



Upcoming Events

Leadership Brunch and Learn

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011

Time: 10:00am

Location: La Brisa
501 North Wesley Drive
League City, TX 77573

Spring Outreach at Johnston Middle School

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Time: 8:45am-11:45am

Location: Johnston Middle School
10410 Manhattan Drive
Houston, TX 77096

SWE-HA Volunteer Recognition and Sponsor Appreciation Picnic

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2011

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: FREE!!! You earned it!!!

Who's Invited: You and your family

Location: Hermann Park Pavilion (corner of Fannin and Cambridge)

Parking: Medical District (fee) or Zoo (free but requires walking)

RSVP: Treasurer@swehouston.org by Tuesday, May 31, 2011, COB. Please include number of total attendees per RSVP.

Girls Reaching and Demonstrating Excellence Camp Industry Lunches

Volunteer needed for the following dates:

Tuesday, June 14; Wednesday, June 15; Tuesday,

June 28; Wednesday, June 29

12:00pm-1:15pm (on all dates)

U. of H. Cullen College of Engineering

4800 Calhoun Rd.

Happy Hour

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Chelsea
4106 Nasa Parkway
El Lago, TX 77586

More events are listed [online](#).

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Presidential Address

Dear SWE-TSC Members:

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. We have seen many changes over this past year. The times are tough in our community, but SWE-TSC has continued to press forward with new programs to help enrich our membership. I want to take the time to thank those of you who have participated in our various events throughout the year. I also wish to thank the wonderful executive committee with which I have had the pleasure of working. The executive team has accomplished a great deal this year.

In the coming year, we look to continue our growth and new programs. The Brunch-N-Learns have been a resounding success. The programs provided have been wonderful for professional and personal growth of our members. As the planning for the next year begins, the new executive committee will be looking to expand on this growth and provide meaningful programs for the membership.

The Holiday Social and Outreach programs were resounding successes as this past year we separated the two events. This gave members the opportunity to get together as a section in a social setting.

We will be looking to continue our interaction with SWE-HA as we are planning events in the future with them. We also look to continue other relationships we have built. In August, we will be working again with the NASA JSC OEOD (Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity) to provide a program to the NASA community for Women's Equality Day.

As the new SWE year is upon us, I am excited for the prospect of the future of the section in face of the adverse times our community faces. Already, we have had some changes occur that have impacted the executive team for the coming year. President-Elect, Sarah Hargrove will be moving on to a new career opportunity, and will be leaving our section. We will greatly miss her enthusiasm, drive, and vision. We do wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Sarah has been a great asset to our section. With that, Vice-President Elect Tess Caswell will be assuming the duties of President for the next year with Secretary-Elect Irene Chan stepping into the Vice-President role. Additionally, our Treasurer-Elect Angelic Covarrubia will be stepping down as well. That leaves us with two openings in the executive committee: Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to step up and serve, now is the time.

Again, I thank each of you who have participated in this past year. You have made our efforts a success.

Yours in SWE,
Kellie Anton

SWE-TSC Spring Outreach Event: The Landing and Recovery Challenge

The Society of Women Engineers is taking our Landing and Recovery Challenge to Johnston Middle School on May 31. This is an egg drop competition to inspire and enlighten kiddos via an engineering challenge. The students will learn about the engineering related to bringing a crew back to Earth safely and then test their knowledge by create their own "spacecraft" to safely land a crew of eggs.



SWE-TSC is taking this event to Johnston Middle School at the request of Ms. Lanena Berry, a teacher who has worked with SWE-TSC officers on multiple occasions and who is herself an inspiring role model in education. We are also collaborating with Centerpoint Energy, who is graciously providing one of their bucket trucks for the drop!

We need your help, though, in order to make this event a success! Volunteers are needed to mentor the students in constructing their "spacecraft" and to conduct landing tests. Any and all volunteers are welcome. If you have worked on any sort of return vehicle or reentry project and would like to share a little bit about it, too, we'd be delighted to put you in the presentation! We know it's during the day, but these kids are really excited about this opportunity - projects like this don't make it into that area very often. Please help us bring space education to students who wouldn't normally be able to attend an event like this!



Details:

May 31, 8:45 am (will last about 3 hours)
Johnston Middle School (10410 Manhattan Drive, Houston, TX)

If you are interested in helping out, let us know by e-mailing tsc-president@swe.org! Feel free to forward this invitation, as well. The more volunteers we have, the more we can inspire these kids.

Have article ideas, articles to submit, industry tips, job postings, photos, Texas Space Center engineering marvels, or anything to share in the next SWE-TSC newsletter?

Send them to Irene (irene.chan@swe.org) by **Friday, June 10, 2011**

Pictures from the 2011 SWE-TSC Spring Banquet

This year's event was held at Landry's in Kemah on May 1, 2011. Dr. Paula deWitte, our speaker, delighted and inspired us with her life experiences and accomplishments and imparted a lesson learned regardless of your degree, industry, or experience: keep on learning.

