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Upcoming Events

August 7 Annual Planning Retreat,
Desert Winds Winery, Prosser

Important Dates

Sep 18-19 ABJ Conference, Reno, NV
Nov 4-6 National SWE Conference, Orlando, FL

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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

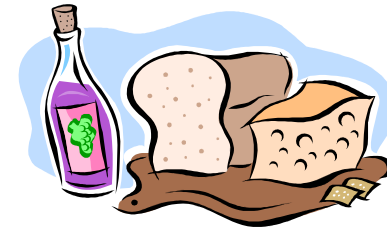
SWE Members and Supporters,

Welcome to Fiscal Year 2010! This year promises to be full of great events and opportunities for SWE-EWS members and supporters, including networking, professional development, outreach, and some good old fashioned fun!

Our first event this year will be the annual planning retreat, on August 7th. This is where the SWE-EWS officers and interested members get together to plan the coming year's events and activities. If you have ideas you would like to see implemented at SWE-EWS, please join us at the retreat. If you are unable to attend the retreat, please e-mail me with any ideas you would like us to consider for the coming year.

After August 7th, local and national events will be posted on the SWE-EWS website (www.eastwashingtonswe.org) and announced in e-mail updates and newsletters. I hope you can join us for these events and look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year!

Dimple Patel
SWE-EWS President
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EWS-SWE Annual Planning Retreat

Each year EWS plans a getaway to a fun and relaxing location to allow us to concentrate on planning. We set goals, plan events and establish the calendar for the coming year. Past years have taken us to places such as Leavenworth, Walla Walla, Dayton, and Northern Idaho. This year's retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 8am-5pm at Desert Wind Winery in Prosser.

Carrie Fetto is going to join us at the retreat and help the board members plan the year and improve SWE-EWS's future. Carrie Fetto is a student of LIOS Graduate College, who is working on her Master's Program project, and has been a consultant to our section, advising on membership retention, membership involvement and officer turnover.

All members are invited to participate. Please RSVP To easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com by Wednesday July 28th.

Please note: Because EWS pays for the food on an individual basis, this will be a strictly RSVP event. Last minute cancelations will require reimbursement of the food costs.

EWS 2011 Officers

Your new FY11 officers are as listed below.
Congratulations and thank you to all!

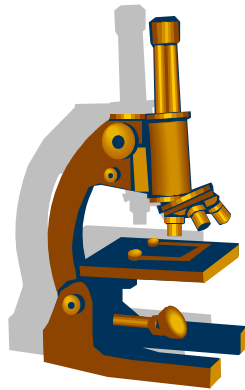
President – Dimple Patel
VP – Jennifer Williamson
Treasurer – Colleen Smalley
Secretary – Sarah Widder
Section Rep – Alicia Boyd,

National SWE Conference

Check out this link for information on the upcoming National SWE Conference November 4-6 in Orlando Florida.

<http://we10.swe.org/>

Note that our Section Representative will need an alternate for travel to nationals. If someone wants to attend Nationals in Florida, please let us know. EWS should be able to subsidize some of the cost.



EWS Supports School Science Programs

Kamiakin High School invited EWS to help review the science curriculum the Kennewick School District will be using. This review is something that only occurs about every 10 years so it presented an opportunity for EWS to have an impact on local science education. EWS members Wanda Munn, Sarah Widder, and Renee Slocumb volunteered to help with this effort.

Areva Technical Tour

A technical tour of Areva was held on June 11. Thirteen people attended, 4 of which were EWS members, the rest were other local technical society members and friends of EWS members. Tour attendees learned a lot about the nuclear fuel manufacturing process. **Eastern Washington SWE would like to thank Areva NP Inc for organizing this tour for us!**



July 7, 2010

Ms. Sandy Brower, EWS Scholarship Chair
SWE Eastern Washington Section
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Dear Sandy:

On behalf of SWE's Board of Trustees, we are delighted to accept your gift to SWE's Scholarship Fund of \$29,600.00 to permanently endow the Wanda Munn Scholarship. We will invest this money right away so as to provide a \$1,000 scholarship in the fall of 2011 (FY12).

