



Society of Women Engineers Hartford Section Newsletter

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December SWEet Event

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

6PM, Mikasa Restaurant

234 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester (next to Big Y)



Join SWE members and friends for some good food, good friends, and good karma for the Holidays. Hallmark will be supplying cards for us to send holiday wishes to local hospitals and nursing homes.

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Save the Date! Wine Pairing and Tasting

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6PM, Rocky Hill

Do you like wine? Do you want to know more about wines? Come celebrate after the holidays over a glass of wine and some hors d'œuvres. Wines will be paired with food and tasting notes. This will be a fun night for wine connoisseur or a beginner.

Order a few special bottles of wine and it will arrive just in time for Valentine's Day!

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From the Desk of the President

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Hello SWE Hartford and Friends,

Well if you haven't noticed, we are already in December! I am still feeling the energizing effects of the SWE National Conference during October. I hope that energy is enough to help me finish a report at work and get through the holiday season.

The SWE Conference in Long Beach, CA was a great professional development and networking opportunity for the 5,000 engineers in attendance.

Here are some fun facts about the conference.....

- Many Hartford area companies recruited at the career fair including Hallmark, United Technologies Corp, Travelers, General Dynamics, etc.
- It rained for the first time all year in Long Beach during the conference!
- The conference proceedings are FREE to download from the conference website: <http://we09.swe.org/index.php> and Select "WE09 Presentations and Handouts" from the list in the center of the page.
- For this first time, SWE held a dance party after the annual "Celebrate SWE" event during which SWE members showed off their dance moves to the music of a local DJ.
- Region F developed a history video which was played during the Celebrate SWE event. Go to <http://www.swe.org/RegionF/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to download the 2 minute video presentation.

As you review the material discussed at the society's conference in Long Beach, let us know which topics are most relevant to you so we can cater our local programming to your needs. As a medium-size section, your input can greatly impact the future offerings of the Hartford section!

Warmly,

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Save the Date!
SWE Region F Conference at Boston University
April 10th, 2010



We are pleased to announce the Society of Women Engineers 2010 Region F (New England) Conference hosted by Boston University in Boston, MA on Saturday, April 10th. This year's theme is "Changing the Way the World Works". We are thrilled to have multiple exciting keynote speakers at our opening and closing ceremonies, including the Society President Nora Lin.

This conference covers a broad range of topics from technical discussions to individual issues of professional and personal development. Workshops will be offered in the areas of leadership, workplace effectiveness, work life balance, and global outreach.

Student attendance at this conference has grown steadily over the last few years. As in past years, we will have significant student publicity and provide housing and transportation assistance to our collegiate members in order to ensure anyone who wants to attend is able to do so. In addition, the number of experienced professionals attending the conference has increased, because we provide more opportunities for them to attend sessions that improve their skills, for both work and home.

We anticipate approximately 350-400 attendees, both collegiate and professional members will attend from the region, which encompasses Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and eastern New York. Typical attendees represent a wide variety of engineering disciplines, management levels, experience levels, and areas of interest.

Conference Highlights

- *Morning Keynote:* Jill Tietjen, PE, Technically Speaking, Inc and Past SWE President
- *Networking Lunch*
- *Evening Keynote:* Dr. Karen Panetta, Tufts University and founder of Nerd Girls, Inc

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SWE National Conference

Teresa Amaducci attended “The Art of Networking” session presented by Gail Cornelius from Boeing. Below is a takeaway that serves as good advice.

10 Commandments of Good Networking

1. Thou Shalt Be Prepared
2. Be a good listener
3. Give Before Receiving
4. Thou Shalt Follow Up – Keep Network Alive
5. Be Specific
6. Choose Effective Networking Events
7. Choose Contacts Effectively
8. Share your Resources
9. Keep Good Records
10. Never Stop

Ashley and Michelle at the career fair



L to R: Keebler Elf, Teresa Amaducci, Vanessa Connell, Tony the Tiger, Ashley Phillips, Elizabeth DeLouise

RPI Students and Alumna celebrating section awards



Section and National News

Bylaws Vote

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. SWE Hartford, F003, is working on updating our bylaws. We have submitted our draft bylaws to the Society Bylaws Committee. These bylaws were created from a SWE Bylaws Committee template and the changes in red were proposed by your Hartford Executive Council. Adoption of these bylaws is only possible after a vote for approval sent to the Hartford section membership. Please review the attached proposed bylaws and contact Michelle Montepara at mmontepara@gmail.com with any questions related to these changes prior to voting.

Please vote by 12/14/09 using this survey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KJPGQ3M>

Thank you,

SWE FY10 Hartford Section Executive Council

National SWE 2009 Webinars Available for Replay

During 2009, SWE produced webinars on work/life balance, emotional intelligence, effective communication, leading change, career development in tough economic times, valued-based leadership, negotiation and strategies to overcome micro-inequities within your organization. We encourage our members and partner organizations to take advantage of these fantastic professional development resources.

What is a webinar?

- 60 minutes of quality instruction by an expert
- Online curriculum designed for skill-building
- Free to members, and moderately priced for non-members
- Facilitated interaction with the expert
- Knowledge resources and customized take-aways
- Dynamic learning experience without leaving your desk

Visit the SWE National website for all available webinars and information

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