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Upcoming Events

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| Oct 8, 2008 | Board Meeting |
| Oct 25, 2008 | Halloween Party |
| Nov 6 to 8, 2008 | SWE National Conference
Baltimore, Maryland |
| Nov 19, 2008 | Fall General Business Meeting |
| Dec 3, 2008 | Board Meeting |
| Dec 6, 2008 | Christmas Party |
| Jan 7, 2009 | Board Meeting |
| Jan 10, 2009 | Scrapbooking |
| Jan 22, 2009 | Webinar Program |
| Feb 4, 2009 | Board Meeting |
| Feb 22-28, 2009 | E week |
| Feb 27, 2009 | E Week Banquet |
| Mar 4, 2009 | Board Meeting |
| Mar 7, 2009 | Breakfast |
| Mar TBD, 2009 | Mid Columbia Science Fair |
| Mar 21, 2009 | Expanding Your Horizons |
| Apr 1, 2009 | Board Meeting |
| Apr 17-19, 2009 | Region J Conference |
| Apr 22, 2009 | Spring General Business Meeting |
| May 6, 2009 | Board Meeting |
| Jun 13, 2009 | End-of-Year Picnic |

Opening Note

Dear SWE-EWS Members & Supporters,

I read about this new program at WSU and thought our many WSU alumni may be interested in hearing about it, too.

From PSE:

Engineering students at Washington State University (WSU) will soon be able to study cutting-edge technologies for harnessing the power of the wind, sun, biomass, fuel cells and more, thanks to a \$150,000 grant provided by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The class, to be part of WSU's School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, will be the first college-level engineering course in Washington dedicated to renewable energy systems.

The renewable energy class will debut in fall 2009, with PSE providing an initial \$50,000 donation this year to assist with course development efforts, and the remaining balance of \$100,000 will be provided over the next five years. The gift from PSE will go towards laboratory supplies and equipment, as well as student travel expenses for class tours of renewable energy facilities such as PSE's Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility.

The coursework is currently in development and is geared toward senior-level majors in engineering, electrical engineering and the sciences. It will range from studies in the design and construction of wind turbines, solar photovoltaic arrays, biomass generation and hydrogen fuel cells, to public policy and the ecological impact of conventional and alternative sources of energy.

Enjoy the beautiful fall!
Alice Orrell
SWE-EWS President FY09

Business

- Our Vice President, Serena Austen, accepted a position with REC in Moses Lake. Lucky for us, this is still within our EWS boundaries so she will continue as our VP.
- The SWE EWS brochure has been updated. Please print it and have it on hand at your desk so you can pass it out to anyone you know who is interested in learning more about SWE. Downloadable at

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

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.

Deadline is November 1

Applied Mechanics - Timoshenko Medal Distinguished - conferred in recognition of distinguished contributions to the field of applied mechanics.
http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/Timoshenko_Medal.cfm

Civil Engineering - Alfred Noble Prize - Awarded for published papers in some civil engineering field -
http://www.asce.org/pressroom/honors/honors_details.cfm?hdlid=49

Share your SWE Story

As SWE professional members we share a goal to empower collegians to succeed and advance in engineering and technology. And we know from our personal experiences, achieving that goal starts with a SWE membership. You are invited to submit your story about how SWE helped kick-start your career through the method of your choice: audio, video, poster, written essay or poem. Entry deadline is October 24. Besides sharing your story, prizes are awarded for the most inspirational story. First, second and third place winners will receive Visa gift cards in the amounts of \$150, \$100, and \$50, or you could win a SWE item. For more information contact Renee Slocumb or visit http://www.we08.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=36



New SWE Gmail Account

In order to easily comply with SWE rules about emails and spam laws, and to better organize the contact information of our members and supporters, SWE-EWS has established a new gmail email account through which official email business will be handled.

The address is easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com.

“Building Your Career - Lessons I Learned Along the Way.”

Friday, October 3
Noon at WSU

Lura J. Powell will be the first speaker in a monthly series highlighting women's achievements in the professional world. Powell will speak at noon Friday in the West Building Atrium at WSU-TC, 2710 University Drive, Richland. The free talk will be about "Building Your Career - Lessons I Learned Along the Way." Powell is the board of trustees chairwoman for the \$350 million Washington State Life Sciences Discovery Fund, which finances innovative life sciences research in Washington. She previously was director of PNNL and president of Advanced Imaging Technologies. Her talk is part of a series coordinated by students in the WSU-TC Business Club. The series runs through March 2009.

<http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/calendar/october08/lurapowell.html>

The Way We Are

The annual “The Way We Are” meeting was very successful with members, family and potential new members coming together for dinner at the Bamboo Gardens on September 23. A big thank you and job well done goes out to speakers Dimple Patel, Renee Slocumb and Wanda Munn.



Halloween Party

A family friendly event for all SWE members and friends. Details have not been decided yet so please keep your eye open for emails and postings to the Website. If you have an idea for the event that you would like to share please send it to Teresa Torres.

Attending SWE National Conference?

One of the purposes of the conferences is to network and meet new people but sometimes it is nice if you have someone from your home town with you to figure everything out. So, if you are planning on attending the SWE National Conference please let our section representative (Alicia Boyd) know since she will be attending as well. See page ??? for information about the conference.



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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Just a funny

A sign at a cafeteria said:
"Shoes required to each lunch here."

Handwritten underneath
"Socks allowed to eat anywhere they want!"

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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 **November 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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