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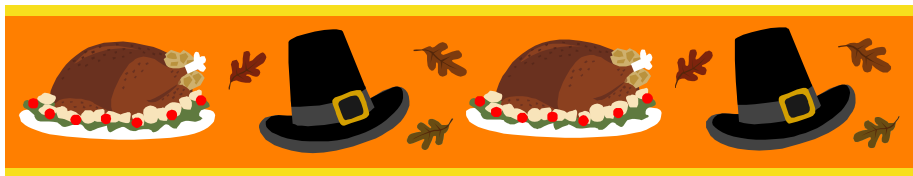
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### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov 10 5:30 Board Meeting  
6:00 General Business Meeting
- Wednesday, Dec 1 Board Meeting
- Saturday, Dec 18 Christmas Party, tentative date  
More information to follow!
- Thursday Jan 20 Membership Growth Event  
Stay tuned for more information
- Tuesday Feb 15 Speaker Event with WIE/IEEE

### Important Dates

- April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Region J Conference Corvallis, Oregon

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The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a not-for-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Founded in 1950, SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more.

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***Aspire • Advance • Achieve at Every Stage of Your Career***

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## Opening Note

SWE Members and Supporters,

With autumn well under way and winter approaching, we are getting ready for some awesome EWS Events. These events include the annual Christmas Social in December, and two new events in January and February. The Membership Growth Event will be held to encourage new professionals to join SWE, so get your list of friends ready. Our technical speaker event promises to be an interesting night of conversation and networking as we jointly host with IEEE Women in Engineering.

If you're looking for some quick information about SWE that you can hand out at work or to interested friends, EWS has a section brochure. The brochure has a calendar, contact information, and section information and is available on the EWS website at: <http://www.eastwashingtonswe.org/about.html>

Additionally, SWE has some great volunteer opportunities open right now. See the "Help Wanted" article on page 5 for more information about the Region J Award Committee, the National Bylaws Committee and the Walla Walla University Counselor position.

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## November Business Meeting

**General Business Meeting, Nov 10 @ 6pm, with the Board Meeting at 5:30**

**Where: Bamboo Garden 8021 Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick**

Each year EWS schedules two General Business meetings, one in the fall and the other in the spring. These Business meetings give our general membership the opportunity to get updates on the activities, and events that the board is planning, and to discuss decisions made on the local and national level. Please join your fellow EWS members and supporters, and provide your input on what you want to see SWE doing this year.

## 2011 Region J Annual Meeting



Willamette Valley SWE will be hosting this year's Region J Conference and they have put out a Call for Speakers. The conference theme is **Engineering Solutions to Disasters** and it will be held April 8-10, 2011 in Corvallis, Oregon. They are in need of keynote and breakout session speakers for the conference theme, professional development, and other sessions.

**Submit Your Ideas to JCon11 Call for Speakers** (available at [http://swe.org/regionj/jcon11/JCON11\\_Call\\_for\\_Speakers.pdf](http://swe.org/regionj/jcon11/JCON11_Call_for_Speakers.pdf)).

## EWS Halloween Party



Many thanks go to Sarah Widder who hosted the annual Halloween party at her home. SWE members shared great food and conversation, watched "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" and participated in a Cook-off. There were several delicious entries in the SWE Pumpkin Iron Chef; including pumpkin ravioli, two pumpkin curry soups, pumpkin cheesecake, pumpkin strudel, pumpkin-apple crisp, pumpkin salad, and dinner-in-a-pumpkin. Wanda Munn's dinner-in-a-pumpkin took first place and Wanda won a gift certificate to Ariel to help further her culinary career! You can view some of the wonderful costumes here with more on the EWS Website.



## The Way We Are – Annual Meeting

Our first meeting of the year was “The Way We Are”, an annual event that brings women engineers together to discuss the career and accomplishments of local SWE members. Sixteen people attended this event including board members, general members and guests. Two of our EWS-SWE officers gave presentations about their careers.

Colleen Smalley, SWE-EWS FY11 Treasurer, spoke about her job with Washington River Protection Solutions, where she works in the Mission Analysis Engineering group which plans for the operation of the Waste Treatment Plant. Sarah Widder, SWE-EWS FY11 Secretary, spoke about her work at PNNL where she focuses on sustainable design, energy efficiency, and green house gas management work. Specifically, she concentrates on the application of technology, standards, and regulation to meet these goals.

See more pictures on the Events page of our website.



## Help Wanted!

### **Region J Awards Committee Chair**

This position manages the Region J awards program, develops and communicates awards requirements to the membership and coordinates awards review, notifications, and scheduling of the presentations to award recipients. Provides report to the Region Governor.

