

February 10, 2010

Dear WWEP Members:

Welcome to this year's events for the **Wisconsin Chapter of Women Environmental Professionals (WWEP)**. We have networking and information exchange opportunities for 2010 to share with our membership. As always, we encourage you to share membership information with colleagues, associates and friends that may be interested in becoming members of our organization and benefiting from the networking opportunities. Below is a listing of our 2010 officers followed by a tentative list of upcoming meeting topics and timing.

WEP 2010 Officers and Program Coordinators:

Laurie Parsons, President
Jennifer Kahler, Vice President

Laura Weber, Treasurer
Angela Baran, Secretary

A heartfelt thanks goes to our past Secretary *Jacki Kraus-Guardascione*. For a number of years Jacki assisted with our mailing and communications, and we greatly appreciate her efforts. Please join me in welcoming our new secretary Angela Baran, Operations Manager, Drake Consulting Group. Also please welcome our new Program Coordinators: *Vanessa Brown of We Energies and Angela Baran of Drake*. Finally, we are happy to announce that *Julie Welch, of WC Industrial, LLC* will serve in a new role as our outreach and publicity coordinator. Thank you all for joining forces and volunteering to help make this another successful year.

Meeting Outlook and Schedule: We had a number of great ideas for this year's meetings with the following tentative lineup:

- **Palermos Pizza - Luncheon Program on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 11:45 am.** Many of you may recognize Palermos for their frozen pizzas but you may not know of the company's philosophy, environmental sustainability program and community focus. Save the date, join us for a tour, and learn more! A meeting notice/invite will be forthcoming. In the meantime to learn more about the company, you can visit Palermo's website at <http://www.palermospizza.com/our-philosophy.aspx>
- **Special Community Project, tentatively in May 2010.** This year, we are hoping to give back to greater Milwaukee through this co-sponsored program designed to assist community members in need of improved or enhanced living environments. Tentatively, WEP will join forces with other organizations in this "Rebuilding Together" program. More information will follow at our next meeting or shortly thereafter.
- **Focus on Water, June/July 2010.** Our program coordinators and officers are busy looking into possible locations/topics for our mid-summer meeting with a focus on what's new in water resources in our region.
- **Milwaukee Area River Sediment Clean Up, September 2010.** Tentatively we are planning a short presentation/walking tour at the Lincoln Park/Blatz Pavilion in Milwaukee. The Blatz Pavilion embayment is a small portion of a larger river stretch targeted for ongoing sediment cleanup work.
- **Wehr Nature Center, November/December 2010.** We will close the year with a tour and presentation at this great facility located in Franklin.

More information will follow on these events as the year progresses. We hope this year's topics promise to be interesting as well as personally and professionally rewarding.

Renew your membership now or at the first meeting! Membership renewal fees are \$35 and can be paid at our first meeting or mailed to Laura Weber with the renewal application attached. Actual event costs will vary, to be posted with the invitations for individual meetings, and are at a reduced price for members. Further, this year we are implementing a new initiative to encourage interest by students who are just developing their interest in the environmental arena. University/higher education program students are encouraged and welcome to attend at no cost for membership, and will be charged only the membership-level luncheon fee.

Sincerely,

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