel free to contact each event coordinator for information about any events which pique your interest. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, or at a future event. As always, it is an honor and pleasure to serve you, our Members and Friends, so feel free to contact me or any of the other officers at any time.

See you soon,
Dianne Leveridge
FY09 Bluegrass SWE President

Upcoming Meetings:

Date	Topic	Location	Time
Sept. 19	Creative Problem Solving w/ Deb MacKay	Lexmark CRA&B 032	11:45am
Oct 17	Susan Miller, WRGSC	Lexmark	12:00pm
Nov 21	Financial Planning w/ Anne Bolton	Lexmark	11:45am
Dec 19	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
Jan 16	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
Feb 20	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
Mar 20	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
Apr 17	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
May 15	TBD	Lexmark	11:45am
Jun 19	Officer Elections	Lexmark	11:45am

If you have any ideas for meeting topics or section activities please email Dianne Leveridge. (logins@lexmark.com)



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Financial Update

by Paige Bensing



We have done a great job staying within the budget this year. The section currently has \$1492 in our bank account. We have GEMS coming up with a budget of \$50.

As a reminder, all expenses must be submitted on a budget reimbursement form (Paige can provide the form to anyone who needs one). The expenses must be equal to or under the amount designated for the event. For any amount over, you must have a fundraising plan in place and it must be approved by the executive committee before the expense will be approved and reimbursed.

Officers for 2008-2009

President	Dianne Leveridge
COR Representative	Miranda Oaks
Secretary	Katherine Menk
Treasurer	Paige Bensing
Collegiate Relations	Carla Kegel
Webmasters	Emily Camp
	Christine Garcia
Extended Leadership Team	Paula Sevingy
	Deb MacKay

If you would like to join our list serve please email us at bluegrass.swe@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Location
Oct 25	Girl Scouts GEMS Event	University of Kentucky
Nov 1	Leadership Development w/ Kentuckiana SWE	TBD
Nov 6-8	SWE National Conference	Baltimore, MD
Jan	Bluegrass SWE Succession Planning II	
Feb 21	E-day	University of Kentucky
Feb 27- Mar 1	SWE Region G Regional Conference	University of Akron
Spring '09	Girl Scout Science in Action Badge	Paintsville, KY

Bluegrass SWE Shop

SWE Long Sleeve Button Logo shirts: \$27.50

SWE Logo Business Card Holders: \$17.50

If you are interested in purchasing one of these please contact Pam Orlando at pam.orlando@eon-us.com



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Meet the Officers

Dianne Leveridge - President

Dianne is an Electrical Engineer (M. of Eng, University of Maryland '08, BSEE, UK '93) with over fifteen years' experience managing people, projects and products with Lexmark International, Inc. She has been a member of SWE since 1991 and has held several offices over the years. She is married to Phil and they have an 8-year-old daughter, Mary Katherine, and also a menagerie of animals. They live on a small farm in northwest Lexington and enjoy spending time outside.

Miranda Oaks – COR Representative

Miranda grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado and graduated from the University of Denver in 2004 with a BSME. For the past 4 years, she has been working at Lexmark in the Printing Solutions and Services Division in the Laser Technology Development group. Outside of work, she enjoys running, playing soccer, scrapbooking, crocheting, and playing with her puppy, Maddie.

Paige Bensing – Treasurer

Paige graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign with a BS in MatSE. She works at Lexmark in the Materials Technology area, focusing on the mono developer roll for laser printers.

She lives in Lexington with her husband Mike, who also works for Lexmark. They have 2 girls, Kaiya Noelle (2 ½) and Lachley Jane (10 mo). They spend nearly all of their free time running around after them. When Paige can get away she leads a monthly book club and plays Women's soccer.

Kat Menk – Secretary

Kat graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BSEE in 2003. She works for Clotfelter-Samokar, Architects, Engineers & Interior Designers. C/S is a commercial design firm that primary works in educational facility design. She is an electrical systems designer and works on projects all across the state. Kat's enjoys card making, paper crafting, singing and walking her dog, Lincoln.

Emily Camp – Web Designer

Emily grew up in Florence, KY and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2000 with a BSME. While in college in 1998, Emily cooped at Lexmark International, Inc. and was hired full-time in 2000. She has worked in color laser development and thermal engineering services while at Lexmark. In her spare time, Emily enjoys spending time with friends, catering (and all forms of cooking, in general), riding around in her Jeep, and hanging out with her Russian Wolfhound, Big Dog.

Paula Sevigny – Extended Leadership Team

Paula currently works in Laser Technology Development at Lexmark International, Inc. in the role of Laser Scan Unit Qualification and Test Manager. Her team of engineers design and implement development test equipment so that LSUs may be taken from the design engineer's idea to proof of concept using the equipment to provide parametric data for operating window adjustment and improvement of design robustness. Her team, as well as the Cebu team dotted line to Paula, design and implement prototype and production test equipment for lab and LSU supplier use.



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Paula obtained two Bachelor of Science degrees. Her first was in Mathematics and Secondary Education, the second in Electrical Engineering.

Paula is participating in the Lexmark Guest Teaching program in the Fayette County Schools. She has two children, Lauren, sophomore at the University of So. Cal. who is studying Theatre as well as Film and Production and Andrew, Senior and Class President at Dunbar. Her husband, Dave, is President of DMD Data Systems, an IBM Business Partner.

Paula was the COR rep for Bluegrass SWE the past 2 years. She has attended Regional and National conferences the past 4 years and has participated in SWE events for several years beyond that.

Deb MacKay – Extended Leadership Team

Deb works at Lexmark, where she is the vice president and general manager of Color Laser Products. She holds a bachelors degree in Engineering (majored in Biomedical and Electrical) from Duke University and an MBA from UK. She have been involved with SWE for many years, as COR Rep, President, and Career Guidance Chair.

Chapter Budget

FY08-09 Budget		
Event	Date	Amount
Girl Scout event	Spring '09	\$300
UK Eng Day	2/21/09	\$150
GEMS at UK	10/25/08	\$50
Lunch for speakers		\$60
UK Student upgrade		\$60
Leadership event	11/1/08	
SWE Succession Planning		
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL		\$620

Did you receive a big promotion? Did you get married or do you have a new bundle of joy?

We here at Bluegrass SWE would love to know so we can share your big news and celebrate with you.

If you have something special to share email bluegrass.swe@gmail.com so we can list it in the next newsletter.

Contact Kat Menk via e-mail if you have suggestions, comments, or submissions for future newsletters. (uk79ee@gmail.com)



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