We Escaped!!....

.... from Amelia’s Attic at the Clock and Lock Escape Rooms in downtown Kalamazoo. This is a unique, one of a kind experience and the only escape room licensed by the Amelia Earhart estate. We searched high and low, put the pieces together, and unlocked the secret of this incredible, pioneering woman!

K-Wings Hockey!

A small group of us met for beer, hotdogs, and hockey right before the holidays. SWE is such a great organization to get to know new people from all different companies. (I have no idea who won the game, but) I had a great time socializing and getting to know new engineers in the area! :)

Planning Party FY18

We started this year with our annual Planning Party and School supply drive at Arcadia Brewery in Kalamazoo. I LOVE how generous our section is and I really enjoy dropping off the donated school supplies. This year we took them to KPS Head Start. We came up with some great ideas for the section....

.....and topped off the night with a Brewery Tour!

Make and Take Decorations—Social

Several ladies enjoyed a night of socializing and crafting at Main Street Pub in October. After enjoying dinner and conversation...the fun began! We set to work to personalize our pre-selected fall decorations. Toni Gore from TG Creations provided us with all the tools needed to make our decorations our own. Her Facebook site “TG Creations” shows all her events. This was an event that sure challenged the “artsy” side of our brain!

Corporate Engineering Challenge

SCMI SWE held the 6th annual Corporate Engineering Challenge (CEC) on February 16, 2019. The CEC is our biggest outreach event where girls age 9-12 spend the day at the Air Zoo immersed in science and engineering. The 128 girls were divided into teams and mentored by mostly female engineers and scientists from local companies. At the end of the day the teams competed in a design and building challenge—a moon landing!

17 local companies (250 volunteers!) hosted tables showcasing their products and services, and had hands on activities. The company tables were open to the public (1281 paid admissions to the Air Zoo) as well as the girls participating in the event.
Upcoming Events!!

### April
- **30** - Last day for FY20 Nominations!

### May
- **15** - Vote! Vote! Vote!
- **30 - 5:30p Book Club**
  * Becoming by Michelle Obama*
  Stryker Medical
  3800 East Centre Ave
  Portage, MI

### June
- **13 - Networking TEDtalk & Happy Hour**
  JB’s Whiskey
  3905 W Dickman Rd
  Springfield, MI
- **30 - Don’t forget to renew your membership!**

### July
- **20 - 10 Year Anniversary Party!!**
  Fort Custer Recreation
  BBQ, Kayaking, Lawn Games, etc.
  Bring your families and celebrate 10 years with South Central Michigan SWE

### August
- **27 - FY20 Planning Party**
  Main Street Grill
  West Main Street, Kalamazoo

### FY20
- **Nov 7-9 - Annual Conference**
  Anaheim, CA

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**Women’s Panel 2019**

**Building Successful Mentoring Relationships**

The Women’s Panel is quickly becoming one of my favorite events we organize each year. Again this year, we met the Grand Rapids SWE section at Four Roses Café in Plainwell for a great panel discussion. Thank you Maggie Honaker, Ben Meikle, and Rebekah Mohilo for being our outstanding panelists.

We discussed how professional mentorships have helped each of our panelists along their career path. A few companies have formal mentoring programs established, many don’t. Regardless, finding someone who you are able to connect with, trust to ask questions and learn from, and who knows the company and job well is invaluable.

The mentoring relationship doesn’t always be formal and labeled. In our panelists’ experiences, many developed naturally over time. If you are looking for a mentor, find someone you think you could connect with and ask for some time - it doesn’t have to be a lot. Then be intentional and consistent in your efforts to meet and openly and honestly discuss what is going on in your career (and sometimes in your life).

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**Battle Creek VA Medical Center**

In February, a group of us met at the Battle Creek Veterans Home to give snacks and drinks out to the veterans. It was humbling to be able to provide this tiny service for the men and women there who gave so much to keep us safe.

Since 1924, the Battle Creek, Michigan VA Medical Center (VAMC) has been improving the health of the men and women who have served our nation. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs. We serve over 42,000 Veterans in 22 counties of the southwestern lower peninsula of Michigan.

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**From the President**

This year has flown by! I can’t believe we’re starting elections for next year! I am so happy to be a part of our group of outstanding professionals in South Central Michigan. I learn something every time we get together. Frequently, a discussion comes up in one of our meetings that is exactly what I need to hear at that moment. It’s re-energizing to be around professionals who know what I’m going through and support my success. That’s what SWE is all about! I’m so proud to be apart of it!

- Maggie Scow