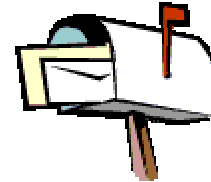




Society of Women Engineers

Kansas City Section

February 2003 Newsletter



SWE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Joint activity with Explorer Post

March

Leadership Panel Discussion.

April

SWE Region I Conference in St. Louis.

More information about all these events in this Newsletter!

Joint Activity with the Explorer Post

RAMPS RULE: Lessons in Friction and Motion

February 11th, 2002 5:30pm-7:00 PM at B&V Power Building 11401 Lamar Avenue Overland Park, KS – Meeting with advisory board. Trial run activity (Ramps Rule)

February 18, 2002 7:00-9:00 PM at B&V Power Building 11401 Lamar Avenue Overland Park, KS – Explorer Post Meeting with entire group.

If you would like to participate please contact
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SWE Region I Conference Meet SWE in St. Louis in April 2003!

Date:
April 4-5, 2003

Location:
Washington University in St. Louis

Hotel:
Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel
7730 Bonhomme
Clayton, MO 63105
1-800-325-3535

Email:
sweconf@cec.wustl.edu

Website:
<http://userfs.cec.wustl.edu/~sweconf/>

QUESTIONS?

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KANSAS CITY SECTION

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS PRESENTS:



MAKING IT TO THE TOP
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON KEY FACTORS
FOR ACHIEVING
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN ENGINEERING

*FEATURING FIVE SWE-KC MEMBERS WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL
ENGINEERING LEADERS IN THE
KANSAS CITY AREA*

- WHEN:** Saturday, March 1ST, 2003
9:30am-12:30pm
- WHERE:** Embassy Suites, Overland Park, KS
10601 Metcalf (106th and Metcalf, 1 block north of I-435 and
Metcalf) Map included below.
- COST:** Includes Breakfast Buffet and Program
Reservations and Advance Payment by February 24
\$15.00/professionals and \$10.00/student
Payment at the door - \$20/professionals and \$15/student
Checks payable to SWE-KC – mail to Jaci Romfo at
Black and Veatch,
8400 Ward Pkwy,
Kansas City, MO 64114
email - romfojr@bv.com phone 913-458-2984.
- RESERVATIONS:** Reservations due by February 24th to Jaci Romfo,
913-458-2984 or email at romfojr@bv.com
Early reservations are encouraged!
No refunds for cancellations after February 25th
- PROGRAM:** 9:30-9:45 – Registration
9:45-10:30 – Breakfast Buffet and Social
10:30-12:30 – Panel Discussion



PANELISTS

Kelley Cramm, P.E.

Founder and President of Integrated Design Engineering Associates (IDEA),
SWE-KC member
Education – B.S. Mechanical Engineering Wichita State University

Maryann E. Huey

Assistant Vice President Enabling Operations, Sprint Corporation
SWE-KC Member
Education – MBA, The Ohio State University
B.S. Electrical Engineering, The University of Michigan

Mary A. Lappin, P.E.

Assistant Director, Kansas City Water Service Department, Facilities Operation
SWE-KC Charter Member
1994 National Society of Professional Engineers' Young Engineer of the Year
Education – B.S. Chemical Engineering, UMKC

Dr. Deborah J. O'Bannon, P.E.

Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, UMKC
SWE National Editorial Board - present
SWE Region I Director – 1995-1997
Selected as SWE Fellow – 2002
Education – PhD, Iowa State University
M.S. Manhattan College
B.S Civil Engineer, MIT

Shelley A.M. Wolff, P.E.

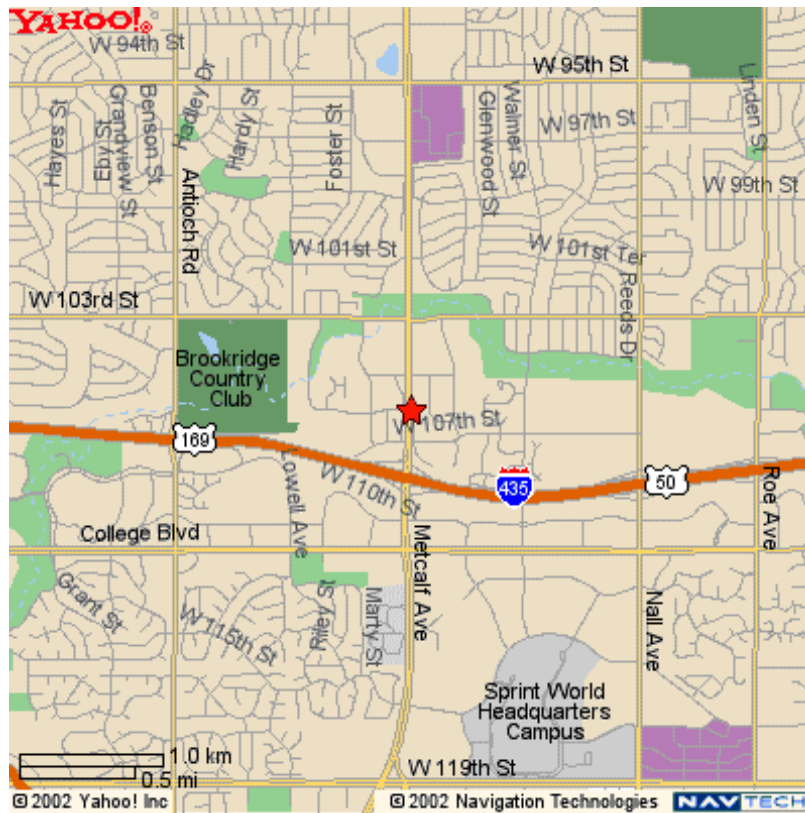
Associate Vice President in Corporate Planning and Communications,
HNTB Corporation
SWE National President – 2001-2002,
Selected as SWE Fellow - 2002
Education - M.S. Engineering Management, University of Kansas
B. S. Civil Engineering, Iowa State University

