



Society of Women Environmental Professionals



NORTH CAROLINA TRIANGLE CHAPTER

November 2011

Co-Chair Address

As we look back, we are truly grateful for everyone who contributed to and participated in all of the wonderful programs presented for our SWEP members and guests. We've truly enjoyed our tenure and can't believe the time has come to host our final event as co-chairs - more exciting details about this can be found on page 2.

We've covered so much ground in so little time these past two years. We hope you have found the SWEP programs valuable and have increased your networks along the way. A summary of the technical and career development events we have held include:

2010

- ◆ Improving Public Health Through Local Sustainable Food Systems with Dr. Alice Ammerman
- ◆ Effective Networking - Developing your 30-Second Commercial with Ken Elstein
- ◆ The Carbon-Free Home with Rebekah Hren
- ◆ Is Fear Limiting Your Career? with Jillian Bowlin
- ◆ Dining with a Documentary - FLOW

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- ◆ Nanotechnology Mythbusters Panel
- ◆ WoMAN-Up: 10 tips to strategic career MANagement with Glenda S. Lee
- ◆ Local Water Reclamation Facility Tour at North Cary Water Reclamation Facility

While we've explored a variety of topics and gained practical knowledge to enhance our careers, there is so much more that we can all learn from and share with each other. As we step down from these roles, we look forward to seeing what direction SWEP NC Triangle will take in the coming years. There is great potential to continue engaging with our fellow environmental professionals. Therefore, we sincerely encourage you to consider becoming one of the new leaders of SWEP! Please see page 3 for more info about the exciting opportunities available. SWEP's future is up to YOU!

In closing, we wouldn't have had such a successful run without the help of our many dedicated Board and Committee members. A special thanks to Margaret Ness (Treasurer), Lana Kashuba (Communications Chair), Laura Szpir (Programs Chair), and the many other volunteers who were instrumental in developing and implementing our programs!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on December 12th and beyond!

All the best,
Carrie & Sania



Dr. Joe DeSimone, Chancellor's Eminent Professor of Chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill & William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Chemical Engineering at NC State, speaks to a captivated audience about nano manufacturing and innovations in synthesis at the SWEP NC Triangle/Duke Sigma Xi sponsored Nanotechnology Mythbusters Panel event on March 1, 2011.

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December SWEP Social Member Meeting

Featuring “The Benefits of Personal Brand Management” by Wanda Harris Pemberton

Please join us on Monday, December 12th for an important end-of-the-year social member meeting where we will discuss the future of SWEP.



We will also host a special presentation on the benefits of personal brand management by Wanda Harris Pemberton, Founder and CEO of Sirrah Coaching and Consulting. Ms. Pemberton is a certified Personal Branding consultant, Motivational Speaker, Certified Job and Career Transition Coach, Certified Image Consultant, and Certified Life Coach. She will share with us some career management tips and strategies, with an emphasis on social marketing and actions we can take that are within our control - including how we present ourselves, how we respond, and how we can connect with others more effectively.

This meeting is open to everyone so feel free to invite all of your colleagues and friends!

DECEMBER MEETING INFO

Date: Monday, December 12, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Earth Fare - Community Meeting Room
10341 Moncreiffe Road, Raleigh

Agenda:

6:00-6:30 Networking

6:30-6:45 Brief SWEP Meeting

6:45-7:30 Personal Brand Management Presentation

7:30-8:00 Q&A and Networking

RSVP by December 11th to swepnctrangle@gmail.com

Voluntary Charitable Donation: To help empower Triangle area women, we will be collecting donations of professional work attire and accessories to donate to **Dress for Success**. Dress for Success provides career counseling, mentoring, and professional attire for disadvantaged women. More info about Dress for Success can be found on their website <http://www.dressforsuccess.org/home.aspx>.

Note: Food and drink will be available onsite for purchase.



Calling All Future SWEP Leaders!!

It's time to select new leadership for SWEP NC Triangle! We are looking for a Few Good Board members to step up and lead SWEP NC Triangle into the future. The positions we need to fill are as follows:



Chair/Co-Chair - Leads meetings, oversees committee activities, and ensures smooth operation of the organization in order to meet the goals and mission of SWEP.

Treasurer - Manages SWEP's financial account, collects/tracks dues payments, and maintains proper records.

Secretary - Sends out meeting notices/event announcements to e-mail distribution list, records/distributes meeting minutes, and manages our historical documents.

Programs/Events Committee Chair - Organizes technical and social/networking events with emphasis placed on environmental, women, and/or career-related issues in order to inform our members about emerging and relevant topics.

Membership Committee Chair - Works with other committees to increase member enrollment, maintains the membership list, manages membership applications, and solicits corporate sponsorships.

Communications Committee Chair - Maintains our website, assists with marketing for events, and prepares/distributes outreach materials including our brochure and newsletters.

Student/Campus Outreach Committee Chair - Serves as a liaison between SWEP and local colleges/universities to connect young women interested in environmental careers with current environmental professionals through networking and other events.

Community Service Committee Chair - Organizes and participates in volunteer activities in the Triangle area relevant to our mission, with special emphasis on opportunities that focus on empowering women and/or helping the environment.

Interested in stepping up to become one of the next leaders of SWEP NC Triangle? If so, please contact Carrie Wheeler or Sania Tong Argao at swepnctriangle@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

If you're looking for a wonderful opportunity to work with like-minded women focused on current environmental issues and networking with fellow environmental professionals, then look no further! Serving as a SWEP NC Triangle Board member or Committee Chair provides an invaluable leadership experience (and it can't hurt on the resume). We are looking for the next group of SWEP leaders to continue our important mission. All positions are open and ready to be filled for 2012 and beyond. How can YOU contribute to SWEP's future to ensure our valuable

programs continue? If you have any questions or are ready to sign up, please free to contact Carrie or Sania at swepnctriangle@gmail.com.



SWEP NC Triangle - A Brief History

Written by Tina Sekula, Charter Co-Chair

The Society of Women Environmental Professionals Triangle Chapter was created in 2005 and modeled after the national Philadelphia Chapter's goals to encourage the educational and professional development of women, exchange substantive information and work experiences, network, and participate in public service. In the Triangle Chapter's maiden year, the founding members identified the need to bring this mission to women environmental professionals in North Carolina. In keeping with these goals, charter Co-Chairs Stephanie Loyka and Tina Sekula led SWEP NC Triangle in its first series of workshops, presentations, and community service opportunities to promote career development and encourage networking. Workshops included LinkedIn resume building, motivation speakers, and the transportation conference "Are We the Next Atlanta?". Community service opportunities included Habitat for Humanity, the Big Sweep, and Soroptimist professional clothing donations. Also in the first year, SWEP organized several committees within the organization to encourage participation of its member base. The membership, programs, community service, student outreach, and communications committees are still in place today. We encourage your continued involvement in the society so that women in the Triangle may further benefit from networking and participation in programs focused around current environmental issues and career development.



Check us out on the web!

www.swepnctriangle.org

The mission of SWEP is to:

- Encourage and promote the leadership, achievement, and development of women in environmental professions.
- Provide an informal setting for women to meet, share substantive information and work experiences, and to establish a communications exchange.
- Educate members on current trends and new developments in the environmental field.
- Promote the development of business relationships.
- Encourage and promote public service for North Carolina's environment.