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## Opening Notes

SWE Members and Supporters,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and are ready for the rest of the holiday season. To get the SWE holidays started, we are having our Christmas party on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to RSVP if you'd like to join us for this annual potluck and gift exchange.

After the holidays are over, we'll be hosting our annual "The Way We Are" dinner. This is an event that brings women engineers together to discuss the career and accomplishments of local SWE members. This event is a great way to get to know your fellow SWE members and get ideas about what you can do with your engineering career.

We hope you can join us for these events and the other great things we have coming up this winter. Until then, have a happy holiday season and an amazing new year!

Dimple Patel  
 EWS President

## Upcoming Events

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EWS Christmas Party
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	"The Way We Are" Meeting
Feb 29 <sup>th</sup> – Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Region J Conference in Hawaii
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Engineer's Week Banquet
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Expanding Your Horizons



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## EWS Christmas Party



The Annual Eastern Washington Section Christmas party is coming up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6PM at Michelle Parker's house in Pasco.

Bring your family and a dish to share for our annual Christmas party! There will be a gift exchange (\$20 limit). For directions, RSVP to [easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com](mailto:easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com)

## *“Making an Impression” Resume & Interview Workshop*

EWS SWE held a successful Professional Development Event on November 15th. Ten members plus seven supporters and guests attended. Bruce Carpenter, EnergySolutions Western Operations Engineering Manager, and Ralph Nadel, PNNL Senior Recruiting Consultant, discussed the basics of resumes and interviews. Kristi Ross, PNNL Energy and Environment Directorate Search Consultant, described the benefits of LinkedIn, a professional networking site.

Amanda Tyler, Professional Development Chair, has requested feedback on this event and asked if participants would like to see more focused professional development sessions such as mock interviews. Please contact her at [astyler@energysolutions.com](mailto:astyler@energysolutions.com) if you have comments or suggestions. Additionally, Jennifer Williamson's oatmeal chocolate chip oat bars were a big hit. See below for the recipe!

## Of Interest....



There is a public Open House for the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Richland Red Lion, 5-7:30pm. The Open House is intended to promote public awareness of the WTP mission and progress to date, and as part of DOE efforts to be transparent and open. WTP contractor and federal subject matter experts will be available to answer questions, and project exhibits and videos will be on display.

For more information about the WTP check the DOE website:  
<http://www.hanford.gov/c.cfm/media/pressRelease.cfm>

Santa will also be on hand at the open house to support the WTP's community giving efforts to collect donations for Toys for Tots.



## Technical Society Holiday Party

Join ANS and Partner Societies on December 13th, 2011 at the Shilo Inn, Richland WA:

6:00 pm Social Hour

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program Remarks by each Organization,

Speaker: Robert Larson, Commissioner, Port of Benton, “Pictures of the Port”

Cost \$22 per person payable at the door, and \$2 discount with membership/coupon. (There will be Door Prizes!)  
RSVP by December 9<sup>th</sup>:

ANS-EWS.ORG (event register) or

ANS.EWS.Treasurer@gmail.com or 509 366-9632



## EWS Halloween Party



The Annual EWS Halloween Party was held on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at Alicia and Brandon Boyd's new home. Sixteen ghouls, goblins and other assorted guests attended.

*Eastern Washington Section is a member of  
Region J, the Northwest Star Region, which  
includes Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana,  
and Alaska*

## SWE National Conference

This year's National SWE Conference was held in Chicago in October. At the conference, the Region J Council voted to update the Regional Bylaws, and they were approved. Changes worth mentioning include:

- The regional offices of secretary and treasurer can be held by the same individual.
- The region has set up voting so that there is a position for alternate senator, allowing an individual to run specifically for this position.

Also, the following Regional volunteer opportunities were identified:

Fund Development Committee - Members and Committee Chair: Responsible for raising funds to cover travel costs and potentially offer a Region J scholarship.

Region J Mentor Program Coordinator:

- Send out monthly assignment
- Pair mentors/mentees
- Survey pair to determine program improvements

*Do you have articles, pictures, or information to share with SWE-EWS members and friends?*

*Send to the newsletter editor at  
Langevin5@frontier.com*



## Chocolate Chip Oat Bars

Contributed by Jennifer Williamson

Nonstick Cooking Spray

1 stick butter, softened

¾ cup light brown sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup whole wheat pastry flour (I found this at WinCo, so it is available)

½ teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ cup milk

1 ½ cup rolled oats

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

½ cup chopped pecans

## Job Opportunities

Terex AWP (Genie Industries) in Moses Lake, WA has two open positions available now for manufacturing engineers assigned to new product launch projects. To learn more about Genie visit:

<http://www.genielift.com/>.

If interested please send resume to  
[Josette.Gates@Terex.com](mailto:Josette.Gates@Terex.com)



## Fall Business Meeting

The Fall Business Meeting was held on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. The National Conference was discussed along with the results of the recent outreach survey.

Section business that was addressed included:

- Alice will update the WSU-TC Bulletin Board, with information provided by Dimple.
- Methods to promote the sale of Certificates of Merit (our fundraising activity) were discussed and it was determined that Dimple and Alicia will create a flyer to solicit orders from other sections nationwide.
- The Certificate of Merit awards program was also discussed. In order to increase participation, Jennifer and Michelle will contact local schools that have not responded in the past or that are not currently on the list.

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9-inch baking pan with cooking spray and set aside.

