



Upcoming Events

Networking

Thursday, May 28, 2009
Griffins, Michigan Ave, Battle Creek - following
WKKI new construction tour 4:00pm~5:30pm
Social afterwards @ Griffen's (downtown B.C.)

July TBC – Family Picnic at Binder Zoo
Zoo representative – Water treatment, feeding,

Professional Development Topics

June 17, 5:30 pm; speaker Cheri Najor
"Who Moved My Mini Cheesecake?"
Location: Eaton, I-94 exit 88

September, TBC - Joint meeting with WMU
Student SWE section – Panel Discussion

Tours

May 28, 4 pm - New Kellogg Pilot Plant –
2 Hamblin Ave East, Battle Creek MI
(directions on page 2)

August, TBC Winery Tour with SWE
Southwest Michigan Section

October, TBC Tour of Potato Farm, joint
meeting with ASABE

Outreach

None scheduled at this time:
Planning to couple with other local
Engineering Societies outreach activities

Business Meeting

Officer Meeting Tuesday June 9, 2009
All members are welcome to participate

National/Regional Events

National Convention, Long Beach, CA -
October 15-17

President's Letter

Well, I'm traveling again, but it is amazing....no matter where I go I have SWE friends. Right now I am in Omaha, NE and I caught up with some ladies that I have gotten to know over the past years at SWE Regional and National conferences. It really can be a small world.

I recently attended the SWE Professional Conference in Detroit. It was an amazing one day event that not only helped me professionally but it touched me deeply on a personal level too. You see, there were many people attending who were unemployed. This may not be a big surprise now-a-days in Michigan, but what was surprising is that they were interacting with people from their previous employers and there was strong feelings of support instead of bitterness and jealousy. One of the SWE members in attendance was an HR professional who had to hand out the layoff notices to the very people that were at the conference that day. I felt awkward at first until I realized I was the only one with those feelings. The people actually affected were working together to brainstorm new opportunities. In fact two of the people in attendance that day worked out a new entrepreneurial idea that they were going to see if they could make a go at a business together.

THIS is one of the many things that I Love about SWE. The opportunities it provides us all and the support that we can get and give to each other to ensure our continued success.

We have arranged one of the professional speakers from the conference to come to our area and speak. I really hope that you are able to join us and hear what she has to share. Please mark your calendars for June 17th to hear Cheri.

-Karla-

SWE National Cont
230 East Ohio Street, Suite 400, Ct
Questions or comments





Votes are in! **Chartering Officers**

President: Karla Romereim

Vice-President: Sylvia Schonauer

Secretary: Tawnya Hatcher

Treasurer: Molly Williams

If you are interested in leading a committee, please contact Karla

Romereim: Karla.Romereim@Kellogg.com, or 269-209-2584



Left to right: S. Schonauer, K. Romereim, T. Hatcher, M. Williams

Tour of Kellogg's WKKI Construction

Thursday, May 28, 4pm

Take M66 North from I94. At first traffic light, Hamblin Avenue, turn left (West). At the next traffic light, turn left (South) on Capital. Enter the truck entrance on the south side of the WKKI building on your left. Push the button to obtain access. Meet at the construction trailer on the far side of the lot on your left. Don't forget to wear sensible shoes – closed toe and closed heel with soles that allow you to walk safely in a construction area.

If you can't join us for the tour, please join us afterward for socializing at Griffen's (downtown Battle Creek on Michigan Ave)

SWE Activities to-date:

2007

- Local SWE members began communicating with SWE Nationals in 2007
- July 2007 - Initial contact with local SWE members to determine interest
- Began SWE meetings/activities

2008

- Voted on name of Proposed Section: Proposed South Central Michigan Section
- Determined Zip Codes for Proposed Section
- Continued SWE meetings/Activities (12 total!)

2009

- Continuing SWE meetings/Activities (6 so far!)
- May 28th – Kellogg's WKKI new pilot plant tour followed by Networking at Griffins
- June – Leadership Coach Speaker
- July – TBC Binder Zoo
- August – TBC Wine Tour w/ SWE Southwest MI
- Sept – TBC Joint Meeting w/ WMU Student Section
- Oct – National Convention
- Oct – TBC Joint Meeting with ASABE
- Member Needs Survey completed
- Bylaws accepted for Chartering
- Section Officers elected for Chartering
- Petition Signatures Gathered
- Section Newsletter launched!
- Submit Bylaws for approval
- Submit Charter package to SWE National Committee

2010

- Get Charter approved so we are an official SWE Section!