



# Fort Wayne

# ENGINEERS' Club

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## **January Board Meeting**

**Indiana Tech, Zollner Engineering Center, Room 203**

Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00 PM

1600 East Washington Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

The January FWEC board meeting will start early to accommodate a presentation by Jane Applegate of the Fort Wayne Regional Maker Faire (<http://makerfairefortwayne.com/>) board. Jane will speak to the successes of the past two Maker Faires and the future of the Maker Faire in the Fort Wayne Region as well as how the FWEC (or individuals) can become more involved. The board meeting is in room Z-203 of the Indiana Tech campus ([http://www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/campus\\_life/campus\\_map.pdf](http://www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/campus_life/campus_map.pdf)). The FWEC will provide pizza and pop during the presentation. The regular board meeting business will follow Jane's presentation.

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## **January Tours**

**Three Rivers Water Filtration Plant**

Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 PM

Fort Wayne, IN

The FWEC will tour the Three Rivers Water Filtration Plant (<http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/utilities/drink-water/three-rivers-filtration-plant.html>). The new Ultra-Violet system that replaced chlorine is installed and working along with other upgrades. A fact sheet for the Three Rivers Water Filtration Plant is available ([http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/utilities/images/stories/docs/Filtration\\_Plant\\_8-2012.pdf](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/utilities/images/stories/docs/Filtration_Plant_8-2012.pdf)).

Tour info: We will meet in the parking lot at the northwest corner of the Filtration plant; the lot is on the east side of Spy Run Avenue, at Baltes Avenue, just north of the St. Mary's River. Spy Run Avenue is a continuation of Lafayette Street; the name changes at the St. Mary's River Bridge.

Wear closed-toe shoes with reasonable traction and dress with the expectation of being outside for periods of up to 15 minutes. The plant is usually comfortable inside, but we'll want to see as much as possible of the new ultraviolet construction and settling structures. The outdoor portion will be kept to a minimum of it is very cold.

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## **Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week Academic Award Donations**

National Engineers' Week is week of February 18th. The FWEC supports the NEI E-

Week by assisting other professional societies in funding Academic Awards for local engineering students. If you haven't already made a contribution to the FWEC Academic Award fund, please consider doing so. For more information regarding the Academic Award please see: <http://www.indiana-eweek.org/indiana-academic.html>. As of the November board meeting, it appears that NEI E-Week will have to give out fewer awards than last year if donations do not increase. Donations can be made online (<http://fortwayneengineersclub.org/donate.html>) or sent to FWEC treasurer Ryan Stark, 828 West Oakdale Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46807-1814.

### **Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week Citizen Engineer**

Professional societies participating in Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week are allowed to recommend candidates for the Citizen Engineer award (<http://www.indiana-eweek.org/indiana-citizen.html>). However, due to the passing of John Kalb a long time NEI E-Week committee member, the NEI E-Week has opted to instead honor John in lieu of naming a Citizen Engineer.

### **Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week Banquet**

The Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week banquet will be held at Indiana Tech's Andorfer Commons ([http://www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/campus\\_life/campus\\_map.pdf](http://www.indianatech.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/campus_life/campus_map.pdf)) on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:45 PM. The cost to attend the banquet is \$25/person until February 15<sup>th</sup> and \$30/person after. All members of the FWEC are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please see the Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week website (<http://www.indiana-eweek.org/indiana-banquet.html>) for information on where to send your RSVP.

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### **2012-2013 FWEC Dues**

Dues not yet paid for the 2012-2013 membership year are now delinquent. Members and associate members are \$10 while students and non-residents are \$5. Treasurer Ryan Stark will be sending out notices to delinquent members in the coming month. Please pay using the enclosed membership card from your September newsletter or on our website (there is a service fee of \$1 added to pay online).

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### **December Tour & Social History**

The FWEC December tour and social at Mad Anthony Brewing Company ([www.madbrew.com](http://www.madbrew.com)) was well attended. Club members, spouses, and friends filled the "Mad Room" for drinks, appetizers, dinner, and a tour of the brewing facility behind the restaurant. Members were allowed to walk around the facility and peer inside brewing kettles. Thank you to everyone who attended the social and tour!

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### **Future Tours**

The February FWEC tour will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM of the Ivy Tech Aviation Building, Aviation Center at Smith Field, 405 West Cook Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

The March FWEC tour is scheduled for Summit City Bicycles and Fitness on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Additional tentative futures tours are of the new Parkview Regional Medical Campus and Lingenfelter Performance Engineering.

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## **Welcome New FWEC Member**

Welcome to new member Robert Chu (ITT – Retired).

Please encourage your co-workers to join the FWEC; at \$10/year it's one of the best deals in town.

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## **In Memoriam**

The FWEC would like to remember Ms. Ophelia Weitzman. Ms. Weitzman was the widow of Oscar Weitzman, a FWEC member. Ms. Weitzman was a longtime supporter of the FWEC and NEI E-Week through significant financial contributions to the yearly Academic Awards.

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## **2012-2013 FWEC Board**

President: John Magsam  
Vice President: MieLecia Martin  
Treasurer: Ryan Stark  
Secretary: Elizabeth Garr

1st Year Board Members: Dan Delaney & David Momoh  
2nd Year Board Members: Jim Delaney & Jack Phlipot  
3rd Year Board Members: Deborah Pitzer & Robert Vargo  
(Replacement for Ralph Snyder)

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## **Engineers' News Past**

The FWEC has a significant history; Treasurer Ryan Stark and his wife were able to find past Engineers News documents dating back to 1938! Here is an excerpt of the past newsletter (a scanned copy of the entire newsletter is available through the FWEC website):

### **[Engineers' News from January 1939: KOPPERS COMPANY CLOSES LOCAL PLANT](#)**

It is very much like writing an obituary to describe the removal of an old Fort Wayne industry from this territory.

The Western Gas Division of the Koppers Company is closing shop here and taking part of its engineering and sales force to Baltimore, Maryland, where they will become part of the Bartlett-Hayward division of the Koppers Company.

M. H. Merritt, A. A. Azar, G.V. Middaugh, A. B. Hall and G. I. Koons have submitted their resignations to the Engineers' Club and have already left the city for Baltimore. Much as we regret to see them leave we extend to them our best wishes for success

in their new home.

The Engineers' Club is sincerely in accord with the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to bring new industry to Fort Wayne to utilize the fine factory and office buildings vacated by Western Gas and give employment to the several hundred persons who will be left jobless by the transfer.

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