FACILITATOR

Libby Allman

Procurement Process Improvement Manager, Hallmark Corporation
SWE-KC past President
SWE National Chairperson of Strategic Planning Committee
Education – MBA, Rockhurst University
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis
B.A Physics, William Jewell College

Embassy Suites Map
10601 Metcalf Ave
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Don't forget to check out our Website for current updates and
other cool links!
<http://ariel.ecn.umkc.edu/~swe/swe-kc.html>

Dear Society of Women Engineers Colleague,

At this time of reflections and resolutions, we'd like to reminisce on SWE's past year and suggest some resolutions you can make to help your Society advance its mission in the coming year. As a member of the Society of Women Engineers, you can look back on 2002 with pride.

* As individuals, sections, and a national organization, our career guidance activities transformed engineering into a rewarding career option for countless girls.

* SWE student membership was a unique source of support for 10,000 engineering students as they pursued their academic careers. For SWE scholarship recipients, \$250,000 of scholarships awarded last year also eased the financial obstacles to an engineering education.

* Excellence in career endeavors was more attainable for SWE members thanks to formal professional development programs and informal networks of SWE supporters. Your successes demonstrate the value of diversity to a profession that still finds only 10% of its active practitioners are women.

* With over 50 years of promoting opportunities for women in engineering, SWE has a rich and valuable history. 2002 was a pivotal year for recognizing SWE's history and making SWE's historical collections available for study. Beatrice Hicks, SWE's first president, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in October. Treasures from SWE's archives were crafted into a compelling story on women in engineering through the opening of "Petticoats and Slide Rules" exhibit at the Reuther Library of Wayne State University, the home of SWE's archives.

Successes in 2002 serve to highlight the numerous opportunities SWE has in 2003. As was true this past year, and as we look at 2003, we recognize that the most valuable gift you give to SWE is your active membership. The SWE community advances our mission and creates and delivers our programs through the efforts and accomplishments of the SWE membership.

Implementation of some SWE programs and SWE's infrastructure requires funding beyond what is provided by dues income and grants. As you plan end-of-year contributions, please consider what your tax-deductible contribution to SWE could accomplish. SWE's new Member Services website makes it easy to charge a donation online. Alternatively, from that site, you can download a form for mailing a check or charge card donation. To access Member Services, point your browser to:

<http://www.swe.org/SWE/MemberServices/service.html>

From that page you can select from a number of services, including "Make a Donation." You will be asked to logon with your user id and password. If you do not know those, the logon page will give you options for how to obtain them.

You can designate that your donation is used for one of the featured programs for 2003, or another specific program or scholarship fund, or not designate a specific use for your contribution. The featured programs for 2003 are:

* SWE's archives activities are expanding to include an oral history project. This project will capture, transcribe, and permanently preserve the oral histories of some important pioneering women in engineering. The Phoenix Section, the Houston Section, the MALs, and several Fellows have already shown their commitment to SWE's legacy by providing funding for this time-critical project.

* SWE's section vitality programs are consistently successful in improving the leadership and management skills of sections participating in the program. Funding keeps the section vitality coaches working with sections throughout SWE.

* SWE's website can become a valuable resource for all stakeholders in the Society, from members, to partners, to K-12 students and teachers. Although visions for SWE's website are vivid, the realization of the vision requires investments of effort and in technology that are currently unfunded. A donation to SWE's website improvement project will be used to realize some of the potential of www.swe.org

Take pride in the advances SWE has made to become the recognized authority on, and advocate for, women in engineering and technology and be challenged by the opportunities we can address in 2003. Your membership in SWE and your gift - no matter how large or small - make a difference.

On behalf of the leadership and staff of SWE, we wish you a happy and rewarding new year!

Sincerely,

Rachel A.B. McQuillen, P.E., President

Betty Shanahan, Executive Director