



SWE Texas Space Center Newsletter January 2008

SWE EVENTS:

1. **SWE Petticoats and Sliderules Exhibit Opening Cocktail Debut: January 24th 6-8:30pm- Downtown Houston Aquarium**

The Houston area Chapter would like to invite everyone to their SWE Petticoats and Sliderules exhibit at the Downtown Aquarium in the Dive Lounge. This exhibit is a celebration of the accomplishments of women engineers throughout history. At 7:00pm, Dr. John Lienhard (bio at the end of Newsletter) will be speaking on "Engines of out Ingenuity" and there will be additional time after speaking to view the exhibit.

The cost for this will be \$20 (if RSVP by January 20th) or \$30 at the door.

To RSVP for the event and more information, please go to <http://www.swehouston.org/Petticoats.html>

Please note this exhibit will be open for viewing at various locations from January to May. See the above website for more details.

Volunteers are also needed and so are details about accomplishments of our awesome local engineers (that means you!). So fill out the template on the website and send it in!

If you are interested in carpooling from the JSC area, please contact Kat kathleen.m.coderre@lmco.com so carpool can be organized.

2. **SWE Dinner Meeting and Presentation on "Job Negotiations" at Rohm and Haas (Deer Park), Tuesday February 12th from 6-8pm:**

The meeting will be held in Engineering Conference Room 179ABC at the Whitehouse from 6-8pm. Dinner will be provided by Rohm and Haas. At this meeting, we will have as our guest speaker, **Ms. Janet Hammill from Philadelphia**, giving a presentation on "**Job Negotiations**". Both the SWE Houston and SWE TSC Chapters will be in attendance. Please see the map at the end of this newsletter for location.

Meeting Agenda

6:00 - 6:30 dinner /networking

6:30 - 7:00 Houston & Texas Space Center SWE Info to chapter

7:00 - 8:00 Presentation

Please RSVP to Kat Coderre (kathleen.m.coderre@lmco.com 281-333-6250) by **Wednesday, January 30, 2008.**

VOLUNTEERING:

3. Volunteer Needed to Organize SWE Event for Engineers Week: February 17-23rd

SWE-TSC needs your help! We need someone who is willing to organize an event for Engineer's Week. If you are interested, please contact Heather Jones at heather.l.jones@nasa.gov.

4. SWE Judging for Future City Competition (Houston and South Texas- Regional)

Judges are needed for the National Engineering Week Texas-Houston Regional Future City Competition being held on Saturday, Jan. 19, at San Jacinto Community College Central in Pasadena, Texas. The competition among the intermediate school teams (seventh and eighth grade) will select a team to represent the Houston region at the national competition in Washington, D.C., in February during National Engineering Week.

Details of the competition and judging schedule can be found at www.ghg.net/ieeegbs/futurecity-houston.

Contact Dr. Zafar Taqvi about volunteer opportunities at x44436 or Taqvi.Z.Taqvi@IEEE.Org

5. Mentors Needed!

SWE-TSC is looking for engineers who are interested in helping mentor high school students who have an interest in engineering and want to learn more about a specific field. If you are interested, please contact Kat at kathleen.m.coderre@lmco.com.

6. CCISD Science Fair Judges Needed: Monday, February 18th

If you are interested in being a CCISD Science Fair Judge, please register on their website <http://ccisd.net> (select "Science Fair Information for 2008"). Please register by February 13th. If you have problems with the online registration, you may contact Elizabeth Nixon at 281-284-0090 or enixon@ccisd.net.

JOIN SWE:

- If you would like to join SWE or know someone is interested. Please contact Heather Jones (Heather.L.Jones@nasa.gov). Visit our website at <http://www.swe.org/swe/regionc/sections/c008/events.html>
- **SWE-TSC 2007-2008 Officers:**
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Brief Biography:

Janet Hammill is an employee of Rohm and Haas Company, a global chemicals company employing 16,000 people worldwide. She is a graduate of the Carnegie-Mellon University Chemical Engineering Masters program with an undergraduate degree in Chemistry. In her current position as a Business Process Excellence lead and Master Black Belt she works with team around the world to improve profitability, streamline processes and take advantage of the latest technology solutions. During the past 25+years she has managed and led teams for GE Plastics, Alcoa and ARCO with line management responsibilities in R&D, technical application testing of plastics and aluminum parts, e-procurement and Six Sigma. Tonight she will talk about Job Negotiations.

SWE Chapter Abstract (for February 12th presentation):

In her presentation, Janet Hammill will share with you what is possible to negotiate during job negotiations. She'll provide information on how to improve your negotiation position and how to present the best you. Whether you are negotiating for a new position in a new company or a promotion or new assignment with your current employer, being prepared and knowing the game rules will help you succeed. How do you determine whether your first offer is the right one for you? Do you know whether you can negotiate vacation, benefits and work hours or work location? Do you know when in the negotiation process is the right time to ask for these options? These questions and more will be addressed in this presentation.

Directions to Rohm and Haas Event:

