



## ***NEWSLETTER August 2017***

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### **President's Column**

Hello SWEsters,  
I hope everyone is staying cool from the hot days this month and excited about the solar eclipse. I invite you to post the pictures in CRS Facebook page if you made plans to experience the totality of solar eclipse. Time flew by for me this summer with added responsibilities at work and I realize we are already in August. I would like to use the opportunity to share the highlights from the Face-to-Face meeting with the new FY18 board in July. I would like to



congratulate Ruthee Moris who was voted in by the new board as Co-vp of Professional development in the meeting. Ruthee together with Sonali Fernando have exciting thoughts that will shape into multiple professional workshops, networking events and technical tours in the coming year. Some of the improvements we talked about are towards membership retention, improving our social media presence, investing in future leadership pipeline and better and early event planning. With that I would like to announce the date for our annual membership kick off meeting on Sept 20th evening in Beaverton. More details on the event logistics will soon follow.

We planned to revisit our section goals once we get the update of society and region goals from the ABJ leadership summit in August 18-20th in Santa Monica CA. Some of our board members will be attending the summit; do not hesitate to reach us if you are interested in joining the event and need to connect with other attendees from our section.

Local host committee is working on planning WE local Portland on April 6-8th in 2018. I invite each of you to reach out and connect with local host committee to

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introduce us to the local small – mid size firms. It is our opportunity to connect and expand local SWE network while also bringing in sponsors who will be showcased as exhibitors at our conference to connect with conference attendees. Thought of starting my note this month with my testimony on why belong to SWE. My top 3 reasons are as follows:

Connecting: I feel this is my support network to be inspired from, where I find encouragement to step into new arenas, who boost my confidence during the uncertain career/life transitions, help me to find mentors and role models.

Developing: Practice and develop leadership, public speaking and presentation skills. Learn from the network on different field of study/career/industry.

Giving back: Being part of this organization makes me feel good and content in life that I am doing my part to fellow women, whether it is inspiring a young girl to choose STEM field, or be there to mentor a recent college graduate or connecting other women at work or Industry. I am satisfied that I am setting a good example for my little daughter😊.

I will be curious to know what your testimonials are. Don't forget to save the date and share this with us in person at the annual membership kick off meeting.

I hope everyone enjoy the rest of the summer while we have it. Until September I am signing off on my note😊.

Cheers,  
Sireesha Akula  
FY18 President  
Columbia River Section  
Society of Women Engineers.

## Event Recap

### Washington County Fair July 28-30<sup>th</sup>

SWE had a science booth at the Washington County Fair with a great response from the kids. Kids were let explore buoyancy by building tin foil boats, seeing how many pennies the boat could hold, and iterating on designs. Clay was used to talk about density, and how it relates to buoyancy. A clay ball sinks, but if you increase its overall volume by making it a cup, you can decrease the density and make it float. Siblings got competitive trying to build the “best boat,” all while learning about density, displacement, and buoyancy!



## Announcements

### Professional Development

Your Professional Development committee is inspired to cultivate some engaging workshops, panels, and networking activities for you this year! We have decided to focus on three primary themes to serve the members of the Columbia River Section in 2017 and 2018: Presentation Skills and Finding your Confident Voice, Showing Up in Charged Interactions and Navigating Gracefully, Body Language 101 and Taking Charge of Your Impressions. Secondly, we are working to expand your opportunity to network and have FUN within your local section and in partnership with other engineering associations as we believe having fun is one of the best ways to connect. In addition, we want to offer you an opportunity to engage regularly surrounding specific professional development topics in an informal setting via a monthly book meetup! We will select books of a wide array of topics relevant to professional development, prioritizing those that are accessible in audio format for the convenience of those who may feel lack time to do the reading. If you have interest in reading/listening with us, please shoot a quick message to [ruthee.morris@avangrid.com](mailto:ruthee.morris@avangrid.com) and feel free to include any relevant reads you've had on your list! You will also be able to participate in an ongoing discussion via LinkedIn.

Lastly, we are kicking off the year with a strong start on October 26th with our workshop event Presentation Skills and Finding your Confident Voice. Our goal is to make this an interactive workshop in which you get to practice a presentation in the safe company of your fellow SWE members. You will have the opportunity to gain invaluable feedback from seasoned professionals whom are experienced presenters. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 26th!

