



Ever wonder why you see some fellow engineers with pinky rings? Chances are that they were inducted into the Order of the Engineer and they wear the ring as a reminder of accepting the Obligation of an Engineer.

The Obligation is the formal statement of an engineer's responsibilities to the public and to the profession; the Obligation is publicly accepted by an engineer during induction at a Ring Ceremony. The Obligation is similar to the National Society of Professional Engineers' Engineer's Creed, the Engineers' Council for Professional Development's Canon, and the Canadian Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer.

<http://www