

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS
CENTRAL OHIO SECTION
Membership Meeting
September 17, 2006**

Lee Ann Schwope, President, started the membership meeting at Martini's @ Polaris, 7:00 p.m., 9-19-06.

Social hour was held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We passed around a sign-in sheet. There were 14 of us in attendance.

Lee Ann started the meeting with roundtable introductions. Each member gave her name and a brief description of her role in SWE and her current place of employment.

Kristina introduced Jessica Flasche, who gave a PowerPoint presentation of "Knowledge of SWE." This began with the history of SWE, founded in 1950, incorporated in 1952, and headquartered in Chicago. We have over 8,000 professional members in 105 sections, as well as over 10,000 collegiate members in 329 collegiate sections.

Our mission statement, adopted in 1986, is:

- Stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders
- Expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, and
- Demonstrate the value of diversity

Jessica went on to describe the SWE organization, with information about the Council of Representatives, Board of Directors, CIGs (Collegiate Interest Groups), etc. She showed a graphic picture of the regions and what states populate them. Then she went on to list National SWE awards and regional awards available. Scholarships were first awarded in 1958 and now over 100 are awarded each year. Jessica listed the officers and chairs for our section and reviewed information about the national convention, which will be held in Kansas October 12-14. After a review of what SWE offers us, she explained how to get involved and then listed our upcoming events.

After the presentation, Jessica pulled the name from the raffle of attendees for the Bath and Body Works Aromatherapy Set door prize. Lisa Fledderjohann won the prize.

Inaas mentioned she has the T-shirts for sale. Wearing a SWE T-shirt to a membership meeting reduces your cost from \$5 to \$3. T-shirts are sold for \$15.

Lynne took some photos and will submit them to Peggy for the newsletter and to Rachel for the website.

Meeting was adjourned by Lee Ann. Members stayed to socialize for a while.

14 attendees included:

1. Jessica Flasche
2. Lee Ann Schwope
3. Inaas Darrat
4. Elizabeth Widman
5. Suzanne Miller
6. Lynne Waldron
7. Meghan Roe
8. Joy Justice
9. Kim Eddington
10. Sarah Drilling
11. Rhonda Welsh
12. Lisa Fledderjohann
13. Jennifer Grashel
14. Peggy Flaherty

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Waldron

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