

The Spokeswoman

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January Meeting Notice
Wednesday, January 17, 2001
Chef's Inn
6400 West Lincolnway
Ames, IA

Social/Meeting: 5:30 Program: 6:00 Dinner: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by Tuesday noon, January 16
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Guest Speaker: *Don Wandling, Professional Engineer*
Topic: *"Our Courts and the Expert Witness"*

About our Speaker:

Don is President and Consulting engineer at Wandling Engineering, a business he established in 1976. Prior to that Don was self-employed as a consulting engineer. Don evaluates the design of all types of machinery and product failures. In addition he does:

- Accident reconstruction, failure analysis, hazard analysis and safety studies.*
- Industrial and manufacturing operations hazard safety and safety studies.*
- General design analysis of electro-mechanical and hydraulic equipment.*
- Investigations of explosions and fires involving natural gas and LP gas.*
- Evaluation of guarding applications and requirements for machinery.*
- Evaluation of the design and manufacture of machinery and the offering of expert testimony in connection with engineering matters.*

Don has both a BSME and MSME for Iowa State University and has done additional graduate work in mechanical and electrical engineering. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in both Iowa and Nebraska. In addition, he is active in many professional organizations, having served as Chair for many committees and meetings in the past 30 years.

Don spent 12 years teaching a variety of mechanical engineering classes and doing research at Iowa State University before establishing his own business. Prior experiences also included working with research and development at John Deere in Ankeny and Waterloo.



President's Message

Do you ever get behind in things? It seems life gets busy and those things that can wait, seem to get pushed back. For quite a few months I have let my professional reading sit and pile up. And now I've been attempting to catch up. And one topic kept coming up: Leadership. I thought that was interesting since one of the main reasons I'm involved in ASWA is to continually develop and improve my leadership skills. One article in "Date to Succeed" by Van Crouch Communications outlined a number of qualities I thought worth repeating:

What makes a leader different from others:

1. A leader is always full of praise.
2. A leader learns to use the phrases "thank you" and "please" on her way to the top.
3. A leader is always growing.
4. A leader is possessed with her dreams.
5. A leader launches forth before success is certain.
6. A leader is not afraid of confrontation.
7. A leader talks about her own mistakes before talking about someone else's.
8. A leader is a person of honesty and integrity.
9. A leader has a good name.
10. A leader makes others better.
11. A leader is quick to praise and encourage the smallest amount of improvement.
12. A leader is genuinely interested in others.
13. A leader looks for opportunities to find someone doing something right.
14. A leader takes others up with her.
15. A leader responds to her own failures and acknowledges them before others have to discover and reveal them.
16. A leader never allows murmuring – from herself or others.
17. A leader is specific in what she expects.
18. A leader holds accountable those who work with her.
19. A leader does what is right rather than what is popular.
20. A leader is a servant.

During the holidays I can get so busy that I forget what's really important. It's the people around us at work and those we share interests with, such as the individuals in our chapter. Our relationship with others throughout our life is what makes us who we are. And those are the people that can strengthen us, encourage us, and support us into leaders. I hope you can pick something worthwhile from the list above. Because each of us is a leader.

Happy New Year.
Brenda

My dad sent me the following in an e-mail. I'm not sure where it came from but thought our group would appreciate it:

Strength

Women have strengths that amaze men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

Women wait by the phone for a safe at home call from a friend after a snowy drive home. They are child-care workers, executives, attorneys, stay-at-home moms, biker babes, and your neighbors. They wear suits, jeans, and they wear uniforms.

They fight for what they believe in. They stand up for injustice.

They walk and talk the extra mile to get their children in the right schools and for getting their family the right health care. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. Women are honest, loyal, and forgiving. They are smart, knowing that knowledge is power. But they still know how to use their softer side to make a point. Women want to be the best for their family, their friends, and themselves. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

A woman can make a romantic evening unforgettable. Women come in all sizes, in all colors and shapes. They live in homes, apartments and cabins.

They drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin! Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. And all they want back is a hug, a smile and for you to do the same to people you come in contact with.

MEN: Men are good at lifting heavy stuff.

Reminder from the Bulletin Chair!

Please let me know of any items of interest about our members, new jobs, etc. I would like to include them in the bulletin. Also, let me know if any updates needed for our membership list. I will publish an updated list in the each bulletin.

**THANK YOU,
Cindy Sippel, Bulletin Chair**

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