



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY NORM ARENDT

DECEMBER 2007

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance or information, or to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON because it is your turn to share, grow, and learn. They bring with them experience. They may teach you something you have never known. With this comes joy and relaxation.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons. Things you must build upon in order to have a solid foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. Love is blind, but friendship is clairvoyant.

You are all part of each of our lives. As an organization, our relationships last a lifetime and come for a reason and for a season. Personally, our relationships last forever or until someone breaks the relationship. For some, our relationships are a season. A season of Mathcounts or scholarships, or even perhaps a presentation in a middle or high school or before audiences of our peers at conferences and trade shows. These relationships give us a reason to belong, to be part of the total organization. The season of Mathcounts and scholarship interviews and organizational meetings is upon us. For many of us that is a reason for participation. We need all to have that same reason, and with this comes a lifetime of rewards.

Our monthly meeting is a networking meeting at UW-Platteville. This is a time to show students and faculty what engineers are all about. We need to prove to students and sometimes to ourselves that engineers do not have straight and narrow vision, but see in all facets of life in 360. Join us in Platteville, participate in Mathcounts and scholarship programs as volunteers, and/or present at tradeshow and conferences or even for alternative schools for students with problems. It is the season for a reason for a lifetime of relationships.

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December Chapter Meeting

<i>Topic</i>	University of Wisconsin-Platteville. College of EMS Awards and Honors (see feature on page 3).
<i>When</i>	December 4, 2007. There will be a 5:30 PM social hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6 PM and the program at 7:15 PM.
<i>Where</i>	University of Wisconsin-Platteville, University Rooms in the Pioneer Student Center. Those wishing to carpool from Madison should meet at the Home Depot parking lot (Verona Road) at 4 PM.
<i>Menu</i>	The dinner will be a buffet style (see page 3 for menu).
<i>Price</i>	\$15 per person (checks payable to College of EMS).
<i>RSVP</i>	Please RSVP to Norm Arendt at narendt@sehinc.com or 608-274-2020. RSVP by 3 PM, November 26. Please let Norm know if you will be carpooling and if you prefer a vegetarian meal.

MATHCOUNTS

Mathcounts is right around the corner. Currently the Southwest Chapter has six schools registered for a total of 44 students competing. Statewide we have sixty-six schools registered. This is down from previous years. I encourage everyone who has relationships with middle schools to encourage their participation in the Mathcounts program. The chapter competition is Feb 2, 2008, at the Lowell Center on Langdon Street, and the state competition is March 1, 2008, also at the Lowell Center.

*WE NEED 15 TO
20-40
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP ON FEB. 2
AND MAR. 1!!!*

Volunteers and donations are needed to support the program. At the moment, we need about twenty volunteers for the chapter competition and about forty for the State competition. Plan ahead and let Norm Arendt know if you are available and would like to watch the best and the brightest middle school students match skills and wits against each other to be crowned Southwest Chapter champions and eventually state champions. Norm can be reached at (608) 270-5364 or narendt@sehinc.com.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The best way to update your contact information is to do it directly through the NSPE Web site. This will ensure everyone has your most recent information.

- Log onto www.nspe.org, and click on "Membership" (upper left side).
- Click on "Update Membership Information."
- Enter your username (9-digit NSPE member number) and your password (your last name).
- Update your information in NSPE's database.

We get our information directly from the NSPE database; there is no need to update your information with WSPE.

EDITOR'S NOTE

*Please Donate to
MATHCOUNTS
and our
Scholarship
Program! Contact
Norm Arendt to
help.*

As a Southwest Chapter member, this is your newsletter. If you have any information or articles of interest for the newsletter, please submit them to me. The deadline for all articles is one week after the monthly board meeting to go into the following month's newsletter.

Do you have a write-up on your company? If so, I can include it in our company profile column. Do you know of any special events or accomplishments of a member? Let me know.

I am always looking for input on the newsletter content. Hope to hear from you soon.

Andy Graham 608-662-5151

ENGINEER'S CREED

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare. I pledge:

- To give the utmost of performance;
- To participate in none but honest enterprise;
- To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct;
- To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

2008 AWARD NOMINATIONS

<i>Award</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
Engineer of the Year	
Young Engineer of the Year	
Engineer in Construction	
Engineer in Education	
Engineer in Government	
Engineer in Industry	
Engineer in Private Practice	

Nominations are being accepted until January 31, 2008. Please return to Ron Voss, MSA Professional Services, 1230 South Boulevard, Baraboo, WI 53913 or e-mail to ronv@msa-ps.com.

College of EMS Awards and Honors

DINNER INVITATION

DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2007 5:30 PM Social Hour (Cash Bar)

PLACE: University Rooms, PSC 6:00 PM Dinner

COST: \$15.00 per person 7:15 PM Program

During our annual college dinner, we will be awarding the exemplary professional development award along with recognizing the new members of the engineering honors organizations; Alpha Pi Mu, Chi Epsilon, Eta Kappa Nu, Pi Tau Sigma, Sigma Pi Sigma, and Tau Beta Pi. Members of the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers will also be present. We encourage all faculty and staff to attend.

The dinner will be a buffet style (see below for menu) and the cost is \$15/person. New faculty and staff will be guests of the Dean, and their dinner will be covered. However, if you choose to bring your spouse/guest, you will be responsible for the cost of their dinner.

~ **MENU** ~

-Roast Chicken	-Tossed Greens	-Garlic Mashed Potatoes	-Carrot Cake
-Sliced Roast Beef	-Broccoli Raisin Salad	-Green Beans Almandine	-Beverages



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<i>Chapter Meeting Schedule</i>		<i>Board Meeting Schedule</i>
December 4, 2007 (Tue)	Scholarships and Networking (UW Platteville)	December 4, 2007
January 2008	Topic and date to be determined	January 2, 2008 (Wed)
February 2008	Engineer's Week, Joint with ASCE	February 5, 2008
March 2008	Topic and date to be determined	March 4, 2008
April 2008	Topic and date to be determined	April 8, 2008
May 2008	Topic and date to be determined	May 5, 2008 (Mon)
<i>All Meetings Thursday Unless Otherwise Noted</i>		June 3, 2008
		<i>7 AM Tuesdays Unless Otherwise Noted</i>
<i>Upcoming Events Schedule</i>		
February 2, 2008	Mathcounts Chapter Competition - Lowell Center, Madison	
March 1, 2008	Mathcounts State Competition - Lowell Center, Madison	
April 17, 2008	2008 Discovery Conference and Governor's New Product Awards	