

SWE Philadelphia Section

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Editor's Note:

Next newsletter deadline is **February 19th**. Please send articles to: Heather Bernardin
habernardin@juno.com

Gaslight Restaurant

March 16th, 6-9pm

Exit 8 off I-95
Turn onto Stewart Ave
(Right from I-95S, Left from I-95N)
Right onto Rt. 13 (Chester Pike)
Left onto Sellers Ave.
Right Turn just after stop sign

Cost is \$25.00 (Students \$10.00)
RSVP to Carole Stowell
(610) 531-5320
by March 14th.

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Society of Women Engineers Philadelphia Section February 1999

Letter from the President Sue Sciarratta

Greetings to all! Our January planning meeting was very productive. We have tentatively decided to organize two special events this fall. The first is the Saturday Seminar for members, that was originally scheduled for this March. The other is a Networking Night with other women's technical societies in the area, such as SWEP, NAWIC, AWIS, etc. We need volunteers to begin making initial contacts for these events. Are you an active member of another technical society in the area? If so, I would like to know. We must continue to proactively seek partnerships and build bridges with organizations having similar interests or goals as SWE. This includes, not only technical societies, but corporations, universities, Student Sections, and non-profit organizations. This will become crucial over the next few years, as we gear up for the 2004 SWE National Convention right here in Philadelphia. That's right! We won the bid!

Inside you will find many opportunities to get more involved in SWE and in the community. PLEASE consider them and make it a goal to become more active this year. The more effort you give, the more we all benefit. It is my goal to get each and every one of you involved in something with SWE during 1999, no matter how small. For example, I am seeking an enthusiastic roving reporter to spearhead a new "Member's Profile" column for the newsletter. More details inside...

Please also note that we are adding a Bucks County subsection. Please join me for dinner on February 17th at Peddler's Village. Organizing sub-section meetings is another *really* easy job to volunteer for! Also, elections are coming up in April. Nominations for officers are being accepted now through March. Please submit self-nominations or nominations of others to Jennifer Wetzel, who graciously volunteered to be Election Teller. Concurrently, I will be seeking to fill the committee positions for next year. Please contact me directly if you are interested in heading one of the committees listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Have a happy Valentine's Day (my favorite excuse to eat more chocolate)!
-Susan Sciarratta

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2004 SWE National Conference**

The joint Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, and New Jersey Sections bid for the 2004 SWE National Conference was "**overwhelmingly accepted**"! The conference committee consists of:

Chair: Susan Best (Philadelphia)
Vice-Chair Programs: Lisa Walton (Lehigh Valley)
Vice-Chair Local Arrangements: Susan Sciarratta (Philadelphia)
Vice-Chair Student Activities: Vicki Brown (Philadelphia)
Treasurer: Holly Ross (New Jersey)
Secretary: Jennifer Wetzel (Philadelphia)

- **SWE 50th Anniversary**

Beth Silverman, SWE 50th Anniversary Committee Chair, is looking for SWE memorabilia, papers, personal histories, anecdotes, or anything you consider important to the history of SWE for the 50th anniversary celebration. At this time send her the enclosed "faxback" form if you are interested in providing material. *Please do not send any materials at this time.* Contact Beth with any questions or concerns Work 978-658-2231 / Home 617-964-8540 / E-mail beth.silverman@swe.org

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- **Section Officers and Chairs**

Elections for Section Officers and Committee Chairs will be held in April. Nominations for officers are being accepted now through March. Please submit self-nominations or nominations of others to Jennifer Wetzel (610) 695-7432 or Jennifer_Wetzel@mgind.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Member Profiles**

Writer for new column for newsletter "Members Profile" or "Her-Story" or other title as desired. Pick a member to interview (phone, email, etc.) with basic background questions and write up a short bio for newsletter. Lots of flexibility and fun! Contact Susan Sciarratta for details(see back page for contact info)

- **Speakers needed for the Girl Scouts**

Girl Scout Career Day, Sat. 3/13 at Bucks County Community College, Newtown, PA. Seeking women engineers to conduct a hands-on activity and talk about careers. 25 minute sessions from 10-12 and 1-2:30. About 15-20 girls per session. Can do jointly or alone. Call Maryann Jordan at 215-757-9628 or Susan Sciarratta 609-273-1110.

- **Saturday Seminar Organizer(s)**

Organizer(s) for Saturday Seminar for SWE Phila section members this fall. Need to start scoping out programs and logistics. Call Susan Sciarratta 609-273-1110 for details.

- **Networking Organizer**

Organizer needed for fall Networking Night/Mixer with women's technical societies. Need to start identifying and contacting other groups & organize planning committee. Call Susan Sciarratta 609-273-1110 for details.

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EVENTS

- **Delaware Section – Kickoff Meeting**

As has been discussed at the Philadelphia Section Meetings a group of Members that live and/or work in Delaware would like branch off from the Philadelphia Section. The first preliminary meeting will be held on **February 1, 6:30pm, at Lamberdi Cucina** (Old Pasta Blitz) 1300 Centerville Road. (302) 995-6955 (This is near Prices Corner in the same shopping center as the Acme)

Please pass this information on to other Women Engineers in your company. In the past we know that the drive to Philadelphia may have prevented soon women from becoming members/involved with the organization and would like to give them the opportunity to get more involved at a closer location. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact either: Vicki Land - (302) 369-1123 or Barbara Zubenko - (302) 234-2050.

