



# SWE-TBA NEWS

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## GREETINGS SWE TAMPA BAY! 2005 KICK-OFF

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Greetings SWE Members! Here we are ready to kick-off another exciting year with SWE. I first joined SWE as a student member at USF in 1990. SWE has grown with me over the years and provided opportunities for leadership, professional and personal development, mentorship, and fellowship.

The Tampa Bay Area Section is planning a number of fun and interesting events this year, from our Work/Life Balance Series including a Spa Day and Pottery Night to our Continuing Development Series including the Women in Engineering Forum with USF and the Transportation Supersession.

At a national level, SWE and Northrop Grumman will be chairing National Engineers Week 2006 (February 19-25). For more info, visit [www.eweek.org](http://www.eweek.org). Locally, we are very excited to be the host organization for the Tampa Bay Engineers Week Banquet.

Reaping the benefits of SWE depend upon your participation. Make the most of your membership. I look forward to meeting you (or seeing you again) at the next SWE event.



**Sandy Pettit, P.E.**  
President, Tampa Bay Area Section

### *Bio Brief*

*I am a native Floridian and graduate of the University of South Florida in Chemical Engineering. Currently, I am a Sr. Professional Engineer / Project Manager for the Hillsborough County Public Works Dept. I manage transportation programs in the Projects Management Section. Previously, I have worked in process design and plant operations for companies such as Procter & Gamble, TECO Energy, and Jacobs Engineering.*

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# Upcoming Events

## SWE-TBA 2005 Kick-OFF

Need to wind down? Come join other SWE members during this casual get together to socialize and meet other SWE members. All are welcome. Informal gathering to begin at 5:30 with appetizers provided by SWE. A welcome meeting will be lead by Sandy Pettit at 6:00. We hope to see you there.

**When:** Thursday, September 15 at 5:50 pm

**Where:** Gameworks in Ybor City  
8th Avenue and 16th Street  
Tampa, FL  
813-241-9675  
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Please RSVP to Karen Karvazy at [Karenk@chastainskillman.com](mailto:Karenk@chastainskillman.com)  
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## TAMPA BAY TRANSPORTATION SUPERSESSION

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tampa Bay Transportation Supersession will be held on September 22 at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore. The program will include participating organization exhibits and a reception area with a cash bar where you can socialize with your friends and make new contacts. Exhibit and reception will be held from 4:30 through 7:00, followed by banquet. Pinellas County commissioner Ronnie Duncan will be the keynote speaker. Special guests will include Pinellas County Director of Transportation Peter Yauch, FDOT District Secretary Stan Cann and FDOT District Secretary Donald Skelton. Come join the fun under the Hilton's sun! For registration form or additional information contact Malika Yapparov. ([yapparov\\_malika@yahoo.com](mailto:yapparov_malika@yahoo.com), 813-671-6328).

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### *Inclusive Organization*

*SWE will be an inclusive organization  
focused on issues of interest to women  
of all backgrounds in engineering and  
technical careers*

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# EVENTS

## Events Calendar

### September 2005

September 5 - Labor Day

September 15 - SWE-TBA Kick-Off



### October 2005

October 21 - SWE Spa Day



### November 2005

November 3-5 - SWE National Conference

November 10 - Robotics with Dr. Murphy



### December 2005

December 8- Annual Pottery Painting

Leadership Forum with

## SWE Work/Life Balance Series - Spa Day

*Saturday, October 15th*

The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa is one of America's finest spa destinations, built over natural mineral springs discovered in the 1500s by Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto. SWE Members and Friends will enjoy a relaxing day of fitness and pampering. Spa packages start at \$125 and individual treatments (hydrotherapy, massage therapy, body wraps, and facials) start at \$45. Your spa experience will include unlimited use of spa facilities (steam room, sauna, whirlpools, plunge pool, indoor/outdoor pools) and unlimited fitness and wellness classes (aerobics, water fitness, yoga, spinning, stretching). For a complete listing of available services, contact [sandy.pettit@swe.org](mailto:sandy.pettit@swe.org) or call 813-307-1752.



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