



NEWSLETTER **September** **2017**

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President's Column

Hello SWEsters,
I stored my notes on experience of eclipse to blog in the next news article, so I will begin with it. We chose to camp a day before on French prairie farms as a last minute thought to not miss on the experience of total eclipse. Was in lot of anticipation how that experience would be after taking so much trouble and paying a lot for a camp spot☺. But 3 things stuck to me. The experience of watching sun as a diamond ring in dark sky and feeling the night like weather during the day was awesome experience to me and my husband who usually understates the feel.



Reflection of how it felt for 2 minutes with the loss of light made me appreciate more the power of nature/Sun and how insignificant we and our little issues are in comparison to it.

The unity and bonding I felt for few hours of this trip, especially for the 2 minutes sharing the joy and experience of watching total eclipse (I cannot put in words☺) with total strangers around me.

I am awed by the same unity and bonding that we are witnessing today across the states with the volunteers pouring out to help hurricane victims and volunteers fighting fires. I will pray and do my bit to support the speedy recovery of fellow communities and nature. With that let's talk about the bonding of our little local SWE community. What events/causes can we enjoy/support together that will make us connect and bond with other women around us? I believe that these years, awareness of STEM has improved and is being introduced to little girls. But

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Please send articles, ideas and info for future newsletters. Comments and feedback are also appreciated.

persistence to understand and support the women leaving STEM fields/career could use some help. I would like to call upon the group to take time for the fellow women who reach out to you or to whom you connect with to bond so each of us can share the ideas and fears openly raising the networking through SWE up one notch. What can be a better event to try such networking than the upcoming membership event? Please also reach out to those women who eat their lunch alone and fear that they may not fit in a group. I used to be one of those and I promised myself to reach out if I spot any. Join me and bring a friend along to introduce to SWE. Together let's all spread awareness, as well as remind the people around us, that CRS SWE is local/friendly/active group who will stand by you to help with education/career or professional advice. I may not be able to beat the experience of eclipse but I promise to send with a beautiful memory of you with a professional headshot at the membership event on Sep 14th. Register to the event soon😊.

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

Announcements

Save the Date!

The *Columbia River SWE section annual Membership Kick-Off Meeting* is scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Beaverton Activities Center
12500 SW Allen Blvd
Beaverton, OR 97005
Large Conference Room

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Meeting starts at 6:00 PM and ends by 8:30 PM.

Dinner will be provided.

Raffle tickets! Door prizes!

An extra raffle ticket for bringing a guest!

Board members will be available to talk to you about the activities they have planned for this year and answer your questions/concerns.

Find out more about the governance changes that SWE is implementing. (No more regions!)

You will be able to renew your SWE membership or join SWE.

Sign up to volunteer, network, meet awesome other engineers

Networking opportunities

Announcements

Professional Development

Professional Development has chosen a September book:

Presence: *Brining your BOLDEST SELF to your BIGGEST CHALLENGES* by Amy Cuddy. Join our LinkedIn discussion group and get the conversation moving! We hope to see you at the end of the month at Cedar Hills Crossing Powell's bookstore in Beaverton on Thursday September 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. If you're not able to make, you can still reach your reading goal with us and get in on the conversation via LinkedIn! Let's read, listen, and learn together!

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13544569>

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.

Did You Remember to Renew Your Membership?

Did you get distracted and just forget to renew your SWE membership for FY18? There are 109 members of the Columbia River SWE section who haven't renewed their memberships for FY18. If you haven't paid your dues by Saturday, September 30, 2017, SWE HQ will drop you from the database. Please consider renewing your memberships so that you can continue to receive the benefits of SWE membership including access to the SWE Career Center and free webinars (and access to the webinar archives), and networking and leadership opportunities. To renew, go to:

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

and select the "Renew" box.

or, go to:

<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/membership/i-am-with-swe>

for information on what SWE membership includes and help on renewing including access to a webinar on renewing.

WE17 - Austin, TX - October 26-28, 2017

Registration is open for WE17.
Always Connecting , Always Engineering

Go to:

<https://we17.swe.org/>
to find out more.



Women's Leadership Program

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL

Monday, September 18, 1:30 - 5:00pm | Room 44

All are welcome to attend!

Chair: Priyanka Dobrial, Ph.D., Intel Corporation

We extend an invitation to everyone at SMTA International to attend the Women's Leadership Program to promote women in engineering fields. Get inspired by speakers from FLITE, IBM, Intel, Keysight Technologies, Nike, Women in Manufacturing (WiM) and more. This will be held on Monday afternoon from 1:30pm-3:00pm. This will be followed by a panel discussion at 4:15pm where panelists will share their unique stories on what motivated them to choose a career in engineering, mentorship and their contributions in advancing careers of women. The discussion is moderated by Claire Saunders from What's New In Electronics (WNIE.) Show your support for diversity in engineering fields by attending this session.

To register, just click on Register free link.

<https://www.smta.org/smtai/register.cfm>



Downtown Meet & Greet

Photo Courtesy: Nicole Zimmerman

Upcoming Meet and Greets

**Downtown, September
Wed Sep 13
11:45 am
Gandhi Indian
Restaurant
710 SW 2nd Ave
RSVP to Melinda
mjholtzman@comcast.net.**

**South I5, September
Fri Sept 15th
Famous Daves
7121 SW Nyberg St,
Tualatin, OR 97062,
[\(503\) 486-5631](tel:(503)486-5631)
RSVP to Laura
[\(lbnkmk@gmail.com\)](mailto:lbnkmk@gmail.com)
by 5pm Thursday, September 14th**

**Gresham, September
Wed Sep 27
The Local Cow (Burger
Restaurant), 336 N. Main
Ave, Gresham, OR,
97030, 503-489-5116
Please RSVP to Ann
Simmons
ann.e.simmons@boeing.com**

**South I5, October
Thurs, Oct 12th,
Dar Essalem,
29585 SW Park Pl #
A, Wilsonville, OR
97070,
(503) 682-3600**

**Vancouver, September
Mon Sep 11
Noon
Los Potrillos
1735 SE 192nd Ave
#101, Camas, WA 98607
RSVP: Jennifer
at jenkootstra@gmail.com**

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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MAY BE

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BUT IT TAKES

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TINKER • INVENT • BUILD

IT MEANS

BEING YOU

BE SILLY
BE OUTRAGEOUS
BE STRONG
BE AMAZING

**JUST
BE YOU**

EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS
..... achieve your goals

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FUTURE

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