



SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS
Kansas City Section

DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

December

1 Holiday Party/Adopt-a-Family

January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

27 2006 Shrimp Bingo



February

19-25 Week Co-Sponsored by SWE and Northrop Grumman

March

3-4 Region I Conference, Manhattan, KS



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2006 SHRIMP BINGO

And the KC tradition continues...

Join us for the 2006 Shrimp Bingo, the annual event organized by the Engineers Club of Kansas City, for lots and lots of SHRIMP AND BINGO, and few drinks!!

When: Friday, January 27, 2006 at 5:30pm
Where: Ritz Charles



The flyer is included at the end of the Newsletter for your information.

If you are interested in being part of the fun and maybe take home an impressive prize, please RSVP to Kimberly Singleton by **Monday, December 26th, 2005**, at Kimberly.Singleton@sprint.com.

If we get 10 RSVPs, KC SWE would reserve a table at the 2006 SHRIMP BINGO and would co-sponsor the event. If not, members attending the event could enjoy each other's company at the same table, while meeting other Shrimp Bingo fans.

It's one event you don't want to miss...

HOLIDAY PARTY / ADOPT-A-FAMILY



A BIG Thank you to Isabel Solano for hosting the 2005 KC SWE Holiday Party this year, and to Shelley Wolff for making sure our adopted family receives all what's on her wish list.

Thank you for everyone who contributed in buying the "wish" items, the gift card, and the cash. For everyone who took the time to wrap the gifts and make sure our family is taken care of

THANK YOU SO MUCH...

THANK YOU

THE ANAHEIM EXPERIENCE

By Hope Piuck



The 2005 SWE Conference in Anaheim California was a special Conference for the SWE Kansas City Section members who attended. Four of the six KC Section members who participated in the Conference are part of the SWE Kansas City Conference Host Committee: Michelle Mahoney, Deb O'Bannon, Hope Piuck, and Michelle Wirth. Those members have spent the last year doing advance planning for the 2006 SWE National Conference in Kansas City. Part of that planning included promoting the SWE Kansas City Conference in Anaheim.

We arranged for KC stickers, brochures, a Kansas City floor display, and a promotional video to be shipped to Anaheim from the Kansas City Visitor's Bureau. The stickers, brochures, and floor display were all waiting for us when we got there. Wednesday morning we set up a Kansas City booth in the registration area. But the video didn't arrive. We needed to show the video at the Membership Meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday. Michelle Mahoney e-mailed our Kansas City Visitors Bureau contact and requested that the video be shipped immediately. The KC Visitors Bureau contact agreed.

So we all went on our way doing our Conference activities: National Committee meetings, tours, workshops, the Career Fair, volunteering at the Conference, and more. Members of the Kansas City Section and Region I were all happy to pass out KC stickers to other Conference attendees and encourage them to attend our Conference next year.

The 2005 SWE National Conference was a huge success. The weather was beautiful. The palm trees were swaying, the flowers were blooming, and there was a record attendance of 4100 attendees. That is a jump of 30% over the previous year. The Conference Center itself was very large. Registration, the SWE Boutique, and the Career Fair were all contained in one "hall."

The programs such as tours, Career Enhancement Series CEU courses, workshops, and technical papers were interesting and many. The five track identification system created a session to fit everyone's interest. The most popular tour was the Disney Resort behind the scene tour. It was sold out immediately. Participants reported that it met and exceeded their expectations.

Saturday rolled around. Members of the Kansas City Section wore Chiefs jerseys or Chiefs red. But still no video. Michele Wirth waited at the hotel hoping that it would arrive in time. At 9:55 am the presenters started discussing our back-up script when Michelle W. came running into the hall, video in hand. I'm happy to report that the audience enjoyed it.

More tours, courses ensued. The Council of Representatives met Saturday afternoon. The last event of the Conference was a banquet called Celebrate SWE! Celebrate SWE! is an awards night for both collegiate and professional sections. A lovely dinner and lots of fun was had by all. A relatively new award was presented called the Spirit Award. It is given to the Region that makes the most noise during Celebrate SWE!

