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Maryland Section May 2007 Newsletter



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The 2006-2007 AIChE MD section calendar is coming to a close. We're still looking for members to volunteer their names to be executive committee members and/or committee chairpersons; elections for those positions will be held at the May meeting. If you'd like to help out in the upcoming year in any way (and especially if you can't make the meeting), please let Barb know as soon as possible so that your name can be added to the list. Thanks!

Please send your email address to broeper@eaest.com, so that we can forward you information on future events!

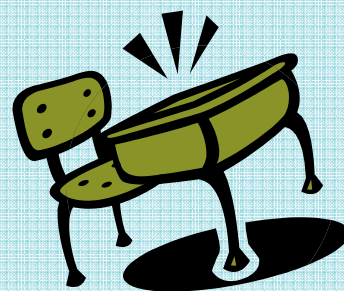
From the desk of the Chair . . .

Our program year is quickly coming to an end. This month, we will elect the officers that will lead us in 2007-2008. Our meeting will feature the Johns Hopkins chapter of Engineers Without Borders...if you are unfamiliar with this organization, don't miss this meeting! I know this EWB chapter has several active projects, and I am looking forward to hearing about them.

Next month, we are planning a trip to Ripken Stadium to see the Ironbirds game. If you would like to go, please contact Kathy Gunkel to reserve your tickets.

Through the summer, the Executive Committee will meet to plan the 2007-2008 program year. All members are welcome to attend. If you can't be there, please send me an email (broeper@eaest.com) or give me a call (410-329-5150) with your comments and suggestions.

Regards,
Barb Roeper, Chair



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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

May 17th: 6:00 pm at the Engineering Society of Baltimore—presentation by *Engineers Without Borders*, Johns Hopkins University chapter

June 21st: Aberdeen Ironbirds Baseball (advance registration required)

April and March Meetings Rewind



March 22nd: Irwin Gold presented on *Chemicals in Food and Chemistry of the Brain*. Irwin's presentation highlighted the presence of aluminum in many food and consumer products. He identified possible connections between aluminum consumption and health effects in children (e.g., autism) and the elderly (e.g., Alzheimer's). While there is still no evidence that definitely links the additives to the health effects, Irwin's presentation certainly provided "food for thought".



April 19th: Dean Nicholas P. Jones of the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering presented on *Innovation with an Impact*. Citing numerous specific examples in a variety of fields, Dean Jones illustrated to those in attendance (including quite a few current and recent JHU students) how the university's engineering school is striving to help its students prepare for their lives ahead, and to help the world with its research.



Cutting-edge fields such as nanotechnology, defense, medicine, and materials science are being addressed at JHU — both individually and in conjunction with one another. A particular focus of Dean Jones's presentation was his attempt to make the engineering school a haven of cooperation between disciplines within engineering, disciplines outside the engineering school, and with industry.



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