



August 2009 SWE Phoenix Newsletter

It's August, which means back to school, monsoons but still plenty of Arizona heat, another football season in the works, last minute summer vacations, and kick off to the new SWE year events! Be sure to stop on by Kate Cuccurello's on August 29th to cool off at our annual Icebreaker Potluck event! Share your favorite dish or beverage with the group, feel free to bring friends and family, and most importantly, come to relax. If you haven't joined us yet at an event, this is a great place to start! Or, join us for lunch downtown, or next month check out our exciting family-friendly tour at the Challenger Space Museum or our Work/Life/Family Balance panel discussion.

This year will be jam packed with a variety of events to help make your year as a Phoenix SWE member the best it can be. Be sure to check out the updated calendar online in the upcoming weeks for our monthly lunch, social/networking, and professional development or outreach events. Don't forget, the Annual Regional Conference is in Phoenix January 29-31. There are MANY opportunities to participate; including the planning going on now. Contact Susie Kirkland (susie.kirkland@gmail.com) for details today!

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1. Monthly Networking Lunch, 8/13/09

It's the SWE event for those who don't have a lot of spare time! Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month as we take a little time during our lunch hour to meet other members in a fun and casual way. No strings attached, just lunch so you can get on with your day! Check the newsletter each month for the latest location aimed at reaching out around the valley. Thanks ladies for joining us at Jason's Deli in Chandler last month!

August 2009 Event

When: Thursday, August 13, 2009, 11:30am

Where: Calabria Italian Deli <http://www.calabriadeli.com/> Great, yet quick, sandwiches, salads and pasta dishes.

Location: 1001 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003 (NE Corner of 3rd Avenue and Roosevelt in Downtown Phoenix)

Fairly light-rail friendly with the right shoes and a bottle of water in hand! Check a map first!

LR Stop: Roosevelt and Washington Street

September 2009 Event

When: Thursday, September 10, 2009, 11:30am

Where: W.M. Sacks; *The Art of Sandwicherie* <http://www.sacks.info/>

Location: 839 W University Drive (SE Corner of University and Hardy)

RSVP to Jessica Dresang jdresang@pirnie.com appreciated but not required; the more the merrier, including non-SWE members!

2. Icebreaker Potluck, 8/29/09

Join us for our annual kick-off icebreaker potluck on Saturday, August 29th! Kate Cuccurello is our gracious host. It will be a fun afternoon of networking and nibbling. Hope to see you there.

Who: YOU!

What: Time to kick off the SWE year with our annual potluck icebreaker! Come visit with your local SWE members and bring your favorite dish to share. The more, the merrier. Great, central location!

When: August 29th, at 1pm

Where: 2728 E Indian School Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85016

28th Street and Indian School
South on 28th St to Amelia Ave

West on Amelia Ave to red brick house on north side of street

Kate Cuccurello

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3. Professional Development Panel – Work/Life Balance with a Family, 9/15/09

This is the first in our series of SWE Phoenix professional development seminars aimed at bettering each of us whether it be professionally and/or personally. If starting a family is in your plans, whether it be 9 months or 9 years from now, this panel is for you!

We will have 3 different working engineer moms and an HR professional from an engineering firm, each with children of varying ages ready to share their experiences and provide advice all the way from telling your boss about your pregnancy through managing your teenager's ups and downs, while equipping you with the tools and rights you have in the workplace. Come prepared just to listen, or even with a list of questions; either way this will be an open and informative discussion.

Dinner will be provided.

Date: 9/15/09

Where: Malcolm Pirnie, 4646 E Van Buren St, Suite 400
(NE Corner of 44th Street and Van Buren)

Time: Dinner at 5:30, Discussion begins at 6pm

RSVP: Jessica Dresang jdresang@pirnie.com

4. Challenger Space Center Tour, 9/19/09

***Saturday September 19th
10am***

The mission of the Challenger Space Center is to inspire, excite and educate people of all ages about the mysteries and wonders of space, science and the universe in which we live.

Save the Date and join SWE for a guided tour of the Challenger Space Center. This one of a kind facility located in Peoria is home to several exhibits including Atlantis Space Shuttle Model, Meteorite Exhibit and Motorola's Iridium Satellite Model.

