Congratulations to the new FY20 Southwest MI SWE Leadership Team!

**Executive Board:**
President - Nicole Ernat
VP & Section Representative - Melissa Burchill
Treasurer - Bri Anderson
Secretary - Trish Davis

**Chair Positions:**
Social - OPEN
Membership - Michele Wilcox
Professional Development - Pervin Taleyarkhan
Media - Kathryn D’Alessandro
Outreach - Christine Golden
Girl Scout Day Lead - Michele Johnson

SWE National Conference
November 7-9, 2019
Anaheim, CA

Whirlpool will once again participate in the conference as an exhibitor. We are excited to announce that Whirlpool will be increasing visibility in this year’s conference through Corporate Sponsorship and a Tech Talk on our new SMART Countertop Oven (CTO)!!!!

The main focus as an exhibitor will be recruiting. If you know of any open roles within Whirlpool GPO reach out to either Priya Dadd or Kathryn D’Alessandro.

[Here](#) is a link to all information concerning the conference. More details coming soon!

20 YEAR MEMBERSHIP with SWE!!

We are honored to have TWO of our SWMI SWE members recognized for 20 years of membership!

Both Melissa Burchill and Jennifer Tyler received a letter and 20 Year Membership Pin in recognition of this milestone! Congratulations SWEsters!
In an effort to provide professional development opportunities that are of interest and that will fit into our busy life-work schedules, a survey has been compiled to gather input. **YOUR** input will be key to the planning that will follow. **Thank you in advance for participating in this very important survey.**

Here is the link to the survey. Please complete by Monday, September 16.

### SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS RECAP

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<td>Nine SWMI SWE Members joined forces to solve the Anarchist's mission of purifying the population by destroying a major American City. We had 60 minutes to solve the puzzle before millions died and we did it with plenty of time to spare, of course!</td>
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<td>It was a great day for a run and family fun with face painting, balloon twisters &amp; inflatable fun! 460 runners showed up to run in the 5K race. Since starting Alex's Duck Duck Run in 2013, over $200,000 has been raised for childhood cancer research!</td>
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| - Congratulations to Jason Kachorek (Traci's husband) for finishing 1st in his category!  
- Congratulations to Trish Davis for finishing 2nd in her category! | ![Image of Alex's Duck-Duck-Run 5K] |

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<td>This year marked our 3rd Annual August Kayaking Event! A perfect day for Kayaking! The weather was absolutely beautiful and the Kayaking/Paddleboarding so peaceful and relaxing. We had a great turnout with 12 SWE Members attending the event. Unfortunately we were not able to do dinner at Silverbeach Pizza due to a 3 hour wait!!! 221 Main to the rescue for some much needed water and food!</td>
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Networking Lunches - YUM!
June 5, Piggin & Grinnin
July 10, Clementines
August 14, Brown Bag Concert
**UPCOMING - September 4, 2019 Location TBD**

Lighting Matches, a folk-rock band based in Grand Rapids, MI performed at the Brown Bag Concert Wednesday, August 14. It was a beautiful afternoon to sit and enjoy the music while eating our brown bag lunches!
If you have not yet attended one of these FREE concerts, it is highly recommended that you do!

On July 20, 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 11 became the first manned spacecraft to land safely on the Moon in the area named Mare Tranquillitatis, commonly known as the Sea of Tranquility. The module was manned by Commander Neil Armstrong and pilot Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin.

What we often don’t hear, see or talk about are the women who played instrumental roles in making the moon landing happen. Here are some interesting reads on this history of Women Engineers 50 years ago.

**Read 1**
**Read 2**
Katherine Johnson
Margaret Hamilton
Christine Darden
JoAnn Morgan
Judy Sullivan
Parrish Hiraski
Poppy Northcutt