

MID-MICHIGAN SWE NEWSLETTER



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SWE members enjoying lunch at Noodles & Co at the inaugural “sWE Meet”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⚙ June 6 - sWE Meet
- ⚙ June 8 – Women in STEM Innovation Event
- ⚙ June 24 - Children’s STEM Tent at Great Lakes Bay Pride – *Volunteer Opportunity*

RECENT EVENTS

- ⚙ Inaugural sWE Meet @ Noodles & Co
- ⚙ Delta College Girls’ Day Out
- ⚙ Annual Pottery Event

---Read on for details---

WE MISSED YOU

In the face of unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we acknowledge the impact it had on all aspects of our lives, including professional pursuits. While we witnessed a decline in participation and engagement within the Mid-Michigan SWE community during these times, we firmly believe in the resilience and tenacity that define female engineers. This newsletter aims to reignite that passion, reignite those connections, and provide a space where we can come together to support, uplift, and inspire one another. This newsletter will be used as a communication tool to provide information about upcoming events, recent events, and how to get involved in our chapter.

Want to get involved?

There are lots of ways to get involved in our chapter. Everyone is welcome to join any of our events (see list of upcoming events at left). We also have committee leaders and committee members to support the pillars of Membership, Outreach, and Professional Development. Additionally, there are four elected Executive Board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Elections are coming up, so please consider running if you are interested in taking a more active role in Mid-Michigan SWE.

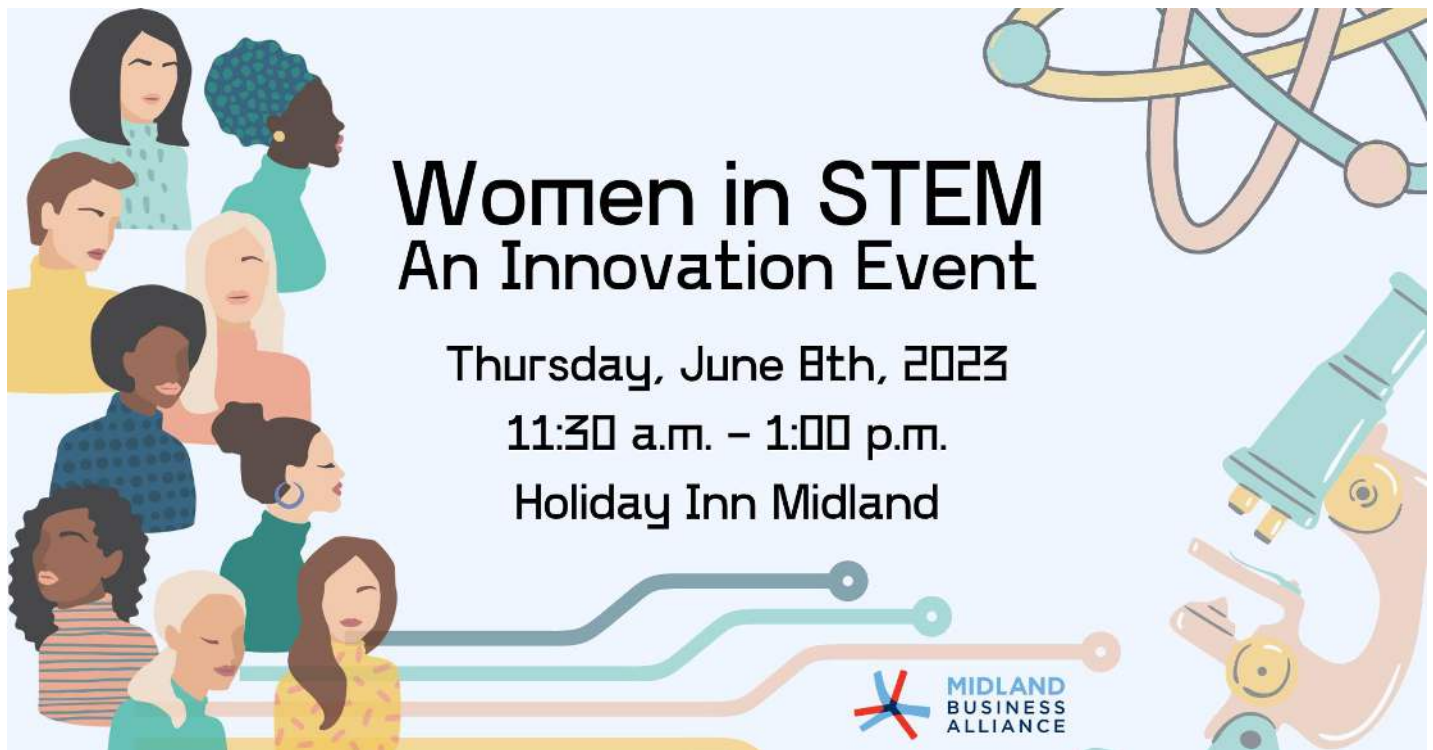
UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

