

MSU Society of Women Engineers  
Bi-Weekly Newsletter  
November 14, 2007

President

Happy SWE Wednesday!

I hope your semester is winding down not so stressfully! My first priority of things to talk about is the Regional Conference. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and if you're interested and/or have already signed up, don't forget we have a meeting about the conference right after this meeting TONIGHT. Also, make sure you get your registrations in for National SWE and check out all the scholarship information for the Banquet this year. As always let me know if you have any questions and have a great Thanksgiving Break!

Emily (duszyns2@msu.edu)

Vice President

Hello Members, Thank you all for attending today's meeting and I hope that everyone walks away with his or her questions answer. The objective of this meeting is to allow you all as members to learn about other peoples adventures through and after graduation. I hope that this aids your own personal thoughts about some of your options after obtaining your undergraduate degree. If you are interested in knowing more about the panelist please take the **initiative** to get his or her contact information. Every event is a **networking** opportunity. The next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, I would love to see all of you there. We will have a community service activity planned and will be celebrating the Holiday. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break.

Tracey Lynch (lynchtra@msu.edu or lynchtra@gmail.com)

Treasurer

Hey girls and guys,

There is exactly one month left until finals are over!!!! With that being said, keep working hard for the last few weeks even though sometimes you probably feel like giving up! I could not be at the meeting tonight due to a dinner meeting in Northville with an engineering company, so I apologize for that. If anyone has any questions for me, just shoot me an e-mail. If any of the E-board members want an E-board polo, make sure you sign up on the sheet that goes around tonight. The order is going in this Friday! The cost will be around \$20.

Katie (longley1@msu.edu)

#### Secretaries

Hello all! The end of the semester is approaching quickly, and we hope it has been a good one for each of you. Please be sure to participate in the Alumni Panel Q&A because you never know what you may learn about the working world or what it's like to attend graduate school. As always, feel free to contact any E-board member for any questions/comments you may have. Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving next week and be sure to catch MSU's last football game for the season versus Penn State. :)

Kristen Pace (pacekris@msu.edu)

Karen Wolosiewicz (wolosiew@msu.edu)

#### Social

Hey everyone!

If you're participating in Big Sib/Little Sib, remember to keep talking to your sib(s)! Also, have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!

Lauren Blair (blairlau@msu.edu)

Sophie Carrell (carrels@msu.edu)



#### Community Service

Hi Everyone!!

This is Lauren & Linsey again, your Community Service co-chairs. Hopefully you all got our email earlier this week but if you didn't, you should know that there is a campus-wide **Food Drive** going on right now! It's a competition among the colleges to see who can donate the most food. SWE is helping to sponsor the college of engineering in their donations so if you can, help the College of Engineering win!! Bring in non-perishable food items anytime this week and drop it off in the box in the Center. In order to be eligible for the competition, donations must be in by this **Friday the 16th** (sorry for the late notice) but we can still accept food after that date. With all the holidays coming up, the food pantries in our area need more help than ever getting food together for families in need so they really appreciate your help!

We are also going back to the **Ronald McDonald House** in a few weeks, on **Tuesday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Again we will meet by the Sparty's in the Engineering Building at **4:30pm** so we can leave by 4:45pm. Then we'll drive to Ronald McDonald on Michigan Ave. and probably spend a few hours there. If you are interested please email either one of us to give us an idea of how many cars we'll need for everyone.

Also, don't forget about collecting **pop tabs**! When you have enough to fill a small Ziploc bag, please bring them in and you'll get participation points for the rewards system as well as help out the Ronald McDonald House with your donation. This will be going on all year so keep saving them!!

For our next meeting we will be making and decorating holiday cards for a local nursing home so make sure you come to the next general meeting too!

Thanks for all your help!

To contact us:

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#### Outreach

Hello Everyone! Last week we held Buddy Day and had a booth at the YES! Expo. We would like to thank everyone who helped out and participated in the events! Next semester we will be going to different schools and giving presentations about engineering. We will also be holding an after school program to get kids more involved with math, science, and engineering. If you are interested in helping out with any of these activities then please e-mail Traci Taylor (taylo469@msu.edu) or Marissa Wiltz (wiltzmar@msu.edu). Thanks!

#### Corporate Relations

Hey everyone! This is just a reminder that I am still collecting resumes for the **resume booklet**. Please email them to [swe\\_resumes@yahoo.com](mailto:swe_resumes@yahoo.com). The resumes will be burned on a CD, which will be given out to prospective companies looking to hire specific majors. Please make sure to send them in by **Friday, November 16th**. Thanks!

Kristie Meserve (meservek@msu.edu)

#### Member Relations

Hey, everyone! As many of you know, for those members with a national SWE membership, we are doing a rewards system. By attending events and participating, members can earn points.

