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January 14 Meeting - Please Post on Bulletin Boards



WMU's Brand new College of Engineering & Applied Sciences

Don't miss this opportunity to be among the first groups to tour this "State-of-the-Art" facility located at the new Parkview Campus. Our host will be Dr. Molly W. Williams, Professor of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering and Associate Dean for Research (continued on following page)

Location and Time

Social hour and Dinner: 5:30 PM Gallagher's Eatery & Pub 4210 Stadium Dr. Kalamazoo (269) 372-3600 (See map in this newsletter)	Tour: 7:00 PM WMU College of Eng. & Applied Sciences -- @ intersection of Drake Rd. & Parkview - Kalamazoo (See map in this newsletter)
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Dinner Choices: (includes House Salad, Bread, Coffee, Tea or Fountain drinks)

- Top Sirloin Steak
- Blackened Salmon W/Vegetable De jour W/Potato
- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Vegetarian meal on request

RSVP: Deadline is 1/12/04 by 12:00 Noon

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COST: \$20.00--Members & Guests -- Students -- \$10.00

Remember that the Section has to pay each reservation not fulfilled. Please cancel reservations if you find you cannot attend. To attend the tour only without dinner, come to restaurant before 7:00 for parking pass. Please give meal choice as well as company affiliation with each reservation. Indicate an interest in carpooling with your reservation.



Dr. Williams is Co-Director of the Tribology Laboratory at WMU, conducting research on friction, lubrication, and wear, with particular emphasis on mechanical pump seals. She has been an ASME Member since 1991. She has been a member and chair of the Michigan State Board of Professional Engineers, and she currently serves as a consultant to the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination Committee of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. This group develops and manages the national examination administered to candidates for professional engineering licensure.

WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has moved to its new home at the heart of the University's Parkview Campus. The 343,000-square-foot facility was completed this summer after two years of construction. The \$72.5 million high-tech academic building is the University's largest.

The new facility includes seven computer-teaching labs, 75 research and teaching laboratories, and a number of flexible classroom and lecture spaces. Many features are aimed specifically at student study and research needs, including study lounges and breakout rooms where small groups can work together on engineering projects. The facility is a wireless computing environment, but it also includes extensive hard wiring for high-end computing needs and interactive instruction. Dr. Williams's tour will highlight the Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering Departments as well as representative laboratories in other Departments.

Members are encouraged to bring spouses and high school students to this tour.

MORE MEETINGS & TOURS

The Engineers Week Dinner will be held on **26 February** at the Kalamazoo Radisson. Please see attached brochure for more information and for reservations form.

On **Thursday 19 February**, we plan to tour the **Erickson Station power plant** in Lansing to view the modifications under way on the existing boiler. This is a great opportunity to view the inside of a boiler and facility while it is apart. The Erickson Station plant has a generator capable of producing 159MW and it is rated as one of the most efficient in the nation.

Dinner will follow the tour at nearby Tony M's Restaurant. No dinner reservations are required.

Please contact John Lobo if interested in attending the meeting: 269-342-3342 or gracalobj@asme.org

RAMBLINGS FROM THE CHAIR:

First and foremost I want to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful holiday season on behalf of the Central Michigan Section Executive Committee.

We hope that the past year's events program was both educational and fun and in 2004 we want to improve our programs and services. To achieve that goal, the Executive Committee would like to hear from our members of suggestions for future meeting topics, locations, formats or how to improve our services. Please contact any of the Committee members listed on the front page with suggestions.

In March 2004, we will send a voting ballot for the 2004/2005 Executive Committee. Please take a few moments to complete and return the ballot to the address listed on the card. We are also looking to adding more members to the Executive Committee. If you are interested in participating or know of any ASME members who are interested, please send me their names (gracalobj@asme.org).

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2004.

Joao Graca Lobo

MARCH MEETING

Kalamazoo Gazette

Tour of the Kalamazoo Gazette's new printing press facility.
Date to be determined. Please see future announcement.

Map to Gallagher's -- 4210 Stadium Dr.

From I-94, Exit 74, North to Stadium Dr., then East on Stadium Dr.
approximately 1/4 mi. to Gallagher's on left.

North

