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Upcoming Events

March 11, Thurs	Mid-Columbia Science Fair
March 20, Sat	Expanding Your Horizons
Apr. 9-11, Fri-Sun,	Region J Conference
Apr. 21, Wed,	Spring Business Meeting
May, 5, Wed,	Board Meeting
May, TBD,	Technical Tour
Jun. 2, Wed,	Board Meeting
Jun. 4 or 5, Fri or Sat,	End-of-Year Picnic

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*The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a not-for-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 be recognized for their life-changing contributions and achievements as engineers and leaders.*

*For more information about the Society please visit [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org) or call (312) 596-5223.*

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Opening Note

Dear Members & Supporters:

JCON10 is just one month away! The planning committee is so excited for all the support we've received from the local and regional community in terms of sponsorships, career fair participation, and registrations. We will have a great turn-out and there is still time to register!

Immediately after JCON10, EWS will start preparing for FY11 by selecting new FY11 officers. If you'd like to participate in the planning and leadership of the section, please consider running for an office.

Thanks,
Alice Orrell
SWE-EWS FY10 President



Mid Columbia Science Fair

Be a SWE Judge at the Mid-Columbia Science Fair!

We could still use a few more volunteers to make this quick and fun for everyone! If you can help, contact Sarah Widder at sarah.widder@pnl.gov

More information about the science fair is available at their website: <http://www.mcsf.net/index2.html>
But please disregard their judging instructions.

For SWE judges, we will meet in front of Macy's at the Cinnabon in Columbia Center Mall (there will be a SWE judges sign) at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 11th. It shouldn't take too long and the more people we have the faster it will go!

Each volunteer will be assigned an age group to judge. Another way to help is at the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested helping give out the awards, let Sarah know.



2010 SWE Region J Conference

EWS is hosting the 2010 Region J Conference, to be held at the Richland Red Lion Hotel on April 9-11, 2010. Conference registration includes Friday reception, Saturday conference and career fair, and Sunday SWE business meetings. Optional opportunities include Friday technical tours, career-fair-only registration, and guest tickets for dinner and reception. Register and find more information at: <http://www.swe.org/regionj/jcon10/registration.html>

This is just 1 month away! The conference planning committee has put together a spreadsheet that identifies all the different time slots and activities for which we need volunteers during the conference. If you are coming to the conference and would like to help out during the event, please contact Alice Orrell at easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com.

Below is a description of some of the volunteer positions still available:

Registration - sit at Registration table and check in members

Reception/Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner Greeters - check for reception and meal tickets and provide directions

Breakout Session Moderators - perform laptop monitor jobs, introduce speakers, issue feedback surveys, keep track of time, facilitate Q&A

Career Fair - COM Table - sell COMs at a table in the career fair - and monitor the Kaplan raffle

If you already know there is a specific breakout session you'd like to attend, please consider being the moderator for that session. Here's the conference schedule:

<http://www.swe.org/RegionJ/jcon10/schedule.html>

Once all the time slots are filled and we get closer to the date of the event, we'll have a pre-conference meeting to go over details.

Section Bylaws

Reminder: Our by-laws were changed to satisfy the new national committee, and the committee has asked that we re-vote to approve the by-laws. EWS members have received an email describing our by-law revision journey, and the summarized changes. Remember to cast your vote as directed by the email. Voting is open until March 25. We need a 2/3 vote in favor to pass the by-laws (17 out of 26 current paid members).



Expanding Your Horizons

Expanding Your Horizons is an annual workshop for Middle school age girls to introduce them to math and science related careers and women in those careers. Alicia Boyd from EWS has volunteered to help again with this event, held on Saturday March 20, at WSU Tri-cities Campus. Contact Alicia for more information or to volunteer.

Engineers Week Banquet –Walla Walla University

This Engineers Week Banquet, sponsored by the Walla Walla University School of Engineering, was Thursday Feb 18th. EWS was represented by Ann & Mike Langevin, Alicia Boyd, and Alice Orrell. The featured speaker was Jill S. Tietjen, PE, whose presentation was titled, *Building Bridges to Our Future*. She spoke about the significant challenges which face society, our current engineering workforce, and today's students who will be the engineers of the future to enhance and improve the infrastructure on which we rely for our standard of living and quality of life.



Jill S. Tietjen, PE, is the President and CEO of Technically Speaking, Inc. She has spent over 30 years in the electric utility industry, and provides planning consulting services to electric utilities. She served as the 1991-1992 National President of the Society of Women Engineers, and is the author of books such as *Her Story: A Timeline of Women Who Changed America*.

In addition to the presentation, EWS members met Melodie Selby, who is a faculty member and the new SWE advisor at Walla Walla University.

Engineers Week Banquet – Tri-Cities



The Tri-Cities Engineers Week Banquet was Friday Feb 19th. EWS sponsored a table for our members. The featured presentation was by Birgitte K. Ahring, Director of the Bioproducts, Science, and Engineering Laboratory and a Battelle Distinguished Professor, speaking on *How Can Biorefineries Limit Our Addiction to Oil*. Dr. Ahring, is an internationally recognized microbiologist, who joined BSEL in August 2008. If you missed the banquet, you fortunately have another opportunity to hear Dr Ahring speak at our regional conference in April.

Call for Nominations

SWE Announces the 2010 Individual Awards Program

The Society of Women Engineers strives to advance and honor the contributions of women at all stages of their careers as well as recognize the successes of SWE members and individuals who enhance the engineering profession through contributions to industry, education and the community.

The SWE Individual Awards Program offers 14 different awards:

- Achievement, the highest award given by the Society
- Upward Mobility
- Resnik Challenger Medal
- Rodney D. Chipp
- Distinguished Engineering Educator
- Distinguished New Engineer
- Fellow Grade
- Distinguished Service
- Entrepreneur
- Work Life Balance
- Emerging Leaders
- Collegiate Member
- Outstanding Faculty Advisor
- Outstanding SWE Counselor

Award requirements and instructions can be found online at www.swe.org, just click on [Awards & Competition](#) then [Individual Awards & Recognitions](#). You may also download the [2010 Individual Awards Nomination Packet](#) and the [nomination form](#).

The nomination deadline is **March 31, 2010**, midnight, Central Standard Time. Awards will be presented at WE10 in Orlando, FL. For information or specific questions, please contact the Awards Chair at awards-chair@swe.org.

Region J Awards

Region J is proud to announce the call for applications for regional awards. The following awards will be given at JCON10:

Professional Development to recognize a professional section that has developed the best program or activity that is aligned with the SWE professional development goals.

Outstanding Collegiate Programs to recognize exceptional programs and activities of a collegiate section that are aligned with the SWE national or regional goals, mission, and/or strategic plan.

Distinguished Outreach Service to recognize SWE members who have made a valuable contribution to the Society with specific emphasis in promoting SWE via K-12 outreach and STEM-related activities.

The application deadline for consideration for these awards is **March 31, 2010**.

EWS is submitting our “The Way We Are” program for consideration for the Professional Development award. If you have any additional ideas for submissions, please contact Renee Slocumb.

Additional details and required application materials can be found on the SWE Community—Region J Connections website.

EWS Officer Elections

The slate for FY11 officers will be presented at the Spring Business Meeting on April 21st. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Section Representative. If you are interested, e-mail easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com and/or review the section by-laws for more information on roles and responsibilities.

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this newsletter! Send input for the next Issue to Ann Langevin by April 30 at Langevin5@verizon.net

If you know someone who might 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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