Estimated Time Commitment: Average 2-3 hours per month,  
Busiest time: Between communicating the awards requirements to the membership to presenting the award recipients (generally 2-3 months prior to region conference)

Contact Region J Governor, Wendy Obenauf ([wendy.l.obenauf@intel.com](mailto:wendy.l.obenauf@intel.com)) if you are interested in this position or would like to be part of the awards committee this spring.

### **Region J Representative to National Bylaws committee**

The Bylaws committee reviews national, regional, section, and student section bylaws including proposed revisions and amendments. They prepare draft revisions to Society Bylaws, standard region, standard section, and standard student bylaws as required, and recommend approval/disapproval of new bylaws and changes to any bylaws to the Board of Directors. They also assist the Board of Directors with interpretation of existing Bylaws.

If you are interested, contact Region J Governor, Wendy Obenauf ([wendy.l.obenauf@intel.com](mailto:wendy.l.obenauf@intel.com))

### **Walla Walla University Student Section Counselor**

Each SWE student section has a professional SWE member as their counselor. The section counselor's tasks include offering advice, coordinating events with professional sections, and generally helping the chapter to be successful. If you are interested in becoming the counselor for Walla Walla University, please email us at [easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com](mailto:easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com).

## Regional Motions Passed

The following Regional Motions have been passed:

### **Motion FY11-001 - Waive 30 Day Notification Requirement for Travel Reimbursement - FY10 Only**

Allowed Region J members to submit receipts for travel reimbursement after the 30 day window because the reimbursement information was distributed more than 30 days after the Conference.

### **Motion FY11-002 - FY10 Travel Fund Allocations**

The region has two travel funds for region officers and the region council—one for professional travel, the other for collegiate travel. The source of funding is primarily from the Corporate Partnership Council (CPC) distribution. Collegiate travel funding is voluntarily donated by sections with supplementation from the CPC. The FY09 Region Council voted in favor of directing all CPC funds to region travel unless otherwise noted. The Region Governor and Treasurer recommend the following allocations to the budget:

-Professional: \$3000 total budget for expenses incurred for FY10 travel to WE09 and JCon10

-Collegiate: \$1500 total budget for expenses incurred for FY10 travel to WE09 and JCon10

### **Motion FY11-004, Approval for the FY11 Region J budget**

This motion will put on record a budget and approval that funds will be disbursed in accordance with the region bylaws.

This motion incorporates decisions from Motion FY11-003 for region travel allocations from FY10. It also seeks to set a cap on the total travel expenses that will be permitted for FY11 travel.

### **Motion FY11-005, FY11 Travel Fund Allocations**

The budget allocation for both professional and collegiate travel for FY11 will be capped at a maximum of \$2700.00 with allocation for the Professional member travel fund at \$1500.00 and the allocation of the Collegiate travel fund at \$1200.00, subject to the following::

- \$300 per person maximum per event
- Funds to be distributed first to fill WE10 requests and second to JCon11 requests
- Distributions will be considered using the priority order listed in the Region J Procedures up to the individual maximums or total budget maximum as noted above.

## Holiday Gift Shopping

Consumers around the world voted for Barbie® Doll's next career as a Computer Engineer! Having Barbie® as an ambassador for female computer engineers can help inspire a new generation of girls to hone in on their computer skills and become a part of this growing profession. "Girls who discover their futures through Barbie will learn that they – just like engineers – are free to explore infinite possibilities, and that their dreams can go as far as their imaginations take them," said Nora Lin, President, Society of Women Engineers. "As a computer engineer, Barbie will show girls that women can design products that have an important and positive impact on people's everyday lives, such as inventing a technology to conserve home energy or programming a newborn monitoring device."

To ensure the doll accurately reflects this occupation, Barbie® designers worked with the Society of Women Engineers and the National Academy of Engineering to ensure that accessories, clothing and packaging were realistic and representative of a real computer engineer. Looking geek chic, Computer Engineer Barbie® wears a T-shirt featuring binary code and computer/keyboard. The Computer Engineer carries a Barbie® smart phone, fashionable laptop case, flat watch and Bluetooth earpiece. With stylish pink-frame glasses and a shiny laptop, she is ready to conquer the day's tasks on the go or from her desk. For girls to further experience the reality of being a computer engineer, the doll also includes a special code to unlock exclusive online game content on Barbie.com. Computer Engineer Barbie is now available for pre-order at [www.MattelShop.com](http://www.MattelShop.com).



*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.***

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this newsletter! Send input for the next Issue to Ann Langevin by December 30 at [Langevin5@frontier.com](mailto:Langevin5@frontier.com)

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