More details to come.

For more information on the center please visit their website.

<http://www.azchallenger.org/public.htm>

5. Way Out West Oktoberfest, 10/2/09

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled-for-the-whole-family Friday in Tempe in October!

Festival Information: <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com/>

More details to come next month; Stay Tuned!

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6. Pay/Renew Your SWE Membership Dues

Help Yourself and SWE Phoenix!

Just a quick reminder that as we enter the new SWE fiscal year, it is also a great time to renew your membership or finally decide to make the commitment to SWE. By having a membership, beyond the benefits your local section has to offer, you are given the opportunity to be a part of a worldwide network of elite women engineers and scientists, and have access to forums and an extensive career center, just to mention a few. Not to mention, each section receives a portion of your dues to help us plan even better events!

There are several different classifications based on your employment or student status and level of commitment, etc. Click the link below for details:

http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=769&Itemid=287

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7. Calling all Webmasters and Graphic Designers!!!

SWE Phoenix is currently seeking a Webmaster to oversee the updating and maintenance of its internet site, and an artist to create the next local section logo. Or, maybe you are talented in both areas and would love to take the effort on as one fantastic project! This is a great way to get involved in SWE and use your creative skills!

Email Jessica Dresang jdresang@pirnie.com for details.

Please note, this is a *voluntary* effort in the important upkeep of our local section.

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8. 2010 Region Conference: Request for Company Sponsor Contacts

The SWE 2010 Region B Conference Planning Committee would like to encourage all professional members of the Phoenix Section to be liaisons to their companies. We are currently looking for sponsors for our conference that will be held in Phoenix on January 29 through January 31, 2010. If you are willing to support our conference by being the contact for your company, please contact the committee via email. We appreciate your effort in making this conference a resounding success and look forward to working with you!

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The Region Conference planning committee upcoming meetings are:

- August 27th at 8pm (telecon)
- Sept 12th at 11am (in person)
- Sept 24th at 8pm (telecon)
- Oct 3rd at 11am (in person)

If you'd like more info regarding the planning committee contact Susie Kirkland (susie.kirkland@gmail.com).

9. ASU Section Update

August

22nd - Passport to ASU 7p-9:30 in the MU - Many clubs and organizations set up tables and displays so that the incoming students can see the extra curricular activities ASU has to offer.
25th-Student Org Recruitment Fair and Fall Kickoff (about the same thing as above, but I believe just for Engineers)

September

1st - 1st General mtg - Texas Instruments, food will be provided
10th - New Member Lock-in 5p-9 - full of ice breakers, networking with officers and members
15th - Topic mtg - (continuing development meetings, topic TBD)
17th - Graduate mtg
25th - Treasure/Scavenger Hunt 1p-3
28th - Happy Hour 4p-6 at Z-Tejas - appetizers paid for by ASU-SWE

10. Job Opportunity

The Tonto National Forest is planning to fill a Civil Engineer (ADOT Liaison) position. This position is a permanent full time position with a duty station at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Position: ADOT Liaison

The Liaison represents the Tonto National Forest (Tonto) in a partnership position with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Working closely with ADOT on highway projects, the Liaison coordinates with Forest Service specialists on planning of projects, project plan review, and construction monitoring and coordination. A high level of conflict resolution and communication skill is imperative for this position. The ideal candidate will have the ability to read and understand engineering plans, and will be required to "interpret" project elements to forest service specialists and line officers. Conversely, the ideal candidate will need to have a comprehensive understanding of natural resource issues and recreation values, and will need to communicate this understanding to ADOT project engineer/design teams. A high level of collaboration is necessary during all phases of project planning and design and will include coordination and guidance for special use permits, deed easements as well as construction inspection. An understanding of visual quality and highway corridor aesthetics is desired as the majority of projects are on highly scenic forest lands.

Project Planning: Performs civil engineering project planning duties, such as scheduling and layout of operations, planning for budget requirements,

Design: Prepares designs, technical drawings, sketches, and specifications.

Contractor Oversight: Inspection and surveillance of materials, methods, and equipment used in tests and/or construction. Construction activities occur throughout the forest, and therefore some overnight travel will be required.

To respond to this outreach, or for more information, please contact:

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