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SWE-OC Holiday Social



Join SWE-OC in celebrating the holidays. We invite you to join us for great food, great company, and lots of fun! We will be having our white elephant gift exchange so this will be the opportune time to get rid of a gift you didn't want or like! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2009

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Marie Callender's
18889 Brookhurst Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Menu (choose one entrée):

Items below include Caesar salad, cornbread, choice of fountain drinks, iced tea, or coffee.

Artichoke & Mushroom Chicken

Pepper-Crusted Hand-Carved Tri-Tip

Double Shrimp Pasta

Vegetarian option available upon request

Cost: \$25 members and non-members;
\$20 students and unemployed

RSVP: Jen at swe-oc-social@swe.org by December 3rd
Meal selections will be made the night of the event.

RSVP is a financial commitment

<http://www.swe-oc.org>

December President's Message

Now that Thanksgiving is past us, the holiday season is officially in full swing. For most of us, this time of year is very busy – shopping, decorating, visiting relatives, baking, attending parties, the list is endless. It is easy to get caught up in the day to day and forget about what really matters. Keep it simple. Don't stress from what is not checked off your list, but focus on what is complete.

The SWE-OC Holiday Party is this weekend. See the details in the newsletter. I hope to see you all at the party and wish you "Happy Holidays" in person.

Since the New Year is fast approaching, I'm sure everyone is starting to think about their New Year's Resolutions. Are you looking to advance at your company? Are you planning on taking the PE? Would you like to improve your networking skills? Do you want to give back to the community? **Can SWE Help You Achieve Your New Year's Resolution?** SWE-OC will have lots of great programs in the New Year. I hope that you will keep your eyes open and checkout www.swe-oc.org and our monthly newsletters for ways SWE-OC can help you fulfill your goals in 2010.

This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and your family, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!



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November Dinner Meeting Wrap Up By Trish Cabrera

Twelve SWE-OC members attended the November dinner meeting at RBF Engineering in Irvine. Laura Narimatsu Wasserman, Attorney at Law, presented an Estate Planning overview which included information on wills, probate, trusts, estate planning and tax consequence. Laura answered questions throughout her presentation and provided great real life examples of situations to avoid.

SWE-OC would like to thank RBF for hosting the event.

SWE-OC Professional Development Conference

Come and join us for our kickoff meeting for this year's Professional Development Conference! The conference, usually held in April, is a one-day event full of presentations, networking opportunities, and lots of learning, and it is open to anyone. If you have ever been curious about what goes into planning a conference, then we need your help. Planning is half the fun, so whether you want to help with part of the planning or just want to see what it's all about, please join us!

When: Tuesday, December 15

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Panera Bread at the District
2467 Park Avenue
Tustin

RSVP/Contact: Leah Larson llarson@rbf.com 714-329-6546

Please let Leah know if you would like to attend the meeting or if you are interested in volunteering. Your help will make this PDC the best one yet!

Region B Senator Blog

The Sonora Region Senators have taken the time to create a blog to keep the region membership updated on what the Senate is working on and issues they are addressing. Please pay a visit to the site and share with your section members. This is a very easy way to keep the communication flowing to our members.

<http://sonorasenate.wordpress.com/>

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SWE-OC Member of the Month

SWE-OC would like to recognize Kim O'Rourke as our November Member of the Month. Currently, Kim is serving as Section Representative, Newsletter Editor, and Bylaws Committee Chair. As section representative, Kim attended the ABJ Meeting along with fellow SWE-OC Section Representatives Jeannette Lindeman and Paola Chavira. Kim also played an essential role in organizing volunteers for the SWE National Conference (WE '09) held at the Long Beach Convention Center in October. Kim does an amazing job each month organizing the monthly newsletter, and we are all greatly appreciative of her efforts to keep the entire chapter "in the know" with upcoming events and recaps of past events. SWE-OC would like to take this opportunity to thank Kim for her constant dedication to the chapter.

Welcome New Members

SWE-OC would like to welcome the following new members to the section: Farah Bajwa, Benita Chauhan, Frank Del Valle, Neveen Farag, Tamara Hamideh, Uyen Hoang, Nancy Keech, Katie Kelley, Bonnie Lau, Sonia Murphy, Rachel Nichols, Hoang-Yen Nguyen, Brooke Reed, Christina Rong, Dawei Shen, Deepa Shetty, Yuh Jiun Tan, Kristie Van, Melissa Vicker, and Min Zhang

2010 Entertainment Books

If you are still interested in ordering Entertainment Books for 2010 (for any area), you may do so online and have the book mailed directly to you. Here are the steps:

- 1) Go to <http://orange-county.entertainment.com/discount/fundraisingLookup.shtml>
- 2) Enter the SWE-OC group account number: 117488
- 3) Enter your zip code
- 4) On the next screen, you should see a heading that says "Thank you for Supporting SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS - ORANGE COUNTY "
- 5) Continue your order as normal.

These books contain tons of coupons that you can use all around Orange County at restaurants, theme parks, etc. The money you'll save is well worth the \$35 you'll spend on these books.

