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**January 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Post on Bulletin Boards**

# Newsletter



**WMU's New Pilot Paper Coating Plant Building  
(Located in WMU Business, Technology and Research Park)**

**Schedule:**

- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration - Social Time
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner - Gallagher's --4210 Stadium Dr.  
Phone (269) 372-3600 (See map & directions on back page.)
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tour of Pilot Paper Coating Plant.  
4651 Campus Drive, - WMU Business, Technology and Research Park;  
Parkview Campus
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn.

**Dinner Menu:**

Gallagher's - 4210 Stadium Dr. - Phone (269) 372-3600  
Choices - 8 Oz. Top Sirloin Steak, Salmon Tournedos -Twin medallions of salmon wrapped with bacon, Baked Manicotti -Tender pasta tubes filled with a blend of ricotta, mozzarella, and parmesan cheese & herbs, smothered in our homemade marinara sauce, topped with parmesan and mozzarella cheese. Entrees include bread, salad, Potato choice: Baked, Mashed, French-Fries, Non-Alcoholic beverages & Sherbet.  
Please state Entrée choice with your reservation.  
Cost - Members \$18.00 -- Students \$9.00

**Reservations:**

Please give name, meal choice, company affiliation & Phone No. for Each reservation. Remember that the Section has to pay each reservation not fulfilled. Please cancel reservations if you find you can not attend. You may reserve to attend the tour only without dinner.

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**Facility Tour:**

Attendees must register in advance

## WMU's New Pilot Paper Coating Plant



View looking downstream from the unwind to the reel. In foreground scanner (basis weight, moisture and caliper) and on top the air floatation dryers (two zones) are shown. The coater is placed just off the right edge of the photo.



View looking from the winder/reel of the machine. line upstream.

The new one-meter wide coating machine is located in a new 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup> building. The coater came to WMU from Boise Cascade's research center in Portland, OR. The machine has been completely rebuilt with brand new Allen Bradley controls and Reliance drives. Installation of the equipment started in January 2002. The first paper roll came off the reel on December 4th, 2002. Top speed 4,000 fpm. Water based coatings only.

This machine will enable WMU to contract Paper Coating Process Development for Paper Company Clients to help them optimize their manufacturing processes.

For more information and pictures, see the paper plant web site at <http://www.wmich.edu/coatingplant/newpilot.html>.

Don't miss the chance to be among the first to see the most recent addition to WMU's paper Technology.

**Jan Walter**, General Manager for the Western Michigan University paper and printing pilot plants will lead us on a tour of the new plant. Jan has been with WMU for two years. Before coming to WMU she was in marketing and engineering for fifteen years at Ronningen-Petter, a manufacturer of industrial filters, now RPA Process Technologies, in Portage. Prior to that, Jan worked at Allied Paper for seven years in production and process support.



She will be joined by Harry Snyder of Pro Engineering Services, the company that directed the design improvements and assembly of the machine on site. He will provide insight into the Pilot plant features and capabilities.

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### Message from the Chair.

During National Engineers Week 2003, we draw attention to and celebrate the profession that connects us to people and things around the world and beyond by turning ideas into reality. From the depths of the Earth's oceans to the distant galaxies, Engineers really do bring things to life for the benefit of all.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Engineers Week Dinner will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at the Bernhard Center on West Michigan Avenue on the campus of Western Michigan University.

Robert Vitale, a staff engineer at General Motors, will present "Hy-Wire, World's First Drivable Fuel Cell and By-wire Vehicle."

The automotive industry is looking to the future in a big way, not just in how vehicles can improve but how they can change. The seed for that change is being planted now in the form of new technologies, none of which the automotive industry has experienced. These technologies are driven by the large-scale development of the electronics and materials industries during the last two decades. The drive to define, develop and produce new alternative propulsion and operational systems has not been this intense since we transitioned from the horse to the internal combustion engine nearly one hundred years ago. This is indeed an exciting time to be working in the engineering field. The technical challenges that face new engineers will result in a complete new economy for the future. For more information and a convenient reservation form please follow this link:

<http://www.SPEwestmichigan.org/engineersweek>

### Make the most of Your Working Life...

ASME has launched a new **Career Member Service**.... ASME JobCoach - an online career coaching resource! The new service provides access to hundreds of career-related *tips* and *articles* to help make the most of your career. You can tap into JobCoach's national network of certified career coaches for one-on-one guidance with a job search, interviews, performance review prep and more. Visit ASME JobCoach now to create your profile and take a [10-minute Behavioral Style assessment](#), which provides a summary of your behavioral profile at no charge.

### e-Newsletters Are Still Coming

To hold down costs and improve delivery of our newsletter, the executive committee is planning to send the newsletter to members by e-mail whenever possible. The current newsletter along with past newsletters will be available for viewing at this link <http://www.asme.org/sections/cmich/> to the section web page. Many of you have been receiving both e-mailed newsletters and printed newsletters via USPS delivery. The duplicate newsletters cost the section money that we would like to allocate for enhanced membership programs.

For those who do not have e-mail (or who don't want us to save money) we will still send snail-mail

newsletters as previously. Please let us know if you prefer a paper copy

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Map to Gallagher's - 4210 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo - (269) 372-3600  
Take I-94 Exit 74 Northbound onto US-131 approximately 2 miles to Stadium Dr. (US-131 exit 36). Proceed Eastbound on Stadium Dr. (Towards Kalamazoo) approximately 3/4 mile. You should see Gallagher's on your left side. If going directly to the Pilot plant, take South Drake Rd. from Stadium Dr. toward Parkview. At Parkview, South Drake becomes Campus Dr.(Not shown on map). Proceed to 4651 Campus Dr. in the Park.

