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**NEXT DINNER MEETING APRIL 8**

Sustainable Development

Tom Swarr

**City Steam, Hartford**

6:00 Networking

7:00 Dinner

Sustainable development was defined in *Our Common Future* as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” A transition to sustainability will require a radical redesign of our economic system to fully account for the multiple, diffuse, cumulative, and interactive stresses caused by a variety of human activities. Each person will need to rethink how they balance the roles of consumer and citizen, how they balance their individual self-interest against the responsibilities to the community in which they live. The challenge will be to preserve the economic vitality of the free market economy, while addressing the obvious negative though unintended impacts- income inequality, climate change, etc.

***Ever wondered how to implement Design for Sustainability in your work? Come join us for a dynamic presentation and sure to be lively group discussion.***

**Speaker Bio**

Tom Swarr is an independent consultant in corporate sustainability. He retired from United Technologies with nearly 30 years of experience of which the last 10 years were as Manager, Environmental Programs with responsibility for global programs for product- based environmental management.

Tom’s commitment to achieving sustainability by design is demonstrated by his active participation in the UNEP life cycle initiative, serving as a content editor for the International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment in life cycle management, and teaching classes in sustainable development and corporate social responsibility at Rensselaer’s Hartford campus. He is a member of an international team authoring a book on environmental life cycle costing and developing an industry code of practice that will be published by the Society for Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology.

Buffet style dinner

\$20 Members, Non-members

\$10 Students

For details & to register go to <http://www.aichecne.org/> or email [aiche\\_cne@cox.net](mailto:aiche_cne@cox.net) . **Register by April 1.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

**May 1**

Joint Dinner Meeting with Boston  
Section:

### **Cape Wind Project**

<http://aicheboston.s400.sureserver.com/index.php> for details

2008 Technology Awareness  
Symposium

## **Energy's Future: Energy Supply and Climate Change**

*A conference challenging energy manufacturers and researchers to develop and evaluate new energy technologies while offering new ideas on how to mitigate current and potential energy systems effects on the environment.*

Sponsored by the Rensselaer Alumni Association  
Hartford Chapter

**April 11-12, 2008**

**Rensselaer Hartford - Seminar  
Hall**

*(located on the third floor)*

**275 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT**

for details see:

<http://www.alumni.rpi.edu/energy2008/>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **New England Regional AIChE Student Competition – April 5 – at MIT**

1 - if anyone represents a company that would like the opportunity to meet ChE students from 10 - 15 schools in one place, we would welcome participation in the career fair. (Saturday April 5, 1 - 3:00 p.m.)

2 - if anyone would be willing to serve as a judge in technical competitions on April 5, we would welcome the expertise.

3 - if anyone would be willing simply to attend any part of the meeting, to allow students to meet working engineers and to observe how AIChE represents concern for the profession, we would welcome the opportunity to become acquainted.

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