# SWE-EWS-NEWS



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## **Opening Notes**

Happy New Year and welcome to 2013! I am excited for our upcoming events and I hope you are too! Engineers Week is fast approaching and SWE-EWS has some events planned to coincide with this fun and exciting initiative. Please check out the newsletter and I hope to see many new and old faces soon:)

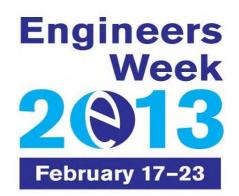
Also, a special thanks to Ann Langevin, our newsletter editor, who does an excellent job of organizing and communicating our upcoming events!!

Michelle Parker EWS President

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#### **Upcoming Events**

January 21<sup>st</sup>
February 5<sup>th</sup>
EWS Board Meeting
February 22<sup>nd</sup>
March 5<sup>th</sup>
EWS Board Meeting
Engineer's Week Banquet
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Expanding Your Horizons
April 5-7<sup>th</sup>
Region J Conference
April 9<sup>th</sup>
Spring Business Meeting



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#### The Way We Are Meeting



#### Monday Jan 21, 2013, 6:30 pm Double Dragon Restaurant Kennewick

3107 W Clearwater Ave –next to Baskin Robbins

"The Way We Are" dinner is an annual event for the Society of Women Engineers - Eastern Washington Section (SWE-EWS) at which a few members share their careers. This is a social dinner for new and old members, spouses, friends, and potential new members who are interested in learning more about SWE and about SWE members' careers. You will have the opportunity to purchase your dinner following the networking portion of the event. Our speakers this year:

> Alice Orrell, PNNL Cristina Marinovici, PNNL Theresa Campbell, Bechtel National, Inc

RSVP easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com

## AIChE FE/PE Prep

## **Study Group**

The local chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will be holding evening meetings to review materials and study questions. A licensed PE will be present at every meeting to answer questions and AIChE will have materials and resource guides available. The meetings are at 6pm at the Richland Public Library on the following dates:

January 10 and 24 February 7 and 21 March 7 and 21 April 4

If you missed the previous meetings, but are interested in attending future study sessions, please contact

AIChE, columbiavalleyaiche@gmail.com

#### **Region J Conference**

Mark your calendars for the Region J Conference: <u>Engineering: One Journey, Many Paths</u>, hosted by Saint Martin's University and South Puget Sound sections, will be held April 5-7, 2013 in Lacey, Washington.

For additional questions or information, e-mail SWEJCon13@gmail.com.

The conference room block for JCon13 is at the Comfort Inn, 4700 Park Center Ave NE, Lacey WA. Room Block Rates:

\$85 - 1 person

\$90 - 2-4 people

To reserve a room, call 360-456-6300 and ask for the "Society of Women Engineers" group rate. The room block cutoff date is March 22, 2013.

## **Engineers Week Banquet**

#### Friday February 22

The Tri Cities annual Engineer's Week Banquet will be held on Friday Feb 22<sup>th</sup> at the Kennewick Red Lion. Eastern Washington Section will be hosting a table at the event. RSVP to <u>easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com</u> if you would like to be seated at the SWE table; tickets for SWE members are \$10 and nonmembers are \$25.



The Tri-Cities Engineer of the Year will be announced at the Engineers Week Banquet

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#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

This years Holiday Party was hosted by **Dimple Patel** on Friday December 14th. The party was well attended. EWS members, families, and friends enjoyed great food, a rousing gift exchange and we all learned about Elephant Poop Paper.







### Areva Scholarship



Areva NP, Inc is once again partnering with SWE-EWS to award a scholarship to college students. **Cristina Marinovici** is the scholarship chair. The scholarship is for \$1000 and is open to women attending college in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The application deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Check the EWS website for criteria and application forms as they become available. Contact Cristina at <a href="mailto:cristina.marinovici@pnnl.gov">cristina.marinovici@pnnl.gov</a> for more information.

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## Work/Life Balance Panel

The work life balance event was held on Wednesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> with a panel consisting of three engineers. Group photos at left, includes the Region "**J**"

Panel Speakers Below: Angela Kora, Joan Young, Alicia Boyd.





### **Expanding Your Horizons**

This year's Expanding Your Horizons Event will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Marji Parker at mwparker@owt.com or Marsha Eades at skeeds@charter.net if you want to volunteer to help out.



## Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day – February 21, 2013

More than just one day, Introduce a Girl to Engineering is a national movement that shows girls how creative and collaborative engineering is and how engineers are changing our world. Check out the Engineers Week website for more information: http://www.eweek.org

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#### **Positions**

The following positions are open.

#### Contact

easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com if you are interested in more information about any of the following positions for the FY 2013 fiscal year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013):

- <u>Professional Development</u>
   <u>Chair</u> Plan the SWE-EWS professional development event.
- Membership Chair Welcome new members to the section and lead the annual membership growth event
- Scholarship Committee
   Members Assist scholarship chair Christina Marinovici in promoting the SWE-EWS scholarship and selecting the recipient.

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