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Upcoming Events

September 5, 2007	Board Meeting (6-7 pm), Alice Orrell's House
September 12, 2007	"The Way We Are" Program Dinner (6-8 pm), Bamboo Garden, Kennewick
September 14-16, 2007	ABJ Meeting –Scottsdale, AZ
October 3, 2007	Board Meeting (6-7 pm), Alice Orrell's House
October 13, 2007	Breakfast Social (8:30 to 10 am), Sterling's Restaurant, Richland
October 25-27, 2007	SWE National Conference, Nashville, Tennessee
November 2, 2007	"Day of the Dead Party (time and place are TBD)
November 14, 2007	Board and Business Meeting (time and place are TBD)
December 5, 2007	Board Meeting (6-7 pm), Alice Orrell's House
December 8, 2007	Annual Holiday Party (time and place are TBD)
January 9, 2007	Board Meeting (6-7 pm), Alice Orrell's House

A Letter from SWE-EWS President

As summer winds to an end and fall approaches we all gear up for a new year at school, the office, and SWE. The planning retreat went great in Walla Walla and our calendar for the year has been set. Please try to make it to our first meeting, which will be our traditional "the way we are" meeting. You can hear more about me and the work I do at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as I will be one of this year's speakers. Please check out the dates for this and other events on the calendar. I'm looking forward to a great year with you all!

An update on Inland Empire Section - The Region J Governor, Linda Thomas, has informed me that Inland Empire has found several enthusiastic members this year. Their charter will not be revoked this year as we had anticipated. They will soon be holding officer elections and setting their calendar for the year. We hope to be able to get together with their members this year for a meeting, tour, or college outreach event. Let's all wish them good luck this year!

Sincerely,
Your SWE-EWS President
Alicia Boyd



The Way We Are

September 12, 2007
The Bamboo Garden
8021 W Grandridge Blvd., Kennewick
6 pm

"The Way We Are" dinner is our annual get together to start the new SWE year. This is a social dinner for new and old member's, spouses, friends, and potential new members who are interested in learning more about SWE. Our speaker this year will be Alicia Boyd, our SWE-EWS president for this 2007-2008 SWE year. Alicia has been involved with SWE for several years and will speak about her employment experience, SWE experience and engineering experience in general. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Alice Orrell (aliceorrell@gmail.com or 375-6035).



SWE-EWS 2007 Annual Planning Retreat Report

Article by Alice Orrell

Every year, before the SWE fiscal year begins, the Eastern Washington section holds a retreat for the purpose of planning the upcoming year's goals and events. This year's retreat was held in Walla Walla; not too far away, but far enough for us to leave the distractions of home and work behind so we could focus on SWE for a day.

We started the retreat with an all day meeting in a rented room in the Reid Campus Center of Whitman College with lunch provided by on-campus catering. After a day of discussion, we were ready to check out downtown Walla Walla and have a relaxing dinner at the Creektown Café, a popular restaurant

with a large local wine selection. Some of us spent the night in town so we could enjoy a winery visit the next day on the way back to the Tri-Cities.

Pictures from the retreat can be seen at: <http://www.kodakgallery.com/l.jsp?c=a0142inz.6l27itmn&x=0&y=uxl1lx>

At the meeting, we focused on prioritizing our goals for the year, reviewing our ongoing projects and section business, establishing a budget, and planning an events and meeting calendar.

A top priority this year is membership: recruitment of new members and retention of current (and lapsed) members. To facilitate this goal, we intend to have interesting activities, dinner meetings, and tours to attract and engage new potential members. We will also be advertising these events more widely to increase participation.

In addition, our section will be participating in many projects this year. At the retreat, we realized that for a small section, we are involved in or responsible for a lot of projects in the community. For example, the local Expanding Your Horizons event is heavily dependent on SWE-EWS help. We also issue Certificates of Merit to local schools and participate in the judging of the Mid-Columbia Science Fair, among other activities.

We have lots of fun events planned for this year. Some dates and activities are still tentative, so be sure to look for our regular email updates and future newsletters.

Here's to a great year!

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Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this newsletter. The newsletter is going back to a bi-monthly issuance. Please submit information for the next newsletter by October 15, 2007 to Teresa Torres.

About SWE

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a non-profit educational and service organization. SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women. SWE empowers women to succeed and advance in those aspirations and receive the recognition and credit for their life-changing contributions and achievements as engineers and leaders. For more information about the Society please visit www.swe.org or call (312) 596-5223.

If you know someone who be interested in joining please forward this Newsletter via email or via land mail. Just print, fold, staple, stamp and mail.

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