



## Society of Women Engineers

### Texas Space Center

## Newsletter November 30, 2004

### **1. *Christmas Party This Friday - PLEASE RSVP!***

SWE is throwing a Christmas/Holiday Party on the evening of December 3rd! Please come and share your work experiences with college women and high school girls interested in engineering, and have a great time while doing it!

The party will take place this Friday from 7pm to 9pm at Anita Gale's home (a.k.a. the 'Party Palace') on the Clear Lake waterfront (see directions below). Some of the planned festivities include: Touring the 'Party Palace', The Incredible Human Knot, Christmas Party Bingo, Cookie Decorating, Games, and plenty of Mingling, Music, Food, and Drinks!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Karen Thacker as soon as possible! We'll accept RSVPs as late as Friday, but we'd like to know earlier if possible.

Directions to the Party Palace (18506 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay):

- From NASA Parkway (old NASA Rd One), turn south on Upper Bay Rd
- It's the second house on the right past Ward Park
- Look for the curved driveway and 4 white columns framing the front door
- Please park in the driveway or on the road in front of the houses  
(Do not parking on lakeside of Upper Bay Road!)
- Call 281-333-9045 if you need more specific directions.

Point of Contact: Karen Thacker [karen.e.thacker@boeing.com](mailto:karen.e.thacker@boeing.com)  
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### **2. *Volunteer Opportunity Saturday - FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competition!***

Hello! The third annual South Texas FIRST LEGO League ([www.FIRSTLEGOLeague.org](http://www.FIRSTLEGOLeague.org)) Robotics Competitions will be held on December 4th at Hogg Middle School (Heights District near Downtown Houston). If you have time, please help out with the tournament. The work is not hard; it just requires a fair look at the kids' presentations and a smile for ALL teams.

For your effort you will be rewarded with the knowledge that you have helped increase the kids' enthusiasm for robotics, teamwork, research, and hard work! And we'll give you lunch, too! We'll have over 70 teams participating so it should be a great time and is also a great way to find out what Robotics Education is all about. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at [www.HoustonRobotics.org](http://www.HoustonRobotics.org) (direct link: [www.houstonrobotics.org/Form/FLLvolunteer.asp](http://www.houstonrobotics.org/Form/FLLvolunteer.asp).) The tournament begins early, about 7 am, and ends around 5 pm but if you can just help out until 1 pm, we will place you in a judging position that allows an early departure. Please just note your availability on the volunteer form.

As you might guess, supporting a 70 team tournament is not possible without great volunteers.

Thank you,  
Houston Robotics FLL Committee  
Lucien Junkin

### ***3. December Luncheon - 12/9***

The second Thursday of December is nearly here, and the SWE luncheon will be at the Nassau Bay Hilton, just west of Space Center Blvd on NASA Rd 1. It starts at 11:30 am. All are welcome to attend. RSVPs are appreciated but not required, contact Kim Curry at [kim.s.curry@boeing.com](mailto:kim.s.curry@boeing.com) or the phone number listed below.