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SWE-TBA WEB PAGE!

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Hello SWE Members and Friends:

I am happy to inform you that our new Tampa Bay SWE website is up and running! You can see it on www.swetampabay.org. I hope we can add some more content to it as we go along including an 'events' page and a complete list of officer bios. Pass the word along!

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December Meeting Scheduled- Holiday Pottery Painting

Our December meeting, part of our work/life balance stress reduction series, will be held on Thursday, Dec 7th starting at 5:30pm at "Pottery in the Park", formerly Passion Pepper Pottery on 2502 W. Azeele Street Tampa, FL 33609, **PH:** (813) 877-8238.

More details will follow. In addition to painting pottery, please bring in mind your favorite activity to share with other members that keeps the stress away! Whether it's yoga, cooking, or something we've never thought of before, we want to hear about it!

Events Calendar

Fall 2006

- Monthly Meeting @ CDM - Nov. 2
- Monthly Meeting - Pottery Painting - Dec. 7
- Great American Teach In! - Volunteer

Winter 2007

- SWE SPA Day - Date TBD
- USF EXPO - Feb. 17-18
- Engineering Banquet - February

Spring 2007

- SWE Regional Conference
- EWRI Conference - Restoring our Habitat
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Women's Forum - USF

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PICTURES FROM PAST EVENTS...



SWE -TBA KICK-OFF MEETING

Last month SWE-TBA held their first meeting for the 2005-2006 year at Gameworks in Ybor City. We socialized, enjoyed the food and atmosphere, and saw many new faces. Sandy also presented awards and certificates to last year's officers. We hope to continue the success. Thanks to all who joined us!



NATIONAL CONFERENCE -

The "Celebrate SWE!" Event at the National Conference is an evening of recognition for outstanding regions, sections, members, and students. The southeast area, including Florida, is Region D. We competed in the Region Spirit Contest,.



Introducing...

Sharon Kalinowski, SWE-TBA Vice President

Hello Fellow SWE Members:

I am very excited to be part of the SWE Tampa Bay Section. I recently moved to Florida from Washington state and am glad to join the section. One of the first things I did when arriving here was to contact the local section officers and get involved. I will be serving as one of two Vice Presidents this year and look forward to a productive year. It is such a great feeling to know that as I have moved around the country, I can always find women with whom I share a common bond and interest.

I first joined SWE in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where we chartered the Pikes Peak Section. I served as President, Vice President and Scholarship chair. One of my proudest accomplishments was to be able to raise funds for and provide six \$500 scholarships to local young women studying engineering. The section also sponsored a year end awards ceremony at which time we recognized our officer, the Scholarship recipients and our corporate donors.

When I moved from Colorado Springs to Vancouver Washington in 1997, I joined the Columbia River Section, where I served as President, Vice President, Newsletter editor CSR rep. and was a member of the scholarship committee.

Whether it was in Colorado or Washington, I also enjoyed working with girls and encouraging them to consider careers in engineering. I would volunteer for Girl Scouts

Engineering days, science fairs, and host young women at the Engineers week Banquets. It was only natural then that I choose to work with the outreach program when I came to the Tampa Bay section. I am excited to be hosting the November meeting which will provide ideas and training for those who will participate in the Great American Teach In.

I hope you can join us.



Sharon Kalinowski, SWE - Tampa Bay

My degree is in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science and my professional career was spent primarily as a Software Engineer. I have worked for Litton Computer Services, Digital Equipment Corporation, MCI and Hewlett Packard. My earlier years were spent developing software for a variety of large scale software systems and more recently as a Program Manager and Project Manager responsible for delivery of Printer Products for Hewlett Packard

I am originally from Lowell Massachusetts, where I graduated from Lowell Technological Institute (now University of Mass at Lowell). My husband and I met in college and were married the end of my junior year. At graduation I was 7 months pregnant with my son. Back in those days there weren't many women in the engineering college, so I was quite a sight and got many stares when I walked the corridors! Joe and I have been married for 36 years and have 2 grown children. We have lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Vancouver Washington, and are now retired in Palm Harbor Florida. I am glad to be here and look forward to meeting each of you.

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SWE November Meeting

When: Thursday Nov 2, 2006 5:30 P.M.

Topic: Information and Training meeting for SWE members interested in participating in local school activities during American Education Week, Nov 13 - 18.

Where: CDM
1715 N. Westshore Blvd. Suite 875 Tampa
Parking available behind the building on the 5th floor.

Note: The building will close at 6:00 PM

Contact : Sharon Kalinowski 727-254-4286
Please RSVP by Oct 30th

Thanks in advance to **CDM** who will sponsor the meeting and provide light refreshments