

Happy New Year!

Please see the announcements below.

Please also check our website for updated events and announcements!

<http://www.swe.org/centralflorida/index.html>

Central Florida Society of Women Engineers Events and Information January 4, 2012

Lunchtime Networking

Spend your lunch hour by networking with some fellow women in our industry! Central Florida SWE will be hosting 3 lunch networking events on **January 6, 2012** at 11:30 AM:

The Elephant Bar at Altamonte Mall – 451 E. Altamonte Dr, Altamonte Springs, FL - [\(407\) 339-1186](tel:4073391186)
RSVP to Barika at cflswediversity@swe.org

Greens & Grille - 11325 University Boulevard Orlando FL - [\(407\) 373-0123](tel:4073730123)
RSVP to Cheri at cflswepresident@swe.org

Macaroni Grill - 12148 Apopka-Vineland Rd. Lake Buena Vista, FL – [407-239-6676](tel:4072396676)
RSVP to Elaine at cflsweprofdevelopment@swe.org

All interested people are welcome to attend, so bring a co-worker. Details will be posted on the website calendar.

January Kickoff Event - Little Black Dress

Central Florida SWE will be ringing in the year 2012 with a “Little Black Dress” kickoff event. Mark your calendars for **January 19, 2012** from 6pm-9pm at J. Alexander’s, 7335 W. Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32819. Cost will be \$10 per person, or \$5 with a donation to Dress for Success. Information is posted on the website calendar. <http://www.swe.org/centralflorida/calendar.html>

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the Central Florida Section of the Society of Women Engineers? We have several volunteer opportunities available including Fundraising Coordinator and Advertising Coordinator. For further information, including details on these positions, please contact us at central.florida@swe.org.

Looking for More Info on CFL SWE?

Visit our website at <http://www.societyofwomenengineers.org/centralflorida/> or visit us on facebook.

Awards Update

Our section will be nominating four candidates for E-Week awards. These candidates include Michele Mingoia for the Lifetime Achievement in Engineering Award, Simonetta O’Riordan-Adjah for the Young Engineer of the Year Award, The City of Sanford for the Outstanding Organization of the Year (Public Sector), and Reiss Engineering for Outstanding Small Organization of the Year (Private Sector). They will find out if they won at the E-Week Awards Banquet in February. Please wish all of our nominees luck!

This upcoming year our section will also be submitting applications for Region D and Society awards as well. Some of the Region D awards that we are applying for include the Website Award, Outreach Event/Series Award (for the Lyman High School Events), and the Professional Development Program/Event Award (for the UCF resume workshop). If you have any information that you would like to contribute to these awards please let us know. For additional information, please contact Tara Lamoureux at tara.lamoureux@sanfordfl.gov.

SWE Region D Conference

The SWE Region D Conference will be held March 1-4, 2012 in Charleston, SC. The goal for this conference is to give women in engineering the tools to succeed at both the academic and professional level. This year's theme will be "**Women: Bridging the Past to the Future.**" Attendees will be treated to the following activities:

- Speed Networking
- Welcome Reception – Lowcountry Boil
- Rapid Resume Review
- Career Fair
- Celebration Dinner, Awards Program & Murder Mystery Theater, with a theme of "Roaring 20's"
- Cooper River Bridge Walk
- Professional Development Workshop – "Conversations: Conflict and Negotiation" with Cathy Liska, author of Guide from the Side™. CEU credit available.

Registration opened December 1, 2011. For additional information or to register, go to <http://www.sweregiond.org/Conference>. If you are interested in rooming with a fellow CFL Section member, please email central.florida@swe.org. Hope to see you there!

Member Spotlight

Tamika Jones had her baby girl, Addison, on December 19, 2011. Mother and baby are doing well. Please join us in celebrating a future SWE member!

Please make sure to congratulate your fellow SWE women for their accomplishments! If you have a submission for a future email, please email Carolyn Dowd Bonaventura at cflswesecretary@gmail.com

Central Florida SWE Leadership

Tamika Jones has accepted the leadership position of Outreach Chair. Let's thank her for willing to take on this great opportunity.