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## SVS SWE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November

- 2 SWE Leadership Coaching  
Brown and Caldwell in Rancho Cordova
- 13 SWE Sacramento Valley Section  
25th Year Anniversary Dinner  
Riverboat Delta King in Old Sacramento
- 16 Young Engineers Session (YES)  
Kick-off Meeting  
LaBou in Rancho Cordova

### December

- 5 Holiday Meeting  
Ettore's in Sacramento

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

October 19, 2007

Dear Section Members,

I'm happy to announce that our section is working very hard to be actively involved in the community. We have had a great deal of efforts put in from our section members within the last two months.

I want to recognize the efforts done by our members with in September and October ....

Our section report was due to the SWE headquarters by September 1. Special thanks go out Paula Mc Donald, our section rep for completing the section report on time.

September 14 was our first 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday luncheon for this fiscal year. Thanks to Liz for organizing the event in Rancho Cordova.

October 6 was the Expanding Your Horizons event at the Sacramento State University. Thanks to Sue Xiong for her efforts on coordinating this event. Genevieve (Gen) Vladimir and I also joined to represent the SWE section. Gen had a fun experiment for the kids to show the Turbidity of water. She introduced young children to different sedimentation types and to soil erosion. Her passion has been to teach kids what she applies at work and she really got to demonstrate it that day.

October 12 we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Luncheon at Davis. Thanks to Valeria La Saponara for organizing the luncheon.

Thanks to Gen for stepping up to be the scholarship committee chair for the fiscal year. Dianna Jensen, our former scholarship committee chair will be coaching Gen with her past experience.

Jennifer, Wendy, and Heather have been working together to make plans for the YES coordination meeting on November 16.

Thanks to Linda Finley for meeting with the UC Davis students in October.

I'm very pleased with our members' efforts. We will be celebrating the SWE 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and I'm very fortunate to be a part of the coordination efforts as we mark the quarter century. I hope to see you all at the

Riverboat Delta King on November 13 as we celebrate 25 years of serving the community.

Himali

## REGIONAL SWE NEWS

### Looking for additional SWE information???



Check out the SWE Region A website, located at <http://swe-goldenwest.org>. If you're looking for regional information and events, this is the place to go.

For National SWE Information, check out [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org).

SWE encourages professional development. For more information visit the Professional Development link at [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

#### SWE Leadership Coaching

**SPEAKER:** Ester Heller, Region A Leadership Coach  
**TOPIC:** Membership is a Contact Sport

**WHEN:** Friday, November 2nd  
**WHERE:** Brown and Caldwell  
10540 White Rock Road, Suite 180  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**TIME:** 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
**RSVP:** Himali Rodrigo at [hrodrigo@brwnncald.com](mailto:hrodrigo@brwnncald.com)

This presentation will provide information on how to increase our member participation for our section. Officers and committee chairs are mandatory attendees. Members are optional attendees. Please RSVP to Himali Rodrigo by October 26.

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## SWE Sacramento Valley Section 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Dinner

**SPEAKER:** Judy Garzolini, HP Program Manager  
**TOPIC:** Developing Leadership and Communication Skills in Today's Workplace

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 13th  
**WHERE:** Riverboat Delta King  
Fort Sutter Room  
1000 Front Street  
Old Sacramento, CA 95814

**TIME:** 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
**COST:** \$25 per person  
**RSVP:** Himali Rodrigo at [hrodrigo@brwnaald.com](mailto:hrodrigo@brwnaald.com)

See flyer attached for parking options and menu options. Please RSVP with parking and menu options by November 1.



## Young Engineers Session (YES) 2008 Kick-Off Meeting

**WHEN:** Friday, November 16th  
**WHERE:** La Bou  
10909 Olson Drive  
Racho Cordova

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
**RSVP:** Heather Sheridan at [SheridanHM@bv.com](mailto:SheridanHM@bv.com)



For the last 5 years, SWE Sac Valley Section has led the Young Engineers Session (YES) in collaboration with the Girl Scouts. We have scheduled March 29, 2008 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. YES provides middle school girls with a day full of hands-on workshops, games and

information, so they can get an idea of what the engineering profession is all about. We need volunteers to lead and assist with the workshops and games.

