



December 2009 SWE Phoenix Newsletter

As Thanksgiving weekend comes to a close, and December is quickly upon us, may you and your family have a safe, memorable, and stress-free (as possible) holiday season! I encourage you to take time from work and all the shopping lines to enjoy the little things, give back to others in need whether its with your time or support, and to realize how much there is to be thankful for.

While the year may be coming to the end, there is no rest for SWE Phoenix! Be sure to read the newsletter as there are several time sensitive items. Tonight, we celebrate the latest ASU graduates with a happy hour at ZTeja's in Tempe. Stop by, even for a few minutes, and welcome the newest potential members to our professional section. The SWE-AIAA joint dinner and presentation, featuring Jayne Poynter, one of the scientists who made the Biosphere II her home for 2 years, has been rescheduled for December 10th. Not to miss! Be sure to check inside the newsletter for the latest details on the upcoming Sonora Region Conference hosted by SWE Phoenix/ASU January 29-31 at the Downtown Sheraton. Registration is open, and volunteers at the conference are in need. Happy Holidays!

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SWE PHOENIX EVENTS:

1. Joint SWE Phoenix & ASU Happy Hour and Upgrade Party, 12/1/09
2. AAIA and SWE Joint Speaker Presentation, 12/10/09
3. Monthly Networking Lunch, 12/10/09
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1. Joint SWE Phoenix & ASU Happy Hour and Upgrade Party, 12/1/09

This event is tomorrow, December 1st! Please plan to drop by Z-Tejas for a happy hour honoring the ASU graduating seniors. Appetizers will be provided.

Joint SWE-Phoenix / ASU Happy Hour & Upgrade Party
Tuesday, December 1st 4-7pm
Z-Tejas (20 W. 6th Street in Tempe)

RSVP to Jami Erickson (jami_erickson@yahoo.com) by Monday 11/30.

2. AAIA and SWE Joint Speaker Presentation, 12/10/09

This is an exciting event not to be missed! See the attached flyer for all of the details.

What: AAIA and SWE Present Speaker Jane Poynter, Paragon Space Development Corporation and former Biospherian

When: December 10th, 2010
Networking at 6:00pm
Plated Dinner at 6:45pm
Speaker at 8:00pm

Where: Radisson Phoenix Airport North
427 North 44th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Cost: Members \$22, Non-members \$25, At-Door \$30, Students/Educators \$15
Presentation Only - Free

RSVP by Dec 7th to phoenixaiaa@gmail.com.

3. Monthly Networking Lunch, 12/10/09

It's the SWE event for those who don't have a lot of spare time! We meet once more this year the 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.

Note that for 2010, we are moving to the **2nd WEDNESDAY** of the month.

December 2009 Event:

When: Thursday, December 10, 2009, 11:30 am
Where: <http://www.zoeskitchen.com>
Location: McDowell Road, East of 7th Avenue

January 2010 Event:

When: Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Where: Paradise Bakery www.paradisebakery.com

Location: Tempe Marketplace, Rio Salado and McClintock

Reservations not required, but appreciated; the more the merrier! You may even bring your office colleagues! Jessica Dresang jdresang@pirnie.com

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4. Procrastinator’s Potluck, 1/10/10

Our annual SWE Procrastinator’s Potluck is back and is being hosted by our favorite hostess! Please join us for this wonderful event and keep the tradition alive!

Sunday, January 10, 2010, 2 to 6 PM

Hosted by: Ann Marie Eisentraut

Location: 5318 N 20th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016

See: www.bruceandannmariesparty.com for detailed directions.

Family event!!

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5. Healthy Eating and Exercise for the New Year, 1/19/10

Our wellness presentation in November has been rescheduled for Jan 19th. Our speaker will be presenting “Healthy Eating and Exercise for the New Year”. Let’s get together to learn how to stay healthy and fit throughout 2010!

When: Tuesday, January 19th
Dinner and Networking: 5:30pm
Presentation from 6-7pm

Where: Medtronic Microelectronics Center
2110 W Medtronic Way (a.k.a. 10th Pl.)
Tempe, AZ 85281
(Near the 143 and University – [map click here](#))

When you arrive if the door is locked call 602-677-4790 to be let inside.

RSVP by noon on **Monday 1/18** to Jennifer Reich at jawagner78@hotmail.com.

