



Society of Women Engineers Connecticut Section

October 2021 Newsletter
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NEXT EVENT – SWE CT Halloween Party

Please join us for a SWE CT Halloween Party! **Have your pumpkin ready for carving** (or a virtual carving option) and/or just enjoy a fun time networking with fellow SWE members! **Costumes encouraged, but not required.**

Location: Virtual (see calendar invitation)
Date: Wednesday, October 27th
Time: 6:00 – 7:30PM



ANNOUNCEMENT – SWE CT Baby!

Congratulations to our FY22 Treasurer, Leanna Lester and her husband on the birth of their daughter!

Emilia Noelle

- Born 9/4/21
- Weighing 6lbs, 4oz
- 19 inches long



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – Save the Dates

Upcoming events for FY22 – be on the lookout for calendar invites and details throughout the year...

- **October 21-23:** [WE21 Annual Conference](#), Indianapolis, IN
- **October 27:** SWE CT Halloween Party (see calendar invitation)
- **November:** Professional development event with PepsiCo
- **December 12:** SWE CT Holiday Brunch
- **February 15:** Galentine's Day Rapid Resume Review

NEW! – Speakers Wanted- Mentoring Panel

SWE Connecticut is currently coordinating a joint panel discussion with a PepsiCo affinity group on the topic of Mentoring. We are looking for at least two volunteers who have mentor/mentee experience and are willing to share/participate in the panel session. Proposed dates are November 9th, 10th or 11th from 6:30-7:30pm.

Please reply to this email no later than Friday, 10/29 with your interest in being a panel member and your availability for all three dates, as well as if you have a preferred date.

NEW! – SWE CT Speaker Series (S³)

The SWE CT section is kicking off a speaker series with various presentation topics, featuring none other than our SWE CT members! These will be short 15-20 minute virtual briefs, once per month. Keep any eye out for the first speaker series invitation beginning in **November**.

We will continue to accept additional topic suggestions. If interested, please email swe.connecticut@gmail.com with your name and proposed presentation topic. **This is a great opportunity to practice your communication/presentation soft skills!**

RECAP – SWE CT Sleeping Giant Hike

Thank you to those who attended the SWE CT Sleeping Giant Hike on Saturday, September 25th! It was a beautiful day for a hike.



MEMBERSHIP – Renewal for FY22

FY22 began on July 1, 2021 – Renew your SWE CT membership today!

Being a SWE member provide access to benefits such as professional development resources, leadership opportunities, and reduced rates to SWE conferences. Being a paid member of SWE provides a huge benefit to our Section, regardless if you'd like to take an active role in the Section.

Join or renew [here!](#) Check our new website at <http://ct.swe.org/>

iGive and Amazon.Smile

Did you know you could shop online and donate to SWE CT at the same time? The holidays are right around the corner and there are two resources below that will donate to our SWE CT Scholarship at no cost to you!

iGive- Donates a percentage of purchases from participating online stores to SWE CT!

- Go to iGive.com and create an account, after you create an account select " Society of Women Engineers - CT" as your cause. There are two ways you can use iGive: you can go through the website and click on the stores you like to shop at or; set up the iGive Button on Google Chrome which will recognize the companies that participate when you go to their website.

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