If you plan to attend, please contact Heather Sheridan at [SheridanHM@bv.com](mailto:SheridanHM@bv.com).

Even if you cannot attend this first meeting, but want to help out or learn more about how you can help, please contact the YES 2008 co-chairs, Heather Sheridan or Wendy Cohen at [wcohen@dcn.org](mailto:wcohen@dcn.org).

## December

### Holiday Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 5th  
**WHERE:** Ettore's European Bakery and Restaurant  
2376 Fair Oaks Blvd  
Sacramento, CA

(Next to Zinfandel Grille between Howe and Fulton)

**TIME:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**RSVP:** Liz Raley at [borden@lanset.com](mailto:borden@lanset.com)



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## ARTICLES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Expanding Your Horizons – Success!

By Sue Xiong

This was the first year that the Sacramento Section of the Women of AT&T joined forces with California State University, Sacramento's Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Program to sponsor the Expanding Your Horizons event at Sacramento State. Approximately 300 young women (6<sup>th</sup> grader to the 8<sup>th</sup> grader) from the Sacramento area attended the event. Two volunteer mentors escorted each group of 20 young women around the university and to their workshops.



Genevieve Villemarie and Himali Rodrigo at the SWE Booth.

SWE would like to thank Dawn Fritz from Women of AT&T for giving us the opportunity to participate at EYH. SWE also wants to thank JoAnne Mahaney from American River College for providing posters and all of the SWE volunteers and their supportive companies for providing all of the giveaways.

With volunteers from the university, local organizations, local businesses, and the community, the event was a success. Next year's event will also be held at Sacramento

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State in October. SWE looks forward to help out with the event next year!

## Scholarship Committee Chair - FILLED

By Sue Xiong

We are happy to announce that we have filled all of the officer positions. Genevieve Villemarie has accepted the position as the Scholarship Committee Chair.

Welcome aboard Genevieve!



Genevieve as an astronaut the EYH Event at Sac State.

## SWE National Conference

By Sue Xiong

The SWE 2007 National Conference is located in Nashville, Tennessee this year. This year's theme is "Women In Tune With Technology" with Keynote Speaker Adriane M. Brown, President and CEO of Honeywell Transportation Systems. We have numerous members of our Section attending the conference. Here is a list of our members that will be representing the Sacramento Valley Section SWE at the National Conference this year.

- Himali Rodrigo, Section President
- Paula McDonald, Section Representative
- Virginia Squire, Region A Nominating Committee Representative
- Carmen Lee, Region A Treasurer

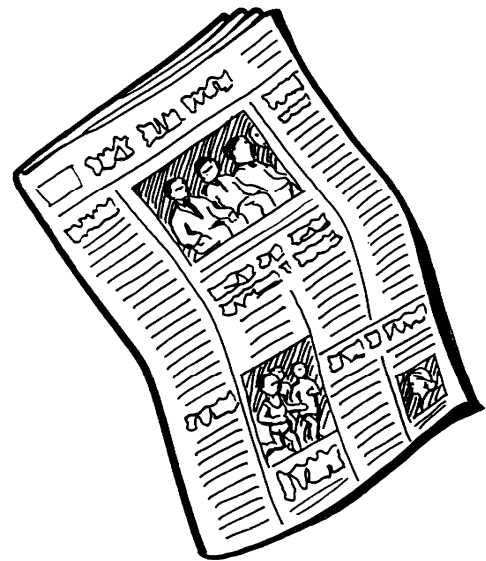
## ARTICLES NEEDED!

We need more contributors to the newsletter! Please help out our new newsletter editor with any articles or other items of interest.

### Article submission deadline for the Jan/Feb publication

**December 14, 2007**

If you like to contribute an article, please contact Sue Xiong at [xiongsu@saccounty.net](mailto:xiongsu@saccounty.net).



