



SALAD & DESSERT SUPPER

Installation of Officers

Music by Meredyth & Friend

Thursday, May 26, 2005

6:30 p.m.

Baker Engineers Offices

Our Auxiliary year is coming to a close; please plan to attend our final 2004-05 general meeting on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Baker building. Bring a salad or dessert to share and come to enjoy the food and Auxiliary friendships.

Meredyth Morrison and another student from Hershey High School will entertain us with a short impromptu music program. The Installation of your 2005-06 officers will take place following the business meeting. Hope to see you all there!

Lightship Basket – Last call to purchase your raffle tickets for the basket that Garrett Van Hoesen made for us! You may purchase at the May meeting, and we will draw for the winner at the end of that meeting! One ticket for \$5 or three for \$10!

Current & Incoming Board Members: There will be a SHORT board meeting following the May general meeting on May 26th. Please plan to attend – current board members should bring their records to turn over to new board members. Also make note that all information for the 2005-06 Yearbook must be sent to Linda Grubb *no later than June 15*.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This past year has flown by quickly, and it is once again time to say thank you to all of our Members and Board Members for making this year another success. I appreciate all of the time and effort that you all have contributed. You are wonderful to work with, and have helped me tremendously

Congratulations to our new President, Joan Waldner. I wish her the best in her endeavors. Also, to the New Board, I say thank you for serving.

Have a great summer, and do let Nancy Flint know about all of your comings and goings for our “Sparkles”. We do need to keep in touch with one another.

I hope to see you at the Conference in May. Many nice activities are planned.

Thank you again,
Sincerely,
Karen Bradshaw

COMMITTEE / PROJECT NEWS

Education

Your Education Committee has been very busy this year. We received a total of 11 applications from students of 10 different schools. The fact that the scholarships were also advertised on the internet with the help of the Harrisburg Chapter could have increased the large turnout. It was such a pleasure to read all the applications from those very deserving applicants. We still have some very good kids in the area who are inspired to become engineers. Three students were eliminated, but the competition between the leftover eight was so keen that we had to decide to interview them all. We really don't get the feel of the situation of a certain student until we have been able to talk to him/her. We were so fortunate that we were able to use the facilities of Baker Engineers, Inc. with its very convenient location.

Thanks to everybody who helped to make this possible and especially to the Fashion Show Committee who generated the money to be distributed.

The following students were selected for scholarships:

Charles A. Hoffman-----East Pennsboro High School

David Lytle-----Central Dauphin East High School

Aaron Blair Moyer-----Lower Dauphin High School

Mark Parr Taylor-----Northern High School

Also a thank-you to the following members of the Education Committee for their great efforts: Susan Bruening and Michele Stager.

--Riet Jongsma

Hospitality

Lana Buchek will chair our May hostess committee. Helpers are Nancy Flint and Denise Lewis.

Ways & Means

You are cordially invited to join the 2006 Fashion Show Committee! Betty Lou Waldner will once again chair the committee and promises we'll do it with just two meetings! So please come out on June 14 at 7 p.m. for the first meeting. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street in Camp Hill. If you cannot make the meeting but want to serve on the committee please contact Betty Lou at 737-5197 or bettylouwaldner@webtv.net.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

The June 13 meeting of the Harrisburg Chapter, PSPE will be on the Pride of the Susquehanna. Spouses are welcome to join the engineers. Reservations will be required – look for more information when the June issue of *Sparks* arrives – or you may download it at the Chapter website: www.pspehbg.org.