- **Region E Conference**

The Region E Conference “Gearing Up for the New Millennium: Business & Leadership Skills for A Diverse Workforce” will be held on April 16-18, 1999 at the Bull Run Conference Center. Accommodations may be reserved at The Manhattan seaport Suites (212)742-0003.

For more information, visit the conference website at:
<http://www.cooper.edu/sweny/event2.html>

- **Delaware Valley Engineers Week**

Friday, February 19, 11:30am – Proclamation Luncheon
Wednesday, February 24, 5:15pm – Young Engineer of the Year Dinner
Saturday, February 20 9am-3pm – Science and Math Teachers Workshop
Saturday, February 27 6pm – Engineers Week Banquet: Speaker Gerald R. Rainey, President, PECO Nuclear. Topic: Deregulation of the Electric Power Industry.

Contact Richard A. Mulford (215) 985-5701 for more information.

- **Engineering Tours of the Delaware Valley – Spring 1999**

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia invites you to participate in the Spring 1999 Engineering Tours of the Delaware Valley. Cost for each tour is \$10.00 per person, and membership in the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia is not required.

Rowan University Engineering Dept., Glassboro, NJ – Saturday, April 10, 1999, 9:00am.
American Helicopter Museum, West Chester, PA – Saturday, April 17, 1999, 9:00am.
Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, PA – Saturday, April 24, 1999, 9:00am.
Philadelphia International Airport Terminal “B/C”, Philadelphia, PA – Saturday, May 1, 1999 9:00am.

Send your Name, Address, Day and Evening Phone Number, Social Security Number, Guest's Name, and guest's Social Security Number, with your check, the name(s) of tours attending and to:

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia
215 South 16th Street – Suite 36
Philadelphia, PA 19102-3349

After application and payment are received, directions will be sent ~1 week before the tour. Contact the Engineer's Club (215)985-5701, info@engrclub.org for further details.

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JUDGES NEEDED

- **Scholarship Judges Needed**

The scholarship applications have been mailed to the SWE Chapter Presidents at the Section's affiliate colleges. We're now looking for 5-6 volunteers to judge scholarships during the last two weeks of March. Last year's panel reviewed fifteen applications and awarded five scholarships. There should be no need to meet, unless the panel wants to. The interaction required can be handled by mail and e-mail. Please contact Danette Ernst by e-mail at Dernst@SWE.ORG or at 215-569-0400 (day) if you would like to participate.

Scholarships are awarded to SWE members who are students majoring in engineering at one of our affiliate schools: University of Delaware, Villanova University, Swarthmore College, Rowan College, Widener University, University of Pennsylvania, or Temple University. Judging is on the basis of participation in activities related to science/engineering, a demonstrated ability to work both as a team member and as a leader, an expressed interest in engineering, a letter of recommendation from a professor or TA, grades and course work. Applications will be sent to the Student Section Presidents, Faculty Advisors, and Counselors near the end of January.

- **Science Fair Judges Needed**

J U D G E S N E E D E D	<h3>Delaware Valley Science Fair</h3> <p>March 30-31, April 1, 1999 located at the Fort Washington Expo Center</p> <hr/> <h4>Category and SWE Special Award Judges Needed</h4> <p>Wednesday, March 31 8:00AM – 5:00PM is Judging Day April 1 5:30PM is the Awards Ceremony (Judges attendance not required)</p> <p>Visit website: www.dvsf.drexel.edu/sciencefair/dvsfpage.html</p> <hr/>
	<h3>Intel International Science and Engineering Fair</h3> <p>May 2-8, 1999 located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia</p> <hr/> <h4>Grand Award Judges Needed with Required Qualifications</h4> <p>or</p> <p>SWE Special Award Judges (Active Engineering Qualification Only)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 4: 1:00 – 6:00PM Exhibit Hall Open for Pre-Judging 6:00 – 8:30 PM Required Judges Training Session</p> <p>Wednesday, May 5: 7:00AM – 5:00PM Judging Session 5:30 – 6:20 PM Judges Dinner 6:30 – 8:30 PM Final Judging Session</p> <p>Visit website www.isef1999.org</p>
Contact Tammy Yost at (610) 358-9387 or	

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FEBRUARY SUB-SECTION MEETINGS

Delaware New Section Kickoff

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 1st**

**6:30 PM
Lamberdi Cucina
(Old Pasta Blitz)
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same shopping center as the Acme)**

For more information contact:
Vicki Land (302) 369-1123 or
Barbara Zubenko (302) 234-2050

Montgomery County

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 16th**

**6:00 PM
Double Tree Guest Suites
640 West Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting**

Pass the mall on your right, at the
corner of Germantown Pike and Hickory
Road

RSVP to Jennifer Wetzel
(610) 695-7432

Bucks County

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 17th**

**6:30 PM
The Spotted Hog
Peddler's Village,
Lahaska, PA.**

RSVP by 5PM on Monday 2/15
to
Susan Sciarratta
609-273-1110.

Center City or Lancaster, Reading, & Harrisburg

Volunteers are still needed to
coordinate the Center City
or Lancaster, Reading,
Harrisburg
subsection meetings.

Contact
Heather Bernardin
(610)454-0146
if you are interested.