# Annual Calendar Events

## Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008

Date	Event	Location/Time	Coordinator
September 14, 2007	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Luncheon	La Bou 1090 Olson Drive Rancho Cordova	Liz Raley <a href="mailto:borden@lanset.com">borden@lanset.com</a>
September 2007	Meeting w/CSUS	CSUS	Mary Serra <a href="mailto:MSerra@waterboards.ca.gov">MSerra@waterboards.ca.gov</a>
October 6, 2007	Expanding Your Horizons (EYH)	CSUS	Sue Xiong <a href="mailto:xiongsu@saccounty.net">xiongsu@saccounty.net</a>
October 12, 2007	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Luncheon	Symposium 1620 E 8th Street Davis, CA	Valeria La Saponara <a href="mailto:vadialu@yahoo.com">vadialu@yahoo.com</a>
October 21, 2007	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk	West Steps, State Capitol Building	Carmen Lee <a href="mailto:leeca@saccounty.net">leeca@saccounty.net</a>
October 25 – 27, 2007	National Conference	Nashville, TN	Please visit the website <a href="http://www.swe.org">http://www.swe.org</a>
November 2007	Meeting w/UCD Students	Davis, CA	Linda N. Finley <a href="mailto:Linda.N.Finley@spk01.usace.army.mil">Linda.N.Finley@spk01.usace.army.mil</a>
November 2, 2007	SWE Leadership Coaching	Brown and Caldwell Rancho Cordova	Himali Rodrigo <a href="mailto:hrodrigo@brwncald.com">hrodrigo@brwncald.com</a>
November 13, 2007	SVS 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	Riverboat Delta King Old Sacramento	Himali Rodrigo <a href="mailto:hrodrigo@brwncald.com">hrodrigo@brwncald.com</a>
November 16, 2007	Young Engineers Session (YES) Kick-Off Meeting	La Bou Rancho Cordova	Heather Sheridan <a href="mailto:SheridanHM@bv.com">SheridanHM@bv.com</a>
December 5, 2007	Holiday Meeting	Ettore's 2376 Fair Oaks Blvd. Sacramento	Liz Raley <a href="mailto:borden@lanset.com">borden@lanset.com</a>
January 2008	Joint Meeting w/Sierra Foothills Section	TBD	Sue Xiong <a href="mailto:xiongsu@saccounty.net">xiongsu@saccounty.net</a>
February 17 -23, 2008	Engineers Week	TBA	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!</b>
March 29, 2008	Young Engineers Session (YES)	TBD	Wendy Cohen Heather Sheridan
April 2008	SWE Recruitment Meeting	Aerojet	Paula McDonald <a href="mailto:Paula.McDonald@Aerojet.com">Paula.McDonald@Aerojet.com</a>
May 3, 2008	Picnic/Hike	TBD	<b>Coordinator Needed!!!!</b>

Note: TBA/TBD – To be Announced / To be Determined

# **SWE**

## **Sacramento Valley Section**



# **Celebrating 25 years of Serving the Community**

## **Developing Leadership and Communication Skills in Today's Workplace**

by

### **Keynote Speaker**

### **Jude Garzolini, Program Manager for Hewlett-Packard**

She is responsible for managing research and development, finance, marketing, procurement, manufacturing, and packaging for key media products in support of the LaserJet printing business. She was the 2007 National SWE President. Garzolini has had a long and dedicated SWE career which began at Wayne State University as a student section leader. She was the 1st president for the Sacramento Valley Section.

**Date:** November 13, 2007  
**Time:** 6-8:30 pm  
**Location:** Riverboat Delta King  
Fort Sutter Room  
1000 Front Street  
Old Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Cost:** \$25

### **Parking Options**

Old Sacramento Parking Garage for  
\$5 - notify Himali by Nov. 1

or

If you wish to carpool from Rancho  
Cordova - Elk Grove - Folsom - Davis  
please notify Himali in advance for  
carpool arrangements.

### **Menu Choices**

Chicken Cordon Bleu with champagne,  
mushroom sauce

or

Wild Mushroom Pasta with goat cheese  
and roasted pine nuts

**RSVP to Himali Rodrigo at  
[hrodrigo@brwncauld.com](mailto:hrodrigo@brwncauld.com) with  
your menu choice and parking  
option by Nov. 1.**

**Society of Women Engineers**

**If you are interested in making a contribution to SWE SVS, please contact Himali Rodrigo at (916) 853-5340**

Society of Women Engineers,  
Sacramento Valley Section would like to thank **Brown and Caldwell** for funding the printing and mailing of our newsletter.

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