STATE NEWS

The PSPE Annual Conference will be held May 19-21, 2005 at The Chateau at Camelback in Tannersville. John Bradshaw, PE will be honored as Engineer of the Year. Please see the PSPE website for information and registration forms: www.pspe.org

MEMBER NEWS

Riet and Hank Jongsma enjoyed a land/air tour of small parts of Chili (3,000 miles North to South!) and Argentina. Both countries have seen many political upheavals in the relatively recent past and apparently are recovering fast from serious economical problems. Especially the Chilean people were very friendly and it was interesting to visit Santiago, Valparaiso and the more Southern Lake District. Glimpses of the snowcapped Andes volcanoes were obtained. On a mostly rainy day the lower Andes were crossed from Chili into Argentina. This was a 120 mile trip with 4 different busses and 3 catamarans and took 12 hours! Very tiring! Buenos Aires is a real cosmopolitan city

with an amazing European atmosphere. They can strongly recommend the Chilean airline, LAN Chili. On a 1 hour flight they had a real nice lunch with several bottles of wine! And the service was excellent.

Happy Birthday to the following Auxiliary members:



May 29	Dorotha Kitlinski	August 2	Jane Myers
June 2	Linda Grubb	August 6	Marie Willem
June 18	Shirley Messner	August 9	Helen Stallknecht
June 20	Lana Buchek	August 14	Charlotte Lazarchik
June 29	Susan Bruening	August 15	Mary Lynn Morrison
June 30	Karen Best	August 18	Norma Woodring
July 3	Karen Miller	August 19	Janice Brown
July 5	Ruby Romano	August 27	Wanda Kardos
July 23	Denise Lewis	August 28	Gloria Minnich
July 25	Gretchen Brewer	August 29	Irene Oravec
July 28	Riet Jongma		

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dessert at our March meeting so much that we had many requests for the recipe. Please enjoy courtesy of Lana Buchek and Shirley Hart:

A Good Dessert

- 60 Ritz crackers
- 1 stick or margarine or butter
- 2 packages of instant coconut pudding
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream
- 9 oz. Cool Whip or shaved chocolate

Crush crackers, reserve 3/4 cup for topping. Melt butter and add to crumbs, mix together and press into a 9x13" pan. Combine both packages of pudding with 1 1/2 cups milk. Fold softened ice cream into the pudding and mix. Spoon into the pan as pouring causes the crumbs to float to the top. Refrigerate (can be frozen.) If coconut pudding is unavailable use vanilla. Cook Whip & chocolate on top is optional. Distribute the reserved crumbs over the top.

At the May board meeting we had a wonderful beverage provided by Joan Waldner. So, here's another great recipe!

Simple Citrus Punch

- 1 can (12 oz.) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 3/4 cup lemonade concentrate
- 2 cups water
- 2 liters ginger ale, chilled

Mix both of the concentrates and water, then stir in ginger ale in a large punch bowl. Serve over ice. Joan made an ice ring using concentrates and 1 cup of water, plus cut up citrus fruits, to float in the punch. Very refreshing!

Charlotte Lazarchik shared the following article with members of the board recently. It is a wonderful promotion of the engineering profession!

ASK MARILYN, by Marilyn Vos Savant* From *PARADE Magazine*, May 1, 2005:

Q. Do you think we would be as advanced today if the famous philosophers, mathematicians, etc, had never lived? - Nick Hanson, Woodbury, Minn,

A. Probably. The ones who become famous aren't the ones who are doing the day-to-day work that makes

a civilization advance. Besides, if those particular people hadn't lived, others would have made the same discoveries anyway. Creative people such as artists are a major exception. They are irreplaceable..

Everyone knows we need schoolteachers and nurses, and we all love to recognize the individual genius - philosopher or mathematician. But the occupational group most responsible for *modern* society is *engineers*, who should win a "most underappreciated award. They have designed and built our entire infrastructure: roads, bridges, waterworks, power lines, communication systems, schools, hospitals and just about every house in the country.

** Marilyn Vos Savant is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ".*

We say, AMEN!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendar!

May 21-23	PSPE Annual Conference at The Chateau at Camelback Resort
May 26	Auxiliary Salad Supper and Installation of 2005-06 Officers at Baker Engineers, 6:30 pm
June 13	Chapter dinner and Installation on the Pride of the Susquehanna at 6:30 pm
June 14	Fashion Show Committee meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, 7 pm

Have a happy summer!



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