sWE Meet – Tuesday June 6 @ 5:00 @ Maple Grill

Join us for the third edition of sWE Meet – an informal opportunity to meet up with fellow SWEple with no agenda. SWE Meet events will be listed on the event calendar on our website. We look forward to seeing you there! This event will be held at Maple Grill - 13105 Gratiot Rd, Hemlock, MI 48626.

At this time, food and beverages will not be provided.

Women in STEM Innovation Event – June 8



Women in STEM an Innovation Event will highlight a few of the local female leaders working in STEM in our community. Women make up 24% of the STEM workforce, but there is room to grow. Join us at Holiday Inn of Midland to learn more from local female STEM workers on why a career in STEM is a growing opportunity.

[Register Here](#)

Panelists:

Jessica Snyder- Michigan Operations Site Leader at DuPont

Linda Gruber- Site Leader at Hemlock Semiconductor

Sarah Eckersley- VP of R & D for II&I at Dow

Christal Taylor-Lawson- Information Technology Service Manager at Dow

Aundrea Trzaskos- Information Technology Analyst at Dow

Facilitator:

Sarah Gallo- Digital Capability Manager at Dow

Children's STEM Tent at Great Lakes Bay Pride – June 24 *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*

Join members from GLAD and SWE and volunteer to staff the Dow GLAD STEM Children's Tent at the Great Lakes Bay Pride Festival. Family members and friends are welcome to volunteer!

Date & Time: June 24th: 9:00-1:30 or 1:30-6:00

Location: Wenonah Park, 101 Center Avenue Bay City Michigan 48708

Volunteers will be needed in 2 shifts (AM/PM or both) to help set-up and run STEM activity tables for children attending the Pride Festival. Exact shift timing can be adjustable based on individual availability. Festival is open to the public 11 am to 6 pm. Volunteer times will include pre-festival set up/post festival tear down. Examples of volunteer work: Set up STEM tables, games, direct volunteers and set up signage. Explain STEM activities to children, help complete activities and refill activity kits. Tear down activity tables and clean up under the Dow tent. Clear instructions of each STEM activity will be available, no prior STEM experience needed to run these activities.

Event Contact: Emilie Schroeder (emilie.schroeder@dow.com) will contact volunteers to provide further details prior to the event.

Sign up to volunteer at the following link : [Opportunity Information | #TeamDow: Engaging for Impact](#)

Special Note on Registration using Volunteer Portal

1. Go to [Volunteer Portal](#). You will be directed to the log in page of the volunteer portal.
2. If this is your first time, you will select your preferences to build your profile – **anyone can build a profile.**
3. Leave this window open in order to stay logged in.
4. Click the project link(above) and you will access the event sign-up directly.

Additional Questions? Contact Jennifer Larimer (j.larimer@dow.com) or Emilie Schroeder (emilie.schroeder@dow.com)

Did you know?

SWE's LGBTQ+ and Allies is one of 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Groups the organization supports. To learn more, check out the following link: [About - Affinity Groups \(swe.org\)](#)



RECENT EVENT SUMMARIES

Delta College Girls Day Out

March 2023

SWE co-sponsored two activities on March 24th through Delta College's Girls Day Out with Mid- Michigan AICHe. This event reached between 600 and 900 middle school girls, providing an opportunity to investigate STEM fields and activities over the course of the day, through both in person and virtual sessions. For the specific activities SWE sponsored/supported, 45 students participated in the "Unsinkable Ship Challenge", where students competed to engineer, build and test a boat which met all provided design criteria. Additionally, 22 students learned about the concept of surface tension and used the scientific method to make and test predictions. A big thanks to all the volunteers who supported these activities!



Membership Event – SWE Pottery Social

December 2022

One of Mid-Michigan SWE's favorite and longest running social events returned in December. Eleven people from four different companies joined us at Painterly Pottery in Bay City for a morning of painting. This was a great chance to meet fellow SWE folks and do something creative. A few samples of work are pictured below. We look forward to hosting this annual event again next year!



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