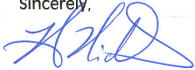
The Board of Trustees will attempt to increase this scholarship over time. Such increases are at our sole discretion and will be based on investment performance and cumulative contributions to the Wanda Munn Scholarship Fund.

We understand that you intend to have SWE select your recipient through the national selection process, and that you have provided criteria for selection. These criteria are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and the SWE Scholarship Committee. If she has not already done so, Michele Fitzpatrick of the Board of Trustees will advise as to SWE's approval of the criteria.

Additional donations to the Wanda Munn Scholarship Fund, in any amount, are always welcome. They may be sent directly to SWE-HQ with the appropriate designation. SWE-HQ forwards all Scholarship Fund donations to the Board of Trustees on a monthly basis. Should a donor wish to donate appreciated stock rather than cash to your fund, please have them contact me directly.

Your commitment to SWE's scholarship program is admirable, and we commend you on having the foresight to endow this scholarship. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Angela Nickels
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

cc:

Marcia Lampela, SWE-HQ
Marge inden, SWE BoT Chair
Michele Fitzpatrick, SWE BoT Scholarship Liaison
Danielle Kamel, Chair, SWE Scholarship Committee (FY11)

EWS Scholarship Committee News

It's official, the Wanda Munn Scholarship, previously administered by the local section scholarship committee, has been transferred to SWE National to better facilitate the investment of the funds and the selection process. See the attached letter from National to the left.

Additionally, the scholarship committee has completed its five-year agreement with Areva to administer an annual scholarship for women engineers. EWS greatly appreciates the opportunity to administer this scholarship, and is grateful to Areva for their sponsorship and support of women engineering students.

Many thanks to Sandy Brower, who has overseen the scholarship committee these many years. Through these efforts many women students have been assisted in reaching their educational goals.

Both the Wanda Munn Scholarship and the Areva Scholarship were awarded this year to Gretchen Reeploeg, a very-deserving Mechanical Engineering student at WSU Tri-Cities. See next page for Gretchen's Thank-you note.

May 28, 2010

Sandy Brower
EWS Scholarship Chair
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Dear Ms. Brower,

I was very excited to learn that I was awarded both the Wanda Munn and AREVA Scholarships through the Eastern Washington Section of the Society of Women Engineers. Being chosen to receive these scholarships is an honor; the funds will go a long way toward financing my future. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the scholarship committee for this honor.

I was born and raised in Richland, Washington, where I was involved in band, flag team, and girls' ice hockey. I graduated from Hanford High School, then went on to earn a BA in Sociology from the University of Washington. While attending school there, I worked part-time and was very involved in the marching band. I worked full-time after leaving UW, but eventually realized that I wanted to make a significant change in my life. I researched careers and college programs, finally deciding to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. My husband and I were also eager to re-establish our roots in the Tri-Cities area; we were high school sweethearts and our families still live in Richland.

My husband and I left our jobs in Seattle and moved back to Richland three years ago so that I could start the Mechanical Engineering program at Columbia Basin College and Washington State University. At CBC I was the secretary of the Chemistry Club and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society. Last November I was hired as a mechanical engineering intern by

Washington River Protection Solutions, where I am constantly expanding my engineering knowledge base. I have earned a spot on the Honor Roll every term since returning to school and am working very hard to make the most of the opportunity I have been given. This program is challenging and seems even more intimidating for the few women who choose it, but I think the challenge is what makes it worthwhile.

Thank you again for selecting me to receive these scholarships; I can hardly express my gratitude. I truly appreciate your belief in furthering my education, as well as that of my peers, and hope that I will be able to do the same for the next generation.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Reeploeg

Washington State University
Class of 2011

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this newsletter! Send input for the next Issue to Ann Langevin by August 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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