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President's Corner

Our first meeting of the year was a great success. We enjoyed networking with each other and especially enjoyed the tasting of the chocolate, wine and beer. We have a very busy October, starting with hosting WOW on October 3 at Bayside High School. It's not too late to volunteer. Several of the officers are traveling to Long Beach, California on October 15-17 to attend the SWE National Convention. We hope to bring home lots of great ideas for future meetings and speakers for our Professional Development Seminar.

We also have a great meeting planned – on October 27th we will be holding a joint meeting with The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Our speaker is Robert Atkins, the Lockheed Martin Program Manager at KSC, who will be discussing “Reacting to the Augustine Report and What It’s Impact Might Mean Locally”. October is also Polish American Heritage Month, which is a hint at our icebreaker for next month. We hope to see you there!



Susan Floyd
SWE-SC President

Calendar of Events

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
October 15-17	SWE National Conference	Long Beach, CA
Tuesday, October 27	Robert Atkins, LM Future of Space Program – How the Augustine Committee will affect Brevard County	Radisson, Cocoa Beach
Wednesday, November 4	Meet & Greet Matt's Kasbah	Downtown Melbourne
Sunday, November 15	Book Club	River Rocks, Rockledge
Sunday, December 6	Holiday Social & Book Club	Susan's Home

Coming Soon:

- IGEW on January 30th.
- Women's Engineer of the Year Award on February 23.
- Region D Conference on March 5-7 in Memphis, TN.
- Women's History Month event on March 23.

October Meeting: "Reacting to the Augustine Report"



***Date:** Tuesday, October 27

***Time:**

6:00-6:45 Social (cash bar)
6:45-7:30 Dinner (Champagne, Chicken, or London Broil)
7:30-8:30 Presentation
8:30-8:40 Q&A
8:40-9:00 AIAA & SWE Business

***Location:** Holiday Inn
Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
Resort

1300 N. Atlantic Ave. (A1A),
Cocoa Beach

***Cost:**

\$25 AIAA & SWE Members
\$30 Non-Members
\$13 Student SWE Members

***RSVP:** Tuesday, October 20

***Register at** www.swe-sc.org

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Presenter: Robert H. Atkins
*Senior Manager KSC Operations, Lockheed
Martin Space Systems Company*

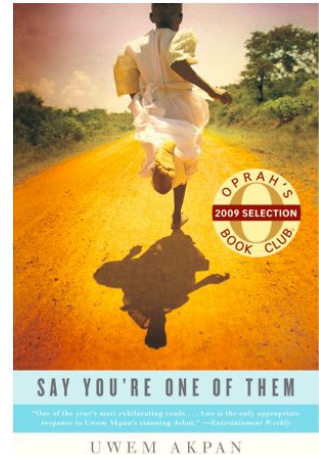
The SWE Space Coast Section and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics presents our next section meeting titled: "Reacting to the Augustine Report and what it's impact might mean locally." Don't miss this opportunity to network and hear Robert Atkins, Senior Manager KSC Operations, discuss how this report will impact you. See you there!

November Book Club

Our next book club will be held on Sunday, November 15th at River Rocks in Rockledge, Florida. Come join us as we review "Say You're One of Them" by Uwem Akpan. This book was featured in Oprah's Book Club.

Oprah admits she's not big on short stories, but her latest pick is a stunning collection by a Nigerian priest that reflects Africa through the

eyes of its children. "I was born under a palm-wine tree in Ikot Ekpene Diocese in Nigeria," writes Akpan. "I was inspired to write by the people who sit around my village church to share palm wine after Sunday Mass, by the Bible, and by the humor and endurance of the poor."



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September SWE-SC Meeting A Success!!!

The first section meeting of the year was held on September 22 at the Costa Del Sol Condo in Cape Canaveral. Chocolate chef Ha Le and wine connoisseur Nancy Maté led a fantastic evening of chocolate, beer, and wine tasting! In

addition to learning about preferred combinations of chocolate and beverage, the event was a kickoff for the year, discussing upcoming activities and opportunities.



Chef Ha Le & Nancy Maté

Meet & Greet

Name: Kari Bonestroo

Occupation: Software Engineer for Harris Corporation

Years: 3

Graduated from: University of Florida

What do you like about being an engineer: I like puzzles, so I really enjoy the problem-solving aspect of engineering, like fixing a difficult software bug or finding an optimal solution to a problem.

Years with SWE: <1 (Joined in April)

Why did I join SWE: I joined SWE for the professional development opportunities it offers, and to help encourage girls and young women to consider careers in engineering.

Life: I married my husband, Mike, on a cruise ship last October. I enjoy reading, photography, and spending time with friends.