### Save the Date!

#### Membership Kick-Off Meeting

**Who:** SWE Members and those who are interested in finding out more about the section and what we do

**What:** Our Annual Membership Kick-Off Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Where:** Beaverton Activities Center

12500 SW Allen Blvd

Beaverton, OR, 97005

(Corner of Hall and Allen)

**Why:** To let the members and prospective members know what the Board has planned for FY18

## Time to Plan a Celebration

June 29, 2019, will be the 40th anniversary of the chartering of the Oregon SWE section. In 1997 the name of the section changed when the Willamette Valley section was chartered. Please start thinking about how we should celebrate this milestone and if you would like to participate in the events planning, As the anniversary date approaches we will appoint a committee to plan the celebration.

*Don't forget to renew your SWE membership. Membership dues were due by June 30, 2017. If you fail to renew your membership by September 30, 2017, you will be dropped from the membership roster.*

## **WE Local**

It's official! Portland has been selected as one of Society of Women Engineers #WELocal host cities in 2018! The event will be held April 6-8, 2018 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel.

Stay tuned to [welocal.swe.org](http://welocal.swe.org) for details on abstract submission and registration.



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## ***SWE Life Membership***

Have you considered becoming a SWE Life Member? As a Life Member your SWE dues are waived in perpetuity.

To become a Life Member, you contribute \$2,000 to the SWE Endowment Fund Inc. - Headquarters Account

There are three plans available:

Plan A \$2,000 payable in cash when the contract is signed.

Plan B Readily marketable securities with a minimum value of the full life membership contract payable when the contract is signed.

Plan C Three-year contract:

\$500 payable in cash at the time the contract is signed;

\$500 payable in cash on each of the three successive contract anniversary dates.

If you are interested in checking this out, go to the SWE website:

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php>

Select "Membership"

- "Types and Benefits"
- "Membership Types"
- "Life Membership"

## ***SWE Milestone anniversaries***

Years	First Nm	Last Nm	SWE Join Dt
55	Terry	Glenn	7/1/1952
35	Daria	Wightman	6/30/1982
30	Susan	McDermott	7/1/1987
25	Jane	Howell	6/30/1992
25	Nikki	Jones	7/1/1992
25	Ann	Simmons	7/1/1992
25	Anne	Wagner	7/1/1992
20	Laura	Kramer	6/30/1997
20	Ruth	Burris	7/1/1997
20	Jennifer	Kootstra	7/1/1997
15	Mary	Whalon	2/8/2002
10	Joanne	Hill	2/16/2007
10	Rachel	Dreilinger	5/10/2007
10	Stephanie	Chin	9/26/2007
10	Kerrin	Feather	10/1/2007
10	Carla	Todenhagen	11/5/2007
10	Wendy	Peterman	11/26/2007
10	Lakecia	Gunter	11/27/2007



*Downtown Meet & Greet*

*Photo Courtesy: Nicole Zimmerman*

## Upcoming Meet and Greets

### **Downtown, August**

**Thu Aug. 10  
11:45 am  
Imperial  
410 SW Broadway**

RSVP to Melinda  
[mjholtzman@comcast.net](mailto:mjholtzman@comcast.net)

### **South I5, August**

**Thu Aug 17th  
Baja Fresh  
17805 SW 65th Ave,  
Lake Oswego, OR  
97035,  
[\(503\) 620-6732](tel:(503)620-6732)**

### **Gresham, August**

**Wed Aug 30  
Applebee's  
489 NW Burnside Rd.,  
Gresham, OR  
97030, (503) 666-2603  
Please RSVP to Ann  
Simmons  
[ann.e.simmons@boeing.com](mailto:ann.e.simmons@boeing.com)**

### **South I5, September**

**Fri Sept 15<sup>th</sup>  
Famous Daves  
7121 SW Nyberg St,  
Tualatin, OR 97062,  
[\(503\) 486-5631](tel:(503)486-5631)**

### **Vancouver, August**

**Thu Aug 24<sup>th</sup>  
Noon  
Gustav's Pub & Grill  
1705 SE 164th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
98683**

## Collegiate Corner

*Want to know about our Collegiate sections and their happenings? This is where you find out about them and how you can help! Every month we will be featuring updates and happenings from our collegiate sections so you can find out more about our SWE Collegiate sections.*



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