

FWEC

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In Memory Of...

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the families and friends of deceased club members Harold Overman and Paul Pfister. May they rest in peace.

Membership & Dues

FWEC runs great tours! Invite your co-workers to a meeting and ask them to join – \$10/yr. Memberships on our web site, www.FortWayneEngineersClub.org. **Feel free to post this newsletter at your place of business!**

Don't forget to send in your DUES and contributions. Renewal notices were sent in October. As you can see, we are in special need of academic assistance donations. Please send dues and contributions to treasurer:

Ryan Stark, 828 West Oakdale Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Questions? Call him at (260) 456-0809.

November Tour: Fort Wayne GM Assembly Plant

Tuesday, November 30, from 6 to 8 PM (Please note: TUESDAY)

12200 Lafayette Center Rd, Roanoke, IN (pre-approval for tour)

Directions: Take Highway 24 to Roanoke, and then left on Lafayette Center Road to the plant (on the left). Or from I-69 take 96B to Lafayette Center Rd, the plant will be on the right.

Info: The Fort Wayne Assembly Plant recently upgraded to built ¾ ton pick-up trucks – previously built only ½ ton trucks. The plant tour will include the assembly line and will be assisted by **plant manager, Mike Glinski**. Try to make this tour, especially if you haven't seen it before.

Dress code and Tour Particulars: Pants/jeans, flat shoes - no open toe or heeled shoes allowed in GM. Expect to be walking – at least a mile – on cement. No children under 12 years of age. *This tour will be limited to 50 participants, if we receive more than 50 replies we will limit to FWEC members only. A Safety video will be viewed first at 6 PM – don't be late.*

Reservations: Get your reservations in quickly as this will be a very popular tour. Call 260-456-0809 or email [Ryan Stark – FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com](mailto:Ryan.Stark@FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com).

President's Appeal to Membership

Fort Wayne Engineers' Club members, I write to you in an appeal for the FWEC scholarship fund assistance. Each year the FWEC supports and presents multiple Academic Awards that are given out during the annual Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week banquet. In the past the majority of academic awards presented have been due to the generosity of Mrs. Weitzman. Mrs. Weitzman is the widow of Oscar Weitzman, former manager of the Winter Street GE Plant and the GE Apprentice program. She had sponsored as many as 13 awards in recent years. Unfortunately, Mrs. Weitzman's current finances no longer allow her to continue her past generosity. I'm asking the club membership to dig deep and contribute to this worthwhile fund. Small amounts from all of the membership will add up quickly and this is a great opportunity to pay forward our engineering success. Additionally, my husband and I are both engineers, and aside from that fact we are regular people, but in an effort to give back we will match all FWEC scholarship contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$1000.

For more information regarding Northeast Indiana's Engineers' Week: www.indiana-eweek.org

Please send all scholarship contributions to: FWEC Treasurer Ryan Stark, 828 W Oakdale Dr Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Please be as generous as possible.

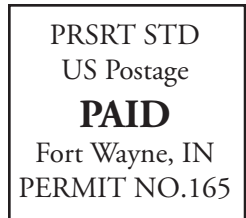
Thank you,

Elizabeth Garr, 2010-2011 FWEC President

Treasurer, Fort Wayne Engineers' Club

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Return Service Requested



FWEC Slate for Board Members and Officers

The FWEC has put together the slate for officers and board members and you will vote with you dues card. Board and officer candidates are as follows:

OFFICERS: President: Elizabeth Garr, 486-0158, VP: Seth Tribbett (Indiana Tech student), Treasurer: Ryan Stark, 456-0809, Secretary: Jim Delaney, 484-8104

BOARD MEMBERS: 2010 – 2013: Deborah Pitzer and Ralph Snyder. 2009 - 2012: Cecil “Gene” Dominique, 436-0876, and Daniel Delaney, 420-1399. 2008 - 2011: Jack Phlipot, 438-0258, and Patrick Delaney, 485-5427. 2007 - 2010: Ellsworth Smith, and Mary Gynn, 693-3147.

If you are a web site person or good at making contacts with interesting local companies to set up tours ,we can still use your help. If interested in helping, give us a call: JimD, 484-8104, or Ryan Starks, 456-0809.

Past Tours and Outings:

October 28: Tippmann Sports, at 2955 Adams Center Road (4PM)

This Tippmann Sports LLC paint gun production facility tour, arranged by David Skaggs, of Essex, was a great experience. The group was shown the product lines, assembly line and testing and shipping - Tippmann ships all over the world. **The Tippmann Co. – Denny Tippmann Jr.** Tippmann Sports is the world’s leader in high-performance paintball products and produces high-quality, durable paintball markers and accessories at affordable prices. (www.tippmann.com)

History: Originally a manufacturer of collectible, half-scale replica machine guns, family-owned Tippmann entered the paintball industry in 1986 thinking paintball was a passing fad; but it was a natural transition for the company. Their goal was to make high-performance, durable products that people could afford. Tippmanns’ products were light years ahead of the competition, building the very first semi-automatic and full-automatic paintball markers, and the sport never slowed down. Tippmann went from eight employees in 1986 to 120 today, with offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

May tour: Science Central was an interesting and informative night where Martin Fisher, Executive Director, shared his vision for a new exhibit, *Science On a Sphere* (<http://sos.noaa.gov/>) which will be the first to use floor space on the West side of the building. The evening included pizza, presentation, private viewing/demonstration GE’s new generation exhibit, and a pitch for projects needing engineer’s skills.

As a side note, Science Central celebrated 15 years of service to the community on Friday, November 5th.

Joke

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him, “Tomorrow morning I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!” The next morning Ed got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, and brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new scale. Ed has been missing since Friday. Please pray for him.