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6. 2010 Sonora Region Conference, 1/29-31/10

This incredible event is sneaking up on us! Registration is open!

Society of Women Engineers 2010 Sonora Region Conference & Career Fair Hosted by SWE Phoenix and SWE Arizona State University (ASU)

When: January 29-31, 2010

Where: Phoenix, Arizona

Hotel: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

340 North 3rd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Rooms are \$150 per night (link on conference website)

Cost: \$125 (SWE Professional Members)/\$135 (Non-Members)/\$100 (SWE Collegiate Members)/\$105 (retired/unemployed members)

Conference Highlights:

- Over 250 collegiate and professional attendees from Arizona, Southern California, New Mexico, Utah and Southern Nevada
- Two Keynote Events with Dynamic Speakers
- Opportunity to build your network at our Networking Lunch
- Learn about new outreach techniques at our Opening Event
- 20+ Breakout sessions with topics ranging from Personal or Professional Development, Technical Topics, SWE Specific Topics and Collegiate to Professional Transition.
- Career Fair attended by employers from throughout the Southwest seeking to recruit experienced professionals and students for their available career opportunities
- For the full schedule go to: <http://sweregionb.org/region-conference/schedule>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Online and Printable Registration forms for the upcoming conference are available on the Conference website (<http://sweregionb.org/region-conference>). Please register now for this exciting event that has not been held in the Phoenix area since 2004.

Conference Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering at the conference, please email Carole Mars at martian9003@q.com

Region Conference Sponsors

It is NOT too late for your company to be a conference sponsor. For a sponsorship packet please view our website at <http://sweregionb.org/region-conference/sponsors>.

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Questions? Contact Susie Kirkland at regionBconference@swe.org

7. ATW Wine Tasting Holiday Party, 12/3/09

Date and Time: Thursday, December 3rd, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Crush'd Wine Bar

7101 E. Thunderbird Rd., Suite 101A

Scottsdale, AZ 85254

(602) 445-6176

www.crushdwinebar.com

Description: Please come to our annual holiday party to relax and celebrate with friends and meet some new acquaintances. Sample some wines and learn about them from our host at Crush'd Wine Bar. Beverages and light snacks will be available from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. PLEASE register by Wednesday, December 2nd at this link so we have an accurate count.

<http://www.atwphoenix.org/RegisterEventNov09.aspx>

Questions? Please contact Joanne Goldberg at joanne.goldberg@atwphoenix.org

ATW Member Cost: free, Non-Member Cost: free, (sponsored by Crush'd)

8. Request for Mentors for ASU Women Engineering Students

Hello! I am Anita Grierson. I direct a center at ASU that supports transfer students from our Arizona Community Colleges into ASU's Engineering program (METS Center – Motivated Engineering Transfer Students). In addition to outreach work with the community colleges, we run a study center on the Tempe campus. At the study center, our student population is very diverse with students ranging in age from 19 into their 40s and beyond. Many students are first generation college students and many are minorities. Recently I have been talking with two young women who are questioning their choice of engineering as a profession. Neither of these students is struggling academically. Both lack a role model of a practicing woman engineer – someone who might serve as a mentor or even just as an example of what is possible. I would like to find a few women who are practicing engineers locally who would be interested in serving in this role for our students – talking to these students on the phone or via email, sharing their own stories, and providing information on their work environment. A cross section of ladies from different disciplines would be great, although my initial needs are for Chemical Engineering and Computer Science/Systems. If you are interested, please contact Anita at metscenter@asu.edu or 480-727-7505.

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9. Job Opportunity:

One of my solar electric (PV) technology companies in Phoenix, AZ is looking for an Electrical Engineer.

Basically, they need a degreed Electrical Engineer that does PV systems design, engineering and troubleshooting of commercial, industrial and residential systems (5KW to 10 Megawatt)

Your resume came up in my resume keyword search, and I was wondering if you or anyone you may know would be a fit for this type of job? The company is looking for a contract with option to hire, or possibly a direct employee, but she didn't give me a pay range.

If you are interested in learning more about this job, please email me your updated resume in Word format.

Sincerely, Cindy Yetka, TSC TECHSTAFF INC The Technical Placement Specialists 4450 S. Rural Road Suite E126 Tempe, AZ 85282 480-456-4050 480-456-4048 fax
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