



**ENGINEERS
WEEK® 2009**
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Southwestern Michigan Engineering Societies
30th Annual

Engineers Week Dinner

February 17, 2009

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Professional Engineering Societies in Southwest Michigan are organizing a dinner program to celebrate National Engineers Week for the thirtieth year in 2009. We are inviting both high school and college students as guests to the program designed to promote engineering as a career. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at the Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University.

Dr. Jay Newman, President, Optional Energy Partners, will be the featured speaker.

The topic of his presentation will be

Bio-fuel from Algae

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American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

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American Institute of Chemical Engineers

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American Society of Civil Engineers

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American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers

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American Society of Mechanical Engineers

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Association for Facilities Engineering

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American Society of Plumbing Engineers

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Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

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Michigan Society of Professional Engineers

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Society of Plastics Engineers

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Society of Automotive Engineers

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Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Every year the Engineers Week Dinner (EWD) Steering Committee offers programs such as the Hydraulic Bike, Concrete Strength Demo, Rolling Chassis Dynamometer presentation and others that are geared towards high school students who have an interest in engineering.

The EWD Steering Committee is once again inviting local area companies to sponsor a table of eight guests for a contribution of \$400.00. The sponsor will be recognized in the program guide and the company logo will be displayed on the table. The tables will be located closest to the podium. This will be a great way to reward and recognize your employees' contributions.

We are also inviting your company to sponsor a competitive, named scholarship of \$500 or more to be given to a College of Engineering student at Western Michigan University. A representative of the company will be invited to present the scholarship to the student at the dinner. We would also like to request scholarship donors to include a \$100 donation to "Engineers Week Dinner" to cover the expenses of the scholarship winner and their family to attend the dinner to receive the award. Scholarships such as these encourage students to strive for and maintain excellence in scholastic and extracurricular activities. We were able to award four such scholarships last year.

In the program guide distributed at the dinner, sponsors will be recognized in the following categories:

Scholarship		Non-Scholarship	
Platinum Level	\$2000	Benefactors	\$500 and up
Gold Level	\$1000	Patrons	\$250 and up
Silver Level	\$750	Contributors	\$100 to \$249
Bronze Level	\$500		

Non-scholarship contributions will help the EWD Steering Committee offset the cost of the event. Please authorize a generous contribution now so that we may continue to encourage potential engineers. Please send your check, made payable to "Engineers Week Dinner" to reach us by February 1, 2009, to insure that your firm is recognized in the program guide, to the attention of John Lobo, Engineers Week Dinner, Eaton Corporation, 13100 East Michigan Avenue, Galesburg, MI 49053. We look forward to your contribution and participation in the Engineers Week Dinner.

Sincerely,

John Lobo
Solicitations Chairman
2009 Engineers Week Dinner
Steering Committee