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Upcoming Events

SWE Monthly Luncheon
September 11, 2008



Welcome From the President

Dear SWE-TSC Members and Friends,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and that you were able to take a vacation or two and spend some time with family. This summer I had a chance, along with fellow SWE-TSC members Lora Lechago, Laura Vincent and Yvonne Jaurigue, to take a trip to New Orleans for a SWE Region C Leadership Workshop. We spent some time enjoying the sights, sounds and tastes of the French Quarter – including two absolutely wonderful dinners and one breakfast that came with a Sunday morning serenade from the waitress. We also learned a lot of great tips from the Region C Leadership Coaches, as well as from other SWE leaders from the region. Now that we are back in Clear Lake, we look forward to putting those ideas to work to serve you better in the year ahead.

As you may have noticed, our monthly networking luncheon will be in a new location for September. The Luna Restaurant at the Nassau Bay Hilton, long a convenient spot for our luncheon, will no longer be having a buffet on a daily basis. We feel that the flexibility and speed that a buffet offers is important for a group like ours, where people may have different amounts of time available for lunch. As a result, we will be trying out some new locations for our luncheon in the coming months. If you have a restaurant that you would like to suggest, please let me know.

I would like to thank all of you who attended our planning meeting on August 6th. Some exciting new event ideas were suggested that I am really looking forward to. Keep your eye on our website, and we should get a calendar posted in the next few weeks. In the mean time, I hope to see you at our luncheon at the East Star Buffet!

Heather

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SWE NATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS



SWE 08 National Conference: Women Leading a Technical Revolution - Nov. 6 - 8, 2008 Baltimore, MD
Learn more about this year's upcoming National Conference in Baltimore—including agenda, educational tracks, sponsorships and exhibit information.

<http://www.we08.org/>

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**Congratulations to Our 2008-2009
SWE-TSC Officers**

We would like to congratulate our 2008-2009 SWE-TSC Officers and thank all of you that took the time to vote. Heather, Kathy, and Kat are returning to SWE-TSC and keeping the same role as last year. Help us welcome Yvonne and Lora as new SWE-TSC Officers! Please feel free to contact us if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer in any way. We are busy planning the upcoming year and are always up for suggestions.

SWE Values

Integrity

We aspire to the highest level of ethical behavior as evidenced by honesty and dignity in our personal and professional relationships and responsibilities.

Inclusive

We acknowledge diversity and respect the added values it brings. We strive for an environment of inclusion, regardless of socio-economic level, disability, occupation, or personal preferences and differences.

Mutual Support

We provide an organization that fosters mentoring, and the development of professional and personal networks.

Professional Excellence

We conduct our activities in a professional manner, demonstrating and demanding the highest standards of business practices.

Trust

We share a common definition of success, with open, transparent access to common information, building mutual respect and confidence in the competence of those with whom we lead, serve and partner with.

**SWE-TSC Call for Committee Chairs
& Members**

SWE-TSC Needs Your Help! We are looking for committee chairs and members of committees. So far we have committee chairs for membership and Engineer's week. Please let one of the officer's know if you are interested in helping out!



SWE Mission (Adopted in 1986)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWE Region C Conference – Volunteers Needed

Date: February 6-8, 2009

Location: Houston Crowne Plaza Hotel

The 2009 SWE Region C Conference needs more volunteers!

The Region C Conference will be held in Houston at the Crowne Plaza, February 6-8, 2009. The planning has started for what promises to be an exciting event, but we still need some committee members to help us make it a reality. Joining a conference committee is a great way to get some event planning and leadership experience outside of work. You can help make this year's regional conference fun and rewarding for all involved. I look forward to working with you!

To sign-up: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=NwyfWmLBWQ53GQvDFnZLoQ_3d_3d

Contact: heather.l.jones@nasa.gov or rachel.jones@swe.org for more information.

Do You Have Inputs for the SWE-TSC Newsletter?

Please Email Kat Coderre at
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Texas Conference for Women

Date: October 16, 2008

Now in its ninth year, the Texas Conference for Women is a non-profit, non-partisan, one-day event that features more than 75 renowned speakers sharing inspirational stories and leading seminars on the issues that matter most to women, including health, personal finance, business and entrepreneurship, work/life balance, media, and more. The Conference offers incredible opportunities for business networking, professional development, and personal growth. After eight wonderful years in Austin, the Conference moves to Houston for the first time in 2008.

For More Information, Visit:

www.txconferenceforwomen.org

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SWE Monthly Luncheon

Location: East Star Chinese Buffet
(1025 Nasa Pkwy, Houston, TX 77058)

Date: September 11, 2008

Time: 11:30am

The East Star offers a lunch buffet ranging from sushi and stir-fry to mac&cheese and salads. SWE is open to all who want to promote women in engineering. You do not have to be a member of SWE to attend the luncheon. This is a good opportunity for co-ops, interns, and other engineers working in the area to get to know each other.

Have a recommendation for a future luncheon location? Email heather.l.jones@nasa.gov

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sally Ride Science Festival

Date: October 18, 2008

Time: 11:00am – 4:15pm

Location: Rice University

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Volunteers are needed for the Sally Ride Science Festival. It is a day long program where they bring in girls from 5th-8th grade and they attend 45 minute long workshops put on by scientists and engineers in the community. They are looking for scientists and engineers for these workshops and the more hands on, the better. I would like to have a SWE group put on a workshop!

For more information:

<http://www.sallyridescience.com>

Do You Know of Any Volunteer Opportunities?

Please Contact Heather Jones

Heather.L.Jones@nasa.gov so information can be sent out to our members!

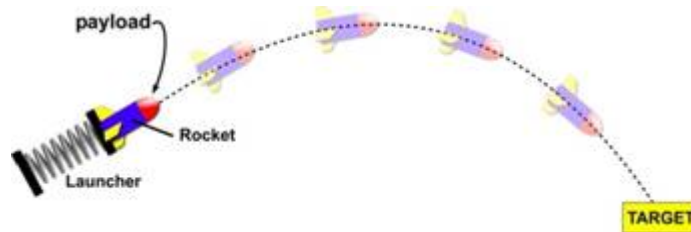


BP Physics Challenge

Mentor Training: November 6th or 7th 8:30-2:00pm

Student Days: January 14-16th, 2009 (any or all days, full or half-day)

BP Physics Challenge is back for the fourth year and is looking for volunteers. This year we have a new activity called “*Projectile Motion and Weightlessness*”. It takes the rocket launch inside Space Center Houston with a new ‘twist’.



The objectives of the new activity is to design and build a rocket shaped projectile that can house a small instrument package and then use the physics for projectile flight to set launch speed (energy) such that it lands on a Mars target at a specific distance. We will compare the acceleration recorded by the payload to that expected based on the physics of projectiles. The students are going to have a blast with this new activity!

Please choose the date that you would like to attend the BP Physics Challenge training and email that date along with your polo shirt size to Ashley Shelton at ashelton@spacecenter.org as soon as possible or call 281-244-2142.

For the training, doors will open at 8:15 and we will begin at 8:30. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please come through the front doors of Space Center Houston and we will show you to the training room. The training day will be completed at 2:00; however, if you want to stay and explore SCH you are more than welcome to do so. If you have scientific calculator, please bring that with you.