Kari Bonestroo

Member Alert

We are proud to announce the addition of a new member to the SWE-SC family. Jen & Tim Bailey gave birth to a beautiful baby girl they named Kara Grace. Kara Grace was born on July 22 at 5:42 PM. She weighed 6 lbs, 6 oz and was 19 inches long. We wish Jen & Tim the best with their new family.

Have any news you want to submit to Member Alert? Send your information and any pictures you might have to ivette.rivera-1@nasa.gov.



Kara Grace

SWE-SC Scholarships

Hello Space Coast SWE Members! I am the new Scholarship Committee Chair for 2010 and it's that time of year again...the summer is gone, a new school year has started, hurricane season is almost over, and my favorite holiday, Halloween, is around the corner! But more importantly, it is time to start thinking about this year's SWE High School Scholarship Program. Last year, as a result of generous contributions from its members, the Space Coast chapter was able to provide \$1000 scholarships to **FOUR**

very deserving and highly motivated young ladies pursuing studies in the Engineering, Math and Science disciplines.

One of last year's recipients, Halei Benefield, is now attending Duke University with a dual major in Civil and Biomedical Engineering. She states, "SWE gives me a sense of empowerment because it embodies the growing force that is female engineers."

The Space Coast Chapter allocates funds to provide two \$1000 scholarships each year. Any additional scholarships are solely the result of donations from SWE members. A donation of just \$15 per member would allow two more scholarships to be awarded to potential future women engineers! Donating is easy and can be done directly on the Space Coast homepage: <http://www.swe-sc.org>. Thank you for your continued support!

Amanda James

SWE-SC Photo Gallery

The following pictures were taken in the SWE-SC September Meeting held at Costa del Sol Condo at Cape Canaveral.



New Boss? 5 Ways to Adjust By Robert Halk International (CareerBuilder.com)

These days, there is a lot of upheaval in the workplace. Be it layoffs, reorganization or people taking other positions, there's a good chance you may be reporting to a different person than you were just a few months ago. The relationship with your supervisor can have a great impact on your career, so starting off on the right foot with a new boss is critical. Following are a few tips for doing so:

1. Help out where you can.

Starting a new position is challenging for everyone, even your boss. Remember what it was like when you were a new employee, including the times you could have used someone's help. Discuss any pending projects and who is currently responsible for those initiatives. Also provide information about any upcoming deadlines.

2. Remain flexible.

Your new boss will have his or her own ideas of how to run the office and accomplish team goals, and you should be ready for the possibility that some of

those ideas may conflict with your own. But keep an open mind; different doesn't mean worse. Be willing to try new approaches.

3. Aim to be a go-to person.

Your new supervisor will face many challenges in the first few months, so he or she will be looking for employees who can help pick up the slack. Let your manager know what you've accomplished in the past and what skills you possess, and offer to be a resource on future projects. Be sure to mention talents that might fall outside your job description, such as your familiarity with a new software program. The more you can contribute, the more valuable you'll be considered by your employer. Just don't go overboard, or others, including the new manager, may perceive you as currying favor.

4. Remember that patience is a virtue.

You likely took a few months to feel comfortable when you started your job, so it's safe to

assume the same will be true for your manager. For instance, if your boss wants you to provide twice-weekly updates, it's probably not because he or she doesn't trust that you're getting your work done. Instead, your supervisor likely wants to make sure he or she doesn't let anything slip through the cracks.

5. Pay attention.

Get a feel for how your boss works. Does your manager want to be in the loop on each and every project, or does your boss have a more hands-off approach? What is his or her preferred method of communication? When is it best to approach your supervisor with nonpressing requests? These questions may not be answered immediately, but by paying attention to your boss's tendencies and preferences, you'll form a productive relationship more quickly.

Remember, not only are you getting used to your new boss, but he or she is also getting used to you. Being empathetic will go a long way.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to inform the community of opportunities open to women in engineering and to encourage women to enter and grow in engineering and the sciences.

Section Objectives

- **Continuing Development**
Conduct programs that provide leadership and management skills to enhance professional, personal and SWE growth.
- **Network Support System**
Provide a network to support professional, personal and family needs.
- **Promote Engineering/Science**
Conduct programs to encourage and sustain increased female and minority participation in engineering and the sciences.
- **Visibility**
Increase visibility in order to boost membership and increase members with more opportunities to serve their communities.



We have created a SWE Space Coast fan page on Facebook to better communicate with you about our events, as well as to help you network with other women engineers in the Space Coast area. You can also ask questions in the Discussion Boards and view our event photos. So, become a fan and find out more about our exciting events coming up!

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