If you have any questions, please contact Tran Nguyen at tran.nguyen@parker.com.

*Have you seen the new Region B Website?
Go to <http://sweregionb.org/>*

Region and National News

Society of Women Engineers 2010 Sonora Region Conference & Career Fair

Hosted by SWE Phoenix and SWE Arizona State University (ASU)

About the conference: This conference is attended by over 250 professionals and college students in engineering. The goal of the conference is to promote development and awareness of other opportunities in the engineering community. The conference promises Exciting and Educational Speakers, Informative Workshops, Technical and Local Area Tours, Socials, Career Opportunities and More!

When: January 29-31, 2010
Where: Phoenix, Arizona
Hotel: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!! Registration Costs (Before January 3rd, 2010)

Collegiate SWE Members – \$100
Professional SWE Members – \$125
Non SWE Members – \$135
Retired/Unemployed SWE Members – \$105

For more information go to: <http://sweregionb.org/region-conference>

SWE National Conference – WE10 Call for Participation

Thousands of women engineers and technologists will unite in Orlando to launch innovation and define success at WE10. Now is the time to ensure your organization is at the center of one of engineering's most defining events for women.

Content is needed for various audiences, tracks and formats. Presenting a session allows you to highlight your expertise and showcase the accomplished women in your organization. You'll also gain visibility as a diversity advocate as you support the advancement of engineering and women's vital role within it.

The submission deadline is **February 19, 2010**. For more information, go to

http://we09.swe.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=23&Itemid=34

Save the Date for WE10

Next year SWE is heading to Orlando for WE10: *Launching Innovation. Defining Success.* Mark your calendars for **November 4-6, 2010** now to ensure you are a part of this milestone conference in which the finale of our year long SWE60 Anniversary.

SWE-OC Outreach Activities

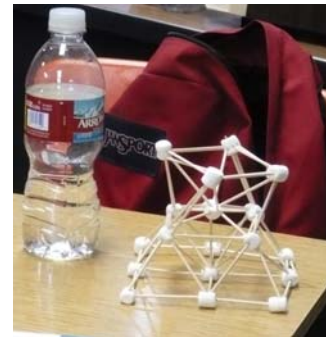
SWE-OC Speaker's Bureau Event Garden Grove School Visitation - November 20, 2009

On Friday November 20, 2009 SWE OC members partnered with the Orange County Sections of the American Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member Forum (ASCE YMF), Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) and Women Transportation Seminar (WTS) to visit Garden Grove High School AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program classes, approximately 161 students 9 to 11 grade in six classes, where students learned about engineering and science, what it takes to get into college and how fun the careers within those fields can be.

Following the engineering/science presentation the students broke into 4 or 5 teams and worked on building a tall and strong tower made out of marshmallows and toothpicks, the group that build the tallest tower was recognized and then the towers were tested by placing mini-Hershey bars to see which was the strongest structure, the structure that held the most bars won, and that group students was recognized as well. All the students were rewarded for participating in the activities with yummy chocolates.

The students had so much fun with the activity and had a lot questions about engineering, math and science, the group was asked to come back soon.

This was one of the first events this year, the Speaker's Bureau committee is looking forward to participating in more events like this; if you have kids that are in schools that could have fun with a presentation like this please contact Jeannette Lindemann at swe-oc-speakersbureau@swe.org.



Volunteers Needed for Girl Scout Badge Workshop

SWE-OC is hosting another Girl Scout badge workshop.

Date: December 12th
Time: 8:00 am- Noon
Location: Boeing
Huntington Beach

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Dinamarie Stefani
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FY10 Officers and Committee Chairs

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Calendar of Events

Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Holiday Social	Dec 5 th	6pm	Marie Callendars, Fountain Valley	Jen Wong
Girl Scout Aerospace Badge Workshop	Dec 12 th	8am-noon	Boeing, Huntington Beach	Dinamarie Stefani
SWE-OC Professional Development Conference kickoff meeting	Dec 15 th	6:30pm	Panera Bread at the District, Tustin	Leah Larson
Region B Conference	Jan 29-31, 2010	NA	Phoenix AZ	Paola Chavira/Kim O'Rourke
Region B FY10 meeting #4	May 23, 2010	Tbd	Conference call	Paola Chavira/Kim O'Rourke
SWE10 National Conference	Nov 4-6	Na	Orlando, FL	Paola Chavira/Kim O'Rourke

SWE OBJECTIVES AND MISSION STATEMENT

SWE is a non-profit educational service organization dedicated to making known the need for women engineers and encouraging young women to consider an engineering education. The organization's four objectives are as relevant today as they were more than 50 years ago:

- To inform young women, their parents, counselors, and the public in general of the qualifications and achievements of women engineers and the opportunities open to them.
- To assist women engineers in readying themselves for a return to active work after temporary retirement.
- To serve as a center of information on women in engineering.
- To encourage women engineers to attain high levels of educational and professional achievement.

The mission statement, adopted in 1985, states: The Society of Women Engineers stimulates women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expands the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in the quality of life, and demonstrates the value of diversity.