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Upcoming Events

- Aug 16, 2008 Annual Retreat
Weinhard Hotel, Dayton
Meeting: 9am to 5 pm, Lunch provided
Dinner: 6 pm, Patit Creek
- Nov 6 to 8, 2008 SWE National Conference
Baltimore, Maryland

Opening Note

Dear SWE-EWS Members & Supporters,

Welcome to Fiscal Year 2009!

The Executive Council has already begun planning for this year and beyond. You are welcome to participate in this planning by attending our annual retreat on August 16th, or by attending any of the board or general meetings this year. Everyone is always welcome.

We encourage all input because we are, of course, a member-driven, volunteer-based society. Members always have great ideas for membership activities and programs. What we also need are the able bodies willing to execute these ideas. SWE provides great opportunities for members to practice event planning, project management, and leadership skills in a supportive, non-work related environment. So if you have a proposal for something you'd like to see done with SWE-EWS, please share!

Thank you,
Alice Orrell
SWE-EWS President FY09

Annual Planning Retreat

You are invited to participate in the SWE-EWS Annual Planning Retreat!

As the incoming Vice President, I have planned a fun, short retreat in Dayton for all members who are interested. At the meeting, we will discuss and plan section goals and events for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Here's a brief description of the retreat:

Saturday, August 16th

9 am - 5 pm: Planning Meeting at the Weinhard Hotel Internet Cafe (lunch provided). (<http://www.weinhard.com/cafe.html>)

6 pm: Group Dinner at Patit Creek, French Cuisine 509/382-2625

Overnight in Dayton. The Weinhard Hotel is recommended, reservation under SWE. (<http://www.weinhard.com>)

Please RSVP to Serena Austen, by noon on Friday, August 8th. Please be SPECIFIC in your RSVP as to which parts of the retreat (Meeting, Dinner, Overnight) you will attend. And if any guests will join you for the dinner or overnight stay, please let me know for my headcounts.

Upon receipt of your RSVP, I will send you more details on hotel pricing, room sharing if interested, what to bring, etc.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to a fun retreat!

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Awards

If you see an award that you would like to be nominated for or know someone who deserves an award, please notify Renee Slocumb at rcslocum@bechtel.com. Don't be shy to nominate yourself for an award. Renee doesn't know all that you do, but would love to help you get an award.

Fluids Engineering - Fluids Engineering Award - outstanding contributions, over a period of years, to the engineering profession and especially to the field of fluids engineering through research, practice, and/or teaching. Nomination due date Sept 1 - http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/Fluids_Award.cfm

Ten Ways To Improve Your Resume

By Katharine Hansen, Ph.D.
http://www.quintcareers.com/improving_resume.html

In my line of work, I see hundreds of resumes, and I often see the same patterns over and over again. I frequently observe resume tendencies that are not necessarily mistakes, yet the jobseekers behind these resumes could have much nicer, cleaner, more readable resumes if they just tweaked a few

things. And none of these tweaks are hard to accomplish. Even if your resume has other problems, you'll see significant improvements if you make these 10 easy fixes.

- 1. Use a bulleted style to make your resume more reader-friendly.**
 - 2. Follow "The Resume Ingredients Rule."**the rule says that information on a resume should be listed in order of importance to the reader.
 - 3. Eliminate "responsibilities" words from your resume vocabulary.** Accomplishments-oriented language tells employers how you've gone above and beyond in your jobs, what makes you special, how you've taken initiative and made your jobs your own.
 - 4. Eliminate clutter from your resume.** Such as Unnecessary dates, parenthesis, Reference Available upon request, and articles such as a & an.
 - 5. Use strong, concrete verbs to describe your jobs, and don't mix noun and verb phrases.**
 - 6. Focus on describing past job activities that highlight the skills you most like to use and want to use in your next job.**
 - 7. Don't fret about the one-page resume rule.**
 - 8. Make sure your resume has a sharp focus.**
 - 9. Don't list too much experience on your resume.**
 - 10. Be sure the reader will understand all the acronyms and jargon you use in your resume.**
- Bonus tip: Be sure to list locations (city and state) for all your past employers.**

Be sure to check out the website for all the details and examples.

Featured Member

Brooke Grundhauser

Brooke graduated as an Electrical Engineer from Washington State University in May 2005. Currently she works as an Electrical Field Engineer for Bechtel at the Waste Treatment Plant Project. Her profile for work can be found on the following website:
<http://www.bechtel.com/brooke.html>.

From Brooke's website:

I heard about Bechtel through a close friend in college, and learned about the company at our college career fairs. I was hired in July 2006.

Currently I am working as an electrical field engineer in construction on the River Protection Project/Waste Treatment Plant project in Hanford, Washington. I am responsible for the fire protection system in the Low Activity Waste Facility (LAW), as well as lighting and power systems in a section of the LAW building. I review design drawings, perform inspections of contractors work, and manage delivery of information, drawings, and materials in support of contractors' schedules and contracts.

One of the most interesting aspects of my job is working hand-in-hand each day with craft workers.

In the future, I would like to become more versatile. I want to learn what other functions do on a project so I can lend them a hand and support their needs.



2008 SWE National Conference
 Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
 Thursday, November 06, 2008 -
 Saturday, November 08, 2008

Together, *We* make a difference.

Baltimore is no stranger to revolutionary ideals—be it the American or Industrial Revolution. This makes Baltimore perfect for the largest, most comprehensive gathering of women leading the Technical Revolution: WE08. For women engineers, The Society of Women Engineers' National Conference is the event for career advancement and professional development.

Join us in leading the revolution. Join us for WE08.

Check it out online at

<http://www.we08.org/>

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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 **September 15, 2008** 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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