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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings SWE Philadelphia!

“For every time there is a season...” It is clear that summer has come to an end, as we are welcomed each morning with the crisp, cool fall air. With the change of the seasons upon us, we’ve eagerly jumped right into the activities planned for FY15!

We had a wonderful turnout at our kick-off event on September 9th at The Boathouse in Conshohocken with over 20 people. We enjoyed getting to know the new members and catch up with old friends. We reviewed our exciting fall agenda and heard from our VP of Professional Development, Elisha Rios on her brief “Why SWE” speech discussing why she continues her involvement with SWE and how it has helped her personally and professionally.

As a result of the feedback you provided in our SWE Survey, we followed our kick-off event with ‘The Diary of a Working Mother’ presentation geared towards new moms returning to the workforce after maternity leave. Jen Pesch, our VP of Communications, kicked off the event and shared her “Why SWE” speech. We had a smaller crowd of 13 SWE members who participated in the event and enjoyed the discussion and interaction. A big “Thank You” to Urban Engineers for hosting the event and providing dinner for the members!

We have some several new additions to our SWE Philadelphia board! **Jenna Fink** has joined our team as the Temple Counselor, **Theresa Garwood** is our new Collegiate Liaison and **Erin Kiselica** will be serving as the Engineers Club Liaison. Additionally, **Diana Russella** and **Christine Gunther** will be taking the lead on the Newsletter Editor positions. Thank you all so much for your interest and welcome to the team. We are very glad to have you!

In addition to serving as the Section Representative, **Amanda Weissman** was recently voted in as the new SWE Professional Counselor for the University of Pennsylvania section. Congrats Amanda! We can always use the additional help, so if you are interested in getting involved, planning an event or want more insight into our organization, please let me know.

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If you haven’t seen “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver”, I would look it up on ‘YouTube’. He briefly mentioned our Society of Women Engineers Scholarship Program and as a result, we collected more than \$44,000 in donations. Please continue to share the message and encourage our young students to enter STEM fields.

We have an exciting few months coming up with Professional Development, Outreach and Social activities. Keep an eye on your email for meeting details! I look forward to seeing you this fall!

Happy Fall!
Tessa

SOCIETY NEWS

SWE 2014 Annual Conference

Registration is open for the annual conference taking place October 23-25 in Los Angeles, California! Visit <http://registration.experientevent.com/ShowWEC141/>. Annual Conference is a great way to network professionally and personally as well as see the best that SWE has to offer!

Take advantage of a reduced registration for WE14. By volunteering 5 hours, you will receive a 50% credit off of registration. More information can be found here: <https://www.shiftboard.com/swe/register.html>

Renew your membership!

Final reminder that FY15 Society Dues are overdue. If you would like to continue your SWE support through membership, please renew today! This will ensure that you stay on Philadelphia's email lists to be up to date on events and happenings.

SECTION NEWS

Welcome to the FY15 Philadelphia SWE Officers!

Get to know some of our FY15 section officers! Check out the answers to these interview questions below to see what they have in store for our section this upcoming year and just get to know them!



Elisha Rios, Vice President of Professional Development

1) What made you get involved in SWE?

To be completely honest, I resisted joining SWE when I was an undergrad at RPI, even though my best girlfriends were serving as president and vice president my senior year! My excuse was that I was already pretty active in residence life, president in the student/alumni association, a tour guide, a member of AIChE, in a sorority, etc. Therefore, when I first graduated from college and moved to the Philly area, I was looking for a network of women like me in the area and turned to SWE (as I'm not from this area originally). After realizing the opportunities that SWE offers including advancement and outreach, I realize my mistake in college for not joining SWE sooner!!

2) Where do you work and what do you do?

I'm a process engineer at Merck & Co., Inc in West Point, PA. I lead a couple of key raw material projects which are the starting ingredients for Merck's viral vaccine production. Working with a team of engineers across

Merck research, operations, and release, I work to optimize and provide future direction for raw material use in vaccines. A lot of this project work involves building external partnerships with suppliers, problem solving and presenting to leadership teams, which I really enjoy.

3) What is your favorite thing to do and why?

My favorite thing to do is travel. I love exploring new areas and trying new foods. I also love to run, and therefore a couple of years ago, I set out a life goal for myself – to run a marathon in all 50 states! So far, I have about ~25% of the states down. My favorite races so far have been Maine, NYC and Boston. (The picture is of my mother and me, after I completed the Boston Marathon in 2013.)

4) What was your favorite SWE event?

The annual SWE International conference for sure! I've been to every conference (thankfully through sponsorship of my company, Merck) since 2007. It's a great event to meet up with old colleagues from different walks of life, including work, college, and even friends that I've met at the SWE conferences over the years!

5) Where is your favorite place to travel to (or place you want to go the most)?

Although I've only been once (hope to visit again when I venture out to New Zealand next year), my favorite place to travel is Australia. Two of my favorite places in AU were driving along the Great Ocean Road near Melbourne (think: Cliffs Moher in Ireland and the Pacific Highway in Cali combined!) and going for a run around the Sydney Harbor by the Opera House and across the Harbor bridge.

Seeking Corporate Contacts

If you know someone in your company who is in charge of or interested in making donations to a philanthropic organization, please let the Society of Women Engineers Philadelphia Section know so that we may get in touch!

The Society of Women Engineers is a national nonprofit educational and service organization that aims to 1) engage female students of all ages in math, science, and technology and 2) to support the development of female engineering professionals in today's workforce. To that end, the Philadelphia section solicits donations and allocates the funds to scholarships and programs geared towards professional development and outreach.

