Happy October! The Halloween fun has begun! Hope everyone is enjoying carving pumpkins, visiting cider mills and planning for costumes. Perhaps you are even visiting a haunted house (you brave soul!). Whatever it may be, we hope that you include a little SWE in your October plans!

Upcoming Events

- The SWE Annual Conference is at the end of the month on October 27th-29th Philadelphia, PA! The theme this year is SWE is “Life’s Variable: SWE’s Your Constant”

- Seeking volunteers to help! Donya Dobbin is currently teaching an introduction to engineering course at the Schoolcraft High School in Schoolcraft, MI. If you or anyone you know would be willing to come in and give the students a presentation or help with a project please let Donya know at dobbind@schoolcraftcs.org.

  Donya is also the new robotics club advisor and the club is in need of mentors and sponsorship. Reach out to Donya if you are interested in helping out with this need.

- Nominate yourself or a SWEster friend for DiscoverE’s Wow! New Faces of Engineering Awards. “Today’s engineers are working to solve issues on a global scale. New Faces of Engineering (Professional Edition) recognizes the outstanding talents, skills and abilities our next generation of engineering leaders (age 30 or younger) have shown on project that significantly impact public welfare or further professional development and growth.”
  - The Deadline is November 13th, 2016
  - Let’s try to get some nominations from SW Michigan!!!

Ongoing Events

- The SWMI SWE Exec board is hosting monthly networking lunches in the Twin Cities area. These are scheduled to take place on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 11:30p. Join us for great food and great company! If you have suggestions for lunch locations please let us know! Our past Networking lunch was held at the Whirlpool General Headquarters cafeteria and hosted by our President, Rebecca Klockow!
If you were not able to make it, we hope we will see you at our next month’s lunch! Currently the location is TBD, but we will notify you of the location and hostess via email at least a week in advance. Come hungry!

- **Our next Section Meeting** is scheduled for tonight, October 12th, from 5-5:45PM at the community room at the Lincoln Township Library in Stevensville at the following address:

  2099 W John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI 49127.

  Our professional development topic for this meeting (a tough one for some of us) is “How to Say No”. Hope you can make it!

**Events Recap!**

- At our last section meeting, we covered “The Power of Personality”. For each meeting this year we will cover a professional development topic. If you have feedback or suggestions for future professional development discussions, please reach out to Jessica Buschman jessica_buschman@whirlpool.com.

- On Thursday, September 28, the SWE 2017 kick off event was held at Vineyard 2121.

  Turquoise Top Hat kicked things off leading their famous “Sandpaper Social” where those participating had the opportunity to create a 12"x12" sign where everyone got to pick their design and colors.

In addition to crafting there was plenty of socializing, wine tasting and food, including a celebratory **“SWE 2017 Kick Off” cake!**
Vineyard 2121 provided the perfect location to host this year's kick off and did an excellent job in preparing the food for all to enjoy!

If you did not get a chance to join us this time around be watching for more upcoming social events to participate in. We would love to see all of you there!

**Professional Development**

- This graphic designer didn’t like what she was seeing on this magazine for girls, so she did something about it!  
  https://mic.com/articles/154005/a-designer-altered-this-girls-life-cover-to-show-what-empowerment-really-looks-like#.QShiQ0RGY

- These groups do more than raise awareness, they tackle real challenges to help close the tech gender gap. From creating a budding interest in tech for young girls to encouraging young women who have or are in the process of receiving a technical degree.  

- LEGO’s new “Super Hero Girls” Collection:  

- Ada Lovelace day was October 11th, here’s an article about diversity in the workplace:  
  http://www.cityam.com/251152/your-business-can-produce-next-ada-lovelace

- Do you want to have more tech knowledge on your corporate board? Hire a woman.  
  http://fortune.com/2016/08/31/accenture-women-boards/

Aspire / Advance / Achieve
As a SWE member, you can either be paid with the international society or just be involved! We hope to see you at the events to benefit your professional development, networking, or just to have fun at our socials. If you are uncertain about becoming a paid member, here are some of the benefits:

- Joint membership to NSBE and SHPE
- Community of support
- Scholarship opportunities
- SWE Magazine
- Webinars/podcasts
- Online Career center
- Outreach programs
- Leadership Skills

Email Michele Wilcox (michele_wilcox@whirlpool.com), Membership Chair, for more information on becoming a paid member!