



Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendars!!

Networking

November 5, 5-5:30p, WMU prior to meeting

Dec TBD; *Holiday Mingler/Cookie Exchange*

Professional Development Topics

November 5, 5:30p Joint meeting with WMU
Student SWE section – Speaker Sheri Welsh:
How to Find a Job During a Recession; at
Western Michigan University

Tours

September 17, 4p, *St Julian Winery Tour*
with SWE Southwest Michigan Section
716 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw, MI
(See directions and map on next page)

October 2, *Tour of Potato Packing and
Processing Shed*, White Pigeon, MI; Joint
meeting with American Society of
Agricultural and Biological Engineers
Time TBD

Outreach

Planning to couple with other local
Engineering Societies outreach activities

Business Meeting

Sept 9, 5:30p, Officer Meeting
5th 3Rd Bank Bldg, Suite 400, BC
All members are welcome to participate

National/Regional Events

October 15-17, National Convention
Long Beach, CA



President's Letter

Hi all! I am a SWE nut to the core, but many of you know that already. As the president of our Potential SWE Section I feel it is my primary responsibility to highlight what is great about SWE - it's people, opportunities, the society - everything that makes us proud to be members.

In fact I know of many individuals who proudly claim that their success can be directly associated to the success of SWE, including myself. Some of you also know that I give SWE credit for many of the opportunities I have been offered in my professional career.

I signed up for SWE in college, but wasn't very active. It was more of a resume builder for me than a network of support and information that I know it as today. After graduation, I was walking thru the office area at work and noticed a woman reading the SWE magazine. She was planning her itinerary for the National Conference. We talked for a while and I came to learn how active the professional section was in the area and the great meetings that they had coming up and I started going to them. I identified with so many of the members and what the society stood for that I quickly found myself involved (president, newsletter editor, website editor, volunteer coordinator, regular meeting attendee, everything!)

These opportunities let me learn about communication, management of people, management of budgets, working and leading teams - many of the strengths that were needed in the workplace to advance to the next level. And the SWE environment is a collaborative, supportive one that surrounds people with help not competition such as in the workplace. It was a fantastic training ground that gave me the skills to be promoted at work, and I was. Promoted, chosen for an executive management mentoring program, given special assignments that led to high visibility, everything.

I was nominated and awarded the SWE Distinguished New Engineer Award, the article in the SWE magazine and the items mentioned in the last paragraph made me stand out in a crowd of applicants and opened the door for me to come to Kellogg's.

Besides these wonderful things that SWE has done for me and for others the atmosphere at SWE is like no other engineering society that I am a part of. The energy and excitement of the Regional and National conferences every year is contagious and I look forward to recharging my batteries every year by attending. I have been to other conferences and you can attend informative and beneficial seminars no matter which one you attend. But the energy felt as a SWE conference cannot be matched anywhere else.

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As I complete my registration to attend this year's SWE National Conference in Long Beach, CA and search through the many choices for free seminars to attend while there I find myself reflecting on what SWE has meant for me over time. It has given me support, courage, risk-free training, networking, safe environment for success, wonderful friends and has contributed to an exciting career.

SWE has a special way of making friends of strangers, and I am looking forward to Nationals to recharge my batteries, get up to date on the latest engineering and management "stuff" and make new friends.

How 'bout you? I want to know what you consider special about SWE, send me an email and let me know.

- Karla

Web Page Coming Soon!!

Please send your suggestions for web page to ddixon@rdseng.com. Look for progress report next month.

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If you are interested in leading a committee, please contact an officer.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly officer meetings.

Chartering Progress

Our Charter Package has been submitted!! Yea! It will take up to 1-2 months to hear back from National. In the meantime, please continue supporting our activities and growing our group!

St Julian Winery – Sept 17 Meet at 3:45p, Tour at 4p

More info available at <http://www.stjulian.com>

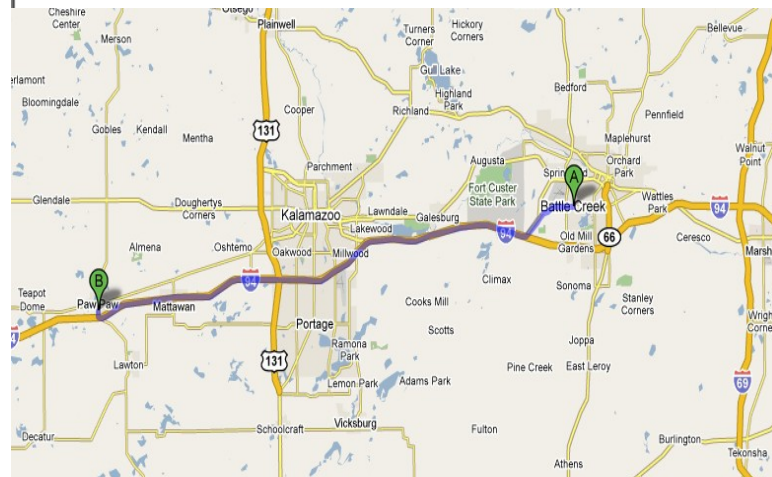
Driving directions to St Julian Wine Co

36.3 mi – about 37 mins

A Battle Creek, MI

- 1. Head west on Columbia Ave W toward 30th St S 2.6 mi
2. Turn left at Columbia Ave W/I-94 Bus 1.4 mi
3. Slight right to merge onto I-94 W 31.6 mi
4. Take exit 60 for MI-40 toward Lawton/Paw Paw 0.3 mi
5. Turn right at MI-40 (signs for Paw Paw) 0.4 mi

B St Julian Wine Co 716 S Kalamazoo St Paw Paw, MI 49079-1558



It's that time again! Don't forget to renew your National SWE Membership! Visit www.swe.org/renew You can also register for WE09 Conference while online!