New Website

For those of you who haven't seen it yet, Philly SWE has migrated our website. The new address is <http://philadelphia.swe.org/>. Take a look!

Do you shop on Amazon? You could be missing an opportunity to help SWE!

Amazon has a feature called Amazon smile. All you have to do is use a specified link when signing in to Amazon to shop like always and Amazon donates money to the organization you specify. If you shop on Amazon but use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2604522> to log in 0.5% of the price of your purchase will be donated to Philly SWE! It only takes one click and then Philly SWE gets extra money to host events for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Waterworks "Milling Around" Tour - October 18th

Date: October 18th

Time: 2 p.m.

Eye-level with the Schuylkill, you'll walk the same underground paths as a royal family and Olympic swimmers during a behind-the-scenes look at Philadelphia's first tourist destination. You will also hear about the future expansion of the landmark that pioneered engineering, tourism, and environmental awareness in Philadelphia. More information can be found here: <http://fairmountworks.com/our-story/>

***This is a hard hat tour, so please wear sturdy shoes!

Note: This event is open to families and friends, including children. Please note that children under the age of 12 will be taken with their families on a kid-friendly version of the tour. Additionally, Waterworks will be running its Science Saturday's event that day. The theme is "Leave it to Pigment", and sessions will be running every 30 minutes between 2-4pm. For more information, please visit:

<http://fairmountworks.com/science-saturdays/>

Girl Scout Outreach Event – Volunteers Needed!

Date: November 9, 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (volunteers are asked to arrive at 12:15 PM to help with setup)

Location: Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Doylestown, PA

Description: We will explore science and engineering through nautical themed experiments and activities. The event is for Junior Girl Scouts in the Jericho Service Unit.

RSVP: Please contact Elizabeth Rowland, Girl Scout Outreach Co-Chair, if you are interested in volunteering: erowland1824@gmail.com

NJ/PA SWE & WLI Regional Networking Event for Professionals & Students

Date: November 10, 2014

Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

Where: 1400 McKean Road, Springhouse, PA

RSVP: RSVP to rsvp@philaswe.org by 05OCT2014. Please bring a photo ID to the event.

Details: J&J is hosting an exciting evening of networking with Women Leaders and Members of the Johnson & Johnson Talent Acquisition Team to discuss career opportunities, tips, and advice to guide you in your professional journey.

Villanova University SWE Annual Networking Dinner

Date: November 18, 2014

Location: Villanova University

RSVP date: November 8, 2014

Details: Join Villanova University SWE for its annual Networking Dinner! More details will follow, but please contact Mary Beth at phila_outreach@swe.org with interest!

Philadelphia Math and Science Coalition STEM Tutoring Volunteer Opportunity

The Philadelphia Math and Science Coalition is partnering with RSVP of Montgomery County to provide both classroom or online volunteer STEM Tutors for the 2014-2015 school year at Kensington Health Sciences Academy in Philadelphia. For more information or to register contact Eric Langenmayr at ejlangen@gmail.com (for classroom opportunities) or Margie Singer at margiemyfreetutor@rsvpmc.org (for online opportunities). Or visit myfreetutor@rsvpmc.org

Souderton Area High School Mentoring Opportunity

Souderton Area High School is looking for mentors for girls interested in engineering! The school typically hosts speakers on Wednesday mornings from 10:15-11:00 AM, but is also interested in job shadowing opportunities. The students have a particular interest in Chemical and Biomedical engineering, but would love to hear an overview of the field as well. Please contact Mary Beth at phila_outreach@swe.org with any interest in speaking with these students.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

FY15 Kickoff Social

This event was an informal dinner meeting to kickoff SWE Philadelphia FY2015! Participants were able to meet some Philly SWE officers, learn about what Philly SWE has in store for the next year, and provide feedback and suggestions on what they would like to get out of SWE.

Diary of a Working Mother: What I knew Changed with Two - Professional Development Seminar

This event was an informal gathering where our own President Tessa gave a presentation about what it's like to be a working mom with two kids and some lessons learned on how to manage all of that and still be successful as an engineer (she will also be presenting this again at the Annual Conference)! Underlying themes of time management and organization made this presentation applicable even if you don't have children.



Drexel "Women In Engineering"

Drexel SWE hosted a welcome dinner to explain what SWE is and what it has to offer to both new and returning students. Philly SWE members and alumni were also invited to share their knowledge and experience.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philly SWE would like to welcome several new members of the board. Theresa Garwood has stepped up as our Collegiate Liaison. Jenna Fink is now our Temple counselor. Erin Kiselica will serve as our Engineers Club Liaison. And Diana Russella and Christine Gunther will be taking over as our newsletter editors! Thank you all for choosing to get more involved in SWE! We can't wait to get to know you all!

Do you have exciting news to share? It could be anything from graduations to birthdays, engagements to professional accomplishments. Email the [SWE Newsletter Editors](#) with your exciting news!

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Open Officer Positions

We have an open officer position that needs filling for the FY14 year due to the transitioning of some of our members. Taking on an officer role is a great way to get more involved in the section and have an impact on the decisions made. Feel free to contact Mary Beth (outreach@philaswe.org) if you are interested for more information.

Collegiate Counselor - Assist collegiate section with Society tasks and ensure goals are met for the year. Positions open for Temple University and University of Pennsylvania.

Engineer's Club of Philadelphia Liaison - Responsible for coordinating with the Engineer's Club to share information with our section.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October	
October 18 th	Waterworks Tour
November 9 th	Girlscout Outreach
November 10 th	J&J Networking Event
November 18 th	Villanova Networking Dinner

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Mission: Stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, demonstrate the value of diversity.

The Philadelphia Section was one of the original chartering sections of SWE, chartered on May 27, 1950.