Since next year our Region is hosting the 2006 Conference, please consider attending and Celebrate SWE.

Bring your spirit and a noisemaker!



FAREWELL TO ROSE KEMP

Rose Kemp, Regional director of the Dept of Labor Women's Bureau in Kansas City since 1983, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the age of 72. Several of us got to know Rose a few years ago as she provided sponsorship of our SWE-KC computer camp. She also promoted the GEM-SET program in our area - a Girl's E-Mentoring Science/ Engineering/ Technology program. The Kansas City Star called her "the Kansas City champion for women's causes and equal rights".

Rose Kemp received awards for her service to women and the community.

- The KC Women in Business Advocate award in 1993.
- Delegate to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.
- The Rose Kemp Public Service Award in 2000.
- The Visionary of the Year award for helping women worldwide in 2001.

"A HEART THAT WANTED TO TOUCH OTHERS"

SPRINT MINORITY ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

If you know any minority students (in Missouri or Kansas only) with an interest in math, science or engineering please forward them this flyer. If you think you can persuade a student to educate themselves in math, science or engineering please forward them this flyer. If you wish you would have pursued a degree in math, science or engineering please forward this flyer!!

The program is targeted for graduating seniors or students who are currently enrolled in a Metropolitan Community College. Priority will be given to students who meet the application due date of **December 31, 2005**; but do not let that discourage a student from submitting the application if Dec 31st comes and goes.

As long as the student maintains a 3.0 GPA their tuition is paid 100%, that includes tuition at the Metropolitan Community College and University of Mo-Rolla.

Sprint also offers **paid** internships to the scholars. This program is an excellent way to prepare and position our minority youth for a life filled with opportunities.

FORWARD THIS FLYER!!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

If you haven't heard yet, the 2006 SWE National Conference will be held in **KANSAS CITY!!**

OCTOBER 12-14, 2006

In preparation for the BIG event, the National Conference Planning Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at Paulo & Bill's Restaurant at 16501 Midland Dr in Shawnee, KS. The group is deciding what merchandise to sell at the convention, coordinating the volunteers for the convention as well as developing ways to inform as many companies and organizations with female engineers to join SWE. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact Michelle Mahoney at mmahoney@hntb.com.

TASK FORCE COMMITTEES

SWE is encouraging all members to join and be active in one of the **Task Force Committees**, in particular the National Engineers Week Committee. The **National Engineers Week Committee** represents SWE on the Steering Committee for National Engineers Week. It is the mission of National Engineers Week to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession and appreciation of technology.



You can find the entire list of Committees along with their chair person and a detailed description of their goals by visiting www.swe.org, under **About SWE/ Committees**.

Don't just be a member, be **PROACTIVE** and contribute in making SWE a continuing leading organization.

YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT US BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:

[Http://o.web.umkc.edu/obannond/SWE/SWE-KC.html](http://o.web.umkc.edu/obannond/SWE/SWE-KC.html)

Sprint Minority Engineering Scholarship

Interested in a career in Engineering? Sprint and the Metropolitan Community Colleges (MCC), along with the University of Missouri-Rolla, have partnered to create the Sprint Minority Engineering Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage minority students to enter the field of civil, computer, or electrical engineering. Summer internships are available to qualified students.

This exceptional engineering scholarship program is open to students that meet the following criteria:

- African American, Hispanic American or Native American
- U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident
- Kansas or Missouri resident
- Graduating high school student or current Metropolitan Community College student with a 3.0 GPA in math and science
- Interested in a career in civil, computer, or electrical engineering

Selected students will complete their pre-engineering studies at one of the Metropolitan Community Colleges and then transfer to the Minority Engineering & Science Program at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Apply online at <http://campus.umr.edu/mep> or for more information and/or an application, contact:

Metropolitan Community Colleges Foundation
3200 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone: (816) 759-1195 or (816) 759-4458
Fax: (816) 759-4611

Application Deadline: **December 31** (priority given to applications received by this date)



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