



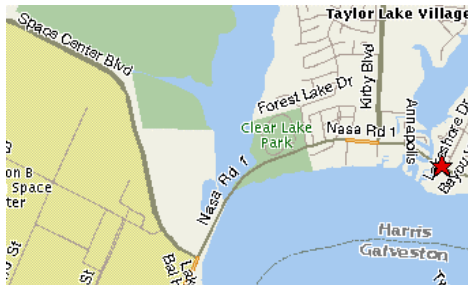
Society of Women Engineers

Texas Space Center

Newsletter April 26, 2005

1. Happy Hour – Tomorrow, April 27 – Boondoggles

Come join us for some food, drinks, and fun at Boondoggles, from 5-7 pm! Boondoggles is located at 4106 Nasa Rd 1 in Seabrook (see map below) and serves a variety of food and drinks.



2. SWE-Houston Area event –

The Ten Biggest Mistakes in Professional Writing

Did you just dash off an email? Or spend an afternoon drafting slides for a status report? Or labor for weeks over an RFP? No matter what the nature or deadline of the writing project, writers need to be alert to ways that readers are affected by documents and electronic presentations. The April meeting will feature teacher-trainer Dr. Ann Jennings, who will present tips and techniques for avoiding common errors and increasing the effectiveness of writing in a professional setting.

Thursday April 28, 2005

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Event Location: HESS Club

Street: 5430 Westheimer Rd

City, State, Zip: Houston, TX

Phone: Jennifer Bell at bmje@chevrontexaco.com

3. Community Service Opportunities

a. Community College Aerospace Scholars

In less than 8 weeks, students from across Texas will arrive for **Community College Aerospace Scholars** and your help is needed! This year we will have four events each beginning Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and concluding at 2 p.m. on Saturday so you'll really only have to be out of the office for one day. We don't work straight through...there's time for sleep.

March 31 - April 2

April 7 - 9

April 14 - 16

April 21 - 23

Individuals such as yourself are needed to be CEOs for each of the 8 fictional companies each session. Just think...you'll have the opportunity to run your own company! You'll have a president (who is a co-op) so if you have to slip out for a meeting on Friday, the company will be in good hands.

Please consider this opportunity to encourage and make a difference in Texas community college students' lives. Thus far 360 applications, representing 33 districts, have been received and more are coming.

Mentor training will be Tuesday February 15, 9 - 10 a.m., and February 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., on-site. Sign up now at

<http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/CAS/Mentors.cfm>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 281.483.7086 or

linda.k.smith1@jsc.nasa.gov.

b. College of the Mainland Career Exploration Fair – Thurs. April 28

College of the Mainland 2005 Career Exploration Fair

It's time, once again, for College of the Mainland's 7th Annual Career Exploration Fair! We are anticipating an extremely successful event this year because our Career Fair will be held on the day of COM's 2005 campus-wide Open House. The Career Exploration Fair was created to help young people form a better idea about a future career.

We are looking for exceptional businesses to participate as exhibitors and help students learn more about careers. You will also be able to interview students for summer jobs or internships available in your industry!

The Career Exploration Fair will be held from 9 am-2 pm, Thursday, April 28 in the COM gymnasium. Many other events are planned for that day— more than 2,000 students and community residents are expected on campus! (Last year, more than 700 students, grades 8-12, attended the Career Fair alone!) It should be a fun and educational day.

Please help students as an exhibitor at the Fair. There is no cost for exhibit tables or electricity. Your investment of donation time and effort to help students learn more about opportunities will pay lasting dividends.

To reserve a table, please contact Lori Zagorski at 409-938-1211, ext. 121, or complete the form and fax it back. We look forward to seeing you on April 28! Also, please consider contributing to door prizes for attendees. All sponsors will be recognized.

4. May Luncheon – 5/12 at the Nassau Bay Hilton

The Hilton is on NASA Rd 1 next to the Space Center Blvd. Intersection. We meet at 11:30. Cost is \$8 for soup & salad buffet, or \$12 for soup, salad, and entrée. Prices include tax and tip. Luncheons are open to anyone interested in meeting women engineers; you do not have to be a SWE member to attend.

5. Events In Work

a. Texas Space Center Officer Elections-Nominations due May 12

We are accepting nominations for next year's officers now through May 12. This is an excellent opportunity to gain leadership experience, meet wonderful people, give something back to the community, and boost professional development.

The TSC-SWE officer positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Section Representative
- Secretary
- Treasurer

We can provide full descriptions for each officer position. Contact Kim Curry if you would like more details or wish to nominate someone (or yourself) for a position! Please note that elected Officers must be paid SWE members by July 1, 2005.

6. SWE Awards

The race is officially on for the 1st annual Region C Membership Awards!



Region C Membership Awards



6 Awards will be given at the Region Conference this year

- Highest Growth, Professional Section
 - Highest Retention, Professional Section
 - Retention, Mid Student Section*
 - Retention, High Student Section*
 - Growth, Small Student Section*
 - Growth, High Student Section*
- * See list of competing schools



See the details below :

Region C Competing Student Sections

Mid Retention - highest percentage

- University of Houston
- Lamar University
- Southern University
- University of TX Arlington
- Texas Tech University
- Southern Methodist University
- Baylor University
- University of Arkansas

High Retention - highest percentage

- Louisiana State
- Mississippi State
- Rice University
- University of LA, Lafayette
- TX A&M - Kingsville
- TX A&M - College Station
- University of TX Austin

Small Growth - highest percentage

- Devry University
- University of AR Little Rock
- University of TX Pan Am
- Texas A&M - Galveston
- Texas State University
- LeTourneau University
- Louisiana Tech
- Prairie View A&M

High Growth - highest percentage

- Texas Christian University
- University of New Orleans
- MAL
- University of TX San Antonio
- University of Mississippi



7. SWE Membership Notices: For Your Information

Were You Dropped from Membership?

If you did not submit your FY05 renewal payment by December 1, you are now an inactive member of SWE. Contact the Member Service Center at hq@swe.org or 312.596.5223. Someone will be happy to take your renewal over the phone. You may also join SWE or renew your membership online at www.swe.org. SWE membership fees have been reduced for Half-Year dues, so now is a great time to renew or join!

Attention Student Members

Are you a recent graduate? If so, you are eligible to upgrade your membership from student to professional. Now that you have invested in your future by obtaining your engineer degree, support the success of your career by becoming a professional SWE member. If you have graduated within the last 12 months, are not continuing with an advanced degree and have not yet renewed your dues for 2005, visit the Member Service Center to [submit your upgrade request](#) with your dues renewal. If you have already submitted your 2005 dues but didn't indicate on the invoice or online form that you graduated, contact us at hq@swe.org.

SWE Career Center

Did You Know?

There have been more than 1,800 jobs posted from top companies since the new [Career Center](#) launched in September 2003

Searching for jobs and posting your résumé is FREE for SWE members

You can cut and paste your current résumé right into the Career Center database

As a SWE member, you have access to career enhancing articles in the [Resources](#) section of the new Web site

Region C conference:

Louisiana State University is excited to announce that they will be hosting the 2005 SWE Region C Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. The SWE fun will be the weekend of April 1-3, 2005. Check out the Region C website for more details, including conference hotel information, a tentative agenda, and possible session topics! <http://www.swe.org/regionc>