Committee meetings, volunteering for the task list = 1 point

General meetings = 2 points

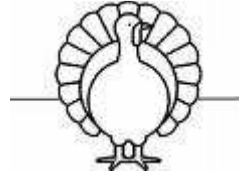
Social, community service, or outreach events = 3 points

Rewards of increasing value are given out at the 5, 15, and 25 point levels.

If you reach 5 points, you are a silver member; 15 and you are a gold member and have earned 2 Sparty bucks. Platinum members accumulate 25 points for the semester, a difficult feat to accomplish, but you can do it! The reward for reaching platinum level is one of our lovely MSU engineering t-shirts!

Congratulations to the following members who have become silver members and need to claim their reward:

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| Lauren Blair      | Kristen Pace   |
| Jenna Brown       | Lisa Rabideau  |
| Catherine Burnham | Jodi Stade     |
| Sophie Carrell    | Tiffany Sykes  |
| Catherine Dudgeon | Andrea Vivian  |
| Emily Duszynski   | Kamela Webster |
| Hillary Gregory   | Bethany Wenzel |
| Jen Hall          |                |
| Sara Jones        |                |
| Katie Longley     |                |
| Tracey Lynch      |                |



The following members are gold members:

Chelsea House  
Ashley Kulczycki  
Sara Murawa  
Karen Wolosiewicz

Talk to me before or after the meeting to claim your prize.

Sara Murawa (murawasa@msu.edu)

SEC/Publicity

Hi Ladies,

Not much for publicity. As always, you should join the MSU SWE Facebook group if you have not already. The end of the semester is nearing, so keep up the great work and enjoy Thanksgiving!

Nicole Vidro (vidronic@msu.edu)

Website

I just wanted to remind everyone to check out the website at [www.egr.msu.edu/swe](http://www.egr.msu.edu/swe) for the latest up-to-date info about what is going on with MSU SWE. There is a recently added events calendar that contains information for all the events that MSU SWE is associated with, and it will continue to be updated as more events come up. If you have any suggestions for additions/changes to the website, don't hesitate to contact me!

Bethany Wenzel (wenzelb1@msu.edu)

Alumni Panel

**Alexis Bauer** first attended Central Michigan University after completing high school and studied Physics. During her second and third year at CMU, physics was no longer interesting to her so she changed her major to mechanical engineering. At the time, CMU

did not have an accredited engineering program so she transferred and was accepted to Michigan State University. GO GREEN.

She joined SWE her first semester at MSU. She didn't know anyone at MSU and SWE gave her the chance to meet people in many engineering majors, not only creating a network, but new friends. In the 2004-05 school year, she was a Banquet chair and the following year she was a chair for the Great Lakes State Conference. For her last year, 2006-07 school year, she was the Corporate Relations chair. She enjoyed all of these positions very much and each taught her skills that she still use.

Currently she is working at Dow Corning in Midland, Michigan. She started this year on June 4th, almost having the positions for 6 months now. Her position, *Application Engineering and Technical Service for the Healthcare Industry*, provides customers with support when developing new products for the Healthcare Industry. She enjoys her job very much because it is the perfect balance of engineering skills and customer interaction. She plans on going back to school in a few years for a MBA. As her career progresses, she is becoming interested in moving into business planning.

**Tamara Reid Bush** is *Director of the Biomechanical Design Research Laboratory* and a *Visiting Assistant Professor* in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Michigan State University. Bush earned her doctoral degree in the field of engineering mechanics, specializing in biomechanics. She has developed expertise in human motion analysis, the measurement of complete force systems, evaluation of automotive and office seats, biking, and shoulder function.

Recently, Dr. Bush has led projects from the office and automotive industries including the evaluation of Steelcase's LEAP. Along with the office and automotive work, initial work has begun on the analysis of seating for the disabled.

Currently, Dr. Bush is performing research with clinicians on the evaluation musculoskeletal dysfunction. The goal of this work is to objectify clinical findings using biomechanical analyses.

Dr. Bush is also Co-chairing the Women's Advisory group to the Provost. The mission of the group is to advise the Provost on matters of importance to women on campus. Dr. Bush spends her "leisure time" being a mom to her children, she also likes to swim, water-ski and windsurf.

**Ron Rosenberg** held various positions at Michigan State and is currently the *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies* in 3410 of the engineering building. He obtained a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ron spends time using his technical expertise to create publications, books and computer manuals.

Ron participates in several professional organizations; American Society for Engineering Education, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Society of Computer Simulation. Ron has been the recipient of several teaching and faculty awards through the College of Engineering and the Society of Mechanical Engineers. Ron has also spent time developing courses (Introduction to Environmental Systems, Modeling of Engineering Systems, and Mechatronic Systems Modeling and Simulation) and supervising PhD and Master degrees with thesis.