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Upcoming Events

October 3, 2003	The Way We Are, Isla Bonita
October 8-12, 2003	National Conference, Birmingham, Alabama
October 17, 2003	Technical Tour at McNary Dam
October 18, 2003	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
November 1, 2003	Halloween Part
November 8, 2003	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
December 13, 2003	Annual SWE Christmas Party
December 13, 2003	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
January 10, 2004	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
February 7, 2004	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
March 13, 2004	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
April 10, 2004	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
April 23-24, 2004	Region J Conference
May 8, 2004	Breakfast Meeting at Hayden's
May 2004	Elect next Officer
June 2004	Annual Summer Picnic

Letter to SWE Members

Dear Members,

The other day, I was actually watching television when an ad comes on where a mother and daughter playing with string as the mother tells a bedtime story involving science. This and other ads developed from the partnership of the Ad Council and Girl Scouts of the USA to increase the number of women in technology jobs. The spots motivate influencers to "keep her interest alive." The ads end with the campaign tagline, "It's her future. Do the math." More information can be found at www.girlsgotech.org.

This program touched me personally because I have a thirteen year old sister. In elementary school, she was fascinated by why animals died and would play with such things as dead crabs for hours inspecting them. She began reading Discover magazine for fun in second grade. She has participated in Expanding Your Horizons the past two years and has enjoyed it. Despite this, her interest in science has decreased and her current career ambition is dancing. My parents and I continue to talk about math, science and technology with her and explore different career opportunities.

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If you have know a young women who has any interest in math, science, and technology I encourage you to check out the "Girls Go Tech", SWE National, and our own website for projects geared at different age groups. The Section website has engineering links at:
www.eastwashingtonswe.org/hotlinks.htm.

Sincerely,

Jocelyne Gray
Section President FY04

The Way We Are

October 3, 2003
Isla Bonita Restaurant
Jadwin, Avenue, Richland
Dinner - 6:00 pm
Announcements - 6:45 pm
Presentation - 7:00 pm

Come learn about your Section President and Vice President. They will talk about the benefits of SWE and how you can become involved. Dinner is pay your own from the menu. Friends, family, and colleagues are welcome. Please RSVP to Jocelyne Gray at 783-2144 or jgray@jub.com.

National Conference

Pam Ankrum and Wanda Munn will be attending the National Conference in Birmingham, Alabama October 9-11. Pam is our Section Representative at the Council of Representatives meeting where the Society will vote on the new bylaws. COR meeting materials are posted at www.swe.org/cor for review. If you have comments, please contact Pam. If you are attending the conference, please let us know and consider sending a brief description of your experience for the next newsletter.

Joint Meeting with ASHRAE

October 14, 2003
6:00 PM Happy Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Announcemnts
7:30 PM Program - Maralynne Flehner, Esq. - Negotiating Skills
Shilo Inn, Richland

RSVP by October 13 to Bing Liu, 375-3710 or bing.liu@pn1.gov.
Cost is \$20 (cash or checks made out to: ASHRAE).
This program focuses on basic negotiating skills and how they can be applied to dealings with clients, customers and code officials. The program focuses on negotiating skills in the context of contract negotiations, discussions with code officials and regulators, negotiations to resolve disputes with clients and customers, and negotiations with family members.

TECHNICAL TOURS

ASCE is hosting a technical tour at McNary Dam Friday, October 17, 2003. we will meet at the Richland (time to meet will be provided later). The number of attendees is limited to 15. The names of attendees must be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers soon. Please send Jocelyne Gray at jgray@jub.com or 783-2144 your full name, citizenship, and if you will be carpooling from Richland. Please where weather appropriate clothing and closed toe shoes.

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ASCE will host a tour of the Energy Northwest Wind Mills at Nine Mile Canyon south of Finley. More details will be available at a later date.

Monthly Breakfast

October 18, 2003 at 8 am
Hayden's Place, across Burden Blvd from TRAC

We had five attendees at the September 13 breakfast meeting. We discussed hosting the Region J Conference in April, Sandy Brower's 50th SWE Membership Celebration in conjunction with the Region Conference, and fund raising ideas. We got Sandy talking about her experience with NASA during the 1960s.

The next Breakfast meeting will be October 18 at Hayden's Restaurant, Burden Blvd., Pasco at 8:00 am. Please RSVP to Jocelyne by Oct. 17, 783-2144 or jgray@jub.com.

Future City Competition Engineer-Mentors

The Future City Competition is a program for 7th and 8th grade students. Teams of three students, a teacher, and an engineer work together to design a city using "SimCity 300" software by Maxis, build a 3-D model, write a research paper on a specific topic, and present an oral report. The following schools are still needing mentors: Union Gap, Chief Joseph (Richland), Washington (Yakima), and Park (Kennewick). If you can volunteer to be the mentor for one of these schools please contact Jocelyne Gray at 783-2144 or jgray@jub.com and I will get you the needed information. If you know a school that is not yet signed up, please talk to one of the math or science teachers. This is also a good program for English teachers with the written and oral report aspects of the project. Schools need to be signed up by October 31, 2004 in order to compete in the Regional Competition in January.