Put butter and sugar into a large bowl and mash together with a fork until well combined. Add eggs and vanilla and stir well. In a separate medium bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add flour mixture to sugar mixture in thirds, alternating with the milk. Stir in oats, chocolate chips and pecans until combined then transfer batter to prepared pan, smooth out evenly and bake until golden brown around the edges and a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Set aside to cool then cut into squares and serve.



The 2012 Region J Meeting will be held jointly with Regions A and B February 29 - March 03. The Western Regions Joint Conference will be co-hosted by the SWE University of Hawaii at Manoa collegiate section and the SWE-Hawaiian Islands "Proposed" professional section at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu.

The Western Regions (Regions A, B, and J) consist of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. This is a great opportunity to network with SWE members in beautiful Hawaii. After a 2-year charter process, the SWE-Hawaiian Islands Professional Section will celebrate its inaugural event during the Friday night luau!

The conference theme is "Ride the Wave of Innovation" and the conference committee has planned many technical tours, family-friendly activities, and conference workshops that showcase Hawaii as a model for innovation.

Technical Tours include The Kahe "full flex" Power Plant, H-Power Plant in Campbell Industrial Park, Waihee Tunnel, Interstate H-3, Kahuku Wind turbines, Haleakala Observatory, and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The conference has also organized family fun tours, such as The Polynesian Cultural Center, Hanauma Bay, Sacred Spirits Cultural Daytime Tour and Orbs of Oahu Driving Tour, Honolulu City Haunts, Makiki/Tantalus Bike Tour, and a WWII Heroes Tour. **Tour registration closes December 2<sup>nd</sup>, so don't delay!**

Registration is now open and can be completed online at [www.swewestern2012.org](http://www.swewestern2012.org). **The early bird registration deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>**, and regular registration ends February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alaska Airlines and American Airlines are offering discounts to conference attendees. Alaska discount is 7% and American discount is 5%, promotional codes available on the conference travel website <http://www.swewestern2012.org/airfare.php>.

The Sheraton Waikiki has SWE group rooms for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The negotiated room rate is \$250 per day for up to 4 people.

Each region participating in the conference is expected to help with fundraising efforts. Region J's goal is to raise \$10,000 in corporate sponsorships. If you think your company would like to be involved, please contact Alice Orrell ([aliceorrell@gmail.com](mailto:aliceorrell@gmail.com)). Alice is leading the fundraising for Region J.

## Membership Event

Recap from September 21, 2011

EWS SWE held a successful Membership Growth Event on September 21st.

The event had a total of 38 attendees, consisting of SWE members and officers and over 20 non-members and new faces.

The event was organized by the EWS officers and chairs, who provided food for the event and took on individual tasks. Special thanks to Alice Orrell for publicizing the event, Michelle Parker for planning the game and icebreaker, and Colleen Smalley for purchasing the prizes.

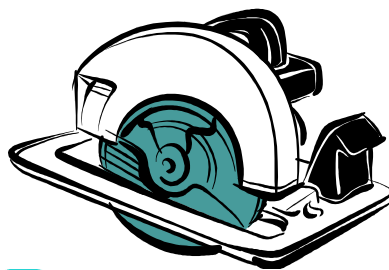
The event included a presentation that answered the questions:

- ”What is SWE?”
- ”Why should I join?”
- ”How can I get more involved?”

The PowerPoint is available on the EWS website at [www.eastwashingtonswe.org/SWEEWS\\_intro.ppt](http://www.eastwashingtonswe.org/SWEEWS_intro.ppt)

During the word scramble game, we learned that the following items were invented by women:

- Geobond
- Nonreflecting Glass
- CPR Mannequin
- White Out
- Kevlar
- Scotchguard
- Circular Saw
- Fire Escape
- Life Raft
- Medical Syringe
- Rotary Engine
- Refrigerator
- Suspenders



## Career Guidance

See below for opportunities to get involved! For more information, contact Josette Gates at [josette.gates@terex.com](mailto:josette.gates@terex.com)!

### Delta High School

Delta High School is a small, public high school for students who want to be immersed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning. They are looking for volunteers in the following areas: Career Guests, Freshmen Tutorial Facilitators, and After School Clubs.

### Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Planning Committee/Speakers

Planning is kicking off for next year's EYH event. The planning committee is looking for people interested in helping with planning the event or who would like to speak on the day of the event (March 24, 2012). If you are interested, please contact Marsha at [skeeds@charter.net](mailto:skeeds@charter.net).

## Outreach Survey Results

The following are the results of the recent EWS outreach survey:

- Respondents prefer to have events in the Tri-Cities
- Weekend events were more popular than weeknights due to work conflicts during the week
- More notice is better
- Time commitments for events should be fairly short
- High level of interest in outreach to middle school age students
- Josette researched grants available to fund this type of event – there are some available, we will need to determine how large of an event we want to do
- Perhaps look at doing a weekend/Saturday event with SWE's WOW program (similar to EYH)

## Open Positions

Thank you to Josette Gates of Moses Lake who has volunteered to serve as the Chair of the Career Guidance/ Outreach Committee! Other Chair & Committee positions are still open. E-mail [easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com](mailto:easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information about any of the following positions for the 2011-12 year:

- Awards Committee Member - work with Awards Chair Renee Slocumb to nominate EWS members and the section for awards within SWE and the community.
- Membership Chair - Friendly/outgoing person wanted to welcome new SWE members to the section! Other tasks include organizing an event to teach potential members about the benefits and opportunities available through SWE.

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Katie Sheldon of Oregon State University, studying for her Master's degree in Environmental/ Civil Engineering. She was awarded this year's Wanda Munn Scholarship.



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