Halloween Party

Pam Ankrum will host this year's Halloween Party Saturday, November 1. Bring the whole family or a friend for games, good food, and fun. Bring your favorite dish to share. Prizes will be awarded for best costume for adults and children, so come dressed in your favorite scary costume (or as yourself - that's scary enough for some of us).

What: Halloween Party

When: Saturday, November 1, 2003 at 6:00 PM until whenever

Where: 231 Rachel Road, Kennewick. From highway 240, take the Columbia Drive exit - west; turn left on Leslie Road; go past Albertsons, around curves, then take the second right, which is Rachel Road; after you go up a large hill, we are the second house on the left (blue with brick accent).

What to wear: Halloween costume (optional)

What to Bring: Potluck dish to share and the whole family

Christmas Party

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So far, the Christmas Party is planned for December 13, 6 pm. There will be a gift exchange, SWE style, where everyone who wants to participate will bring a gift less than \$20 in value and then around the room we go as people open them one at a time. More information will be emailed out and put on the website.

Region ABJ Conference

Pam Ankrum attended the Regions ABJ Conference in Reno, Nevada September 12-14. The major item of discussion was the revised bylaws and procedures. You can check out what's new at www.swe.org/cor.

We also discussed some new items of interest including:

- * The SWE web site has been upgraded, including an online commerce site and online member services. Please check your personal information and ensure it is correct. You can update it online if needed at www.swe.org.
- * There is a new career center at www.swe.org/careers.
- * The SWE mission statement will be re-prioritized to emphasize engineer's impact on the quality of life.
- * There are not enough Exxon-Mobile grant applicants this year. If you have any ideas on possible new programs to advance women in their careers or encourage girls to enter engineering, etc., please contact Pam at Ankrum@charter.net.
- * SWE is the 2006 National E-week sponsor.
- * There are now two options for corporations to join SWE: Corporate Membership or Corporate Partnership. For more information, visit the corporate site at www.societyofwomenengineers.org/partners/partnersMain.aspx.
- * A new Conference Program Board will be starting in with the national conference in Milwaukee to provide continuity from year-to-year, better lessons learned, tracks for multiple audiences, etc.

Region J Conference - April 23-24, 2004

We are hosting the Region J Conference April 23-24, 2004. This is a large event; indicated below are areas where we need volunteers with the contact names listed or you can call Jocelyne at 783-2144. We need volunteers to help organize this event, including chairs of the committees:

- * Pre-Registration and Registration Packets
- * Getting Speakers (Joan Young - Joan.Young@pn1.gov)
- * Sandy Brower's 50th SWE Membership Reception (Jocelyne Gray - jgray@jub.com)
- * Hotel Reservations for Conference and Attendees
- * Sponsors (Tamara Franklin - franklin.86@osu.edu)
- * Tours (Pam Ankrum - ankrum@charter.net)
- * Meals
- * Volunteers at the Conference (Jocelyne Gray - jgray@jub.com)

The highlight of this conference is celebrating Elayne "Sandy" Brower's 50 years as an active SWE member.

Fund Raising

The Eastern Washington Section is raising funds to help cover costs of hosting the Region J Conference April 2004. We want to sell SWE cookbooks. Please send your

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recipes to Tamara Franklin at franklin.86@osu.edu or mail to 3703 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336. Please indicate the type of recipe (main dish, dessert, appetizer, etc.) so they can be properly categorized. They will be published early 2004. If you would like to help with this, contact Tamara at 614/657-4952 (cell).

Renew Membership or Become a Member

If you have not renewed your membership, have let your membership lapse, or want to join SWE, please renew/join at www.swe.org/memberservices. If you have questions please contact Tamara Franklin at twankeetwankee@yahoo.com.

SWE Section Member Profiles

If you would like your profile featured on our website please submit your webpage URL or biography to Jocelyne Gray, jgray@jub.com or 2810 W. Clearwater Ave, Suite 201, Kennewick, WA 99336. Below are sample information you might want to provide.

Name

Field

SWE Background - when joined / officer positions / why you joined SWE

Current Position - Title / Retired / Unemployed

Current Projects / Favorite Projects

Employment History

Degrees / Universities

Family / Hobbies

Please finish the following statement: I became an engineer because

SWE Apparel

Cardigans and T-shirts are printed with the Society of Women Engineers Logo. They come in several colors. You can have the logo stitched into your own article of clothing (for example a sweatshirt, sweater or T-shirt). Prices: Cardigans \$ 25 (\$30 non-member), T-shirts \$ 20 (\$25 non-member), your own (you supply the clothing) \$15 and children's \$10. Call Pam Ankrum for more information (see contact information).

Contact Information

The officers would love to hear from you and get you more involved. Please feel free to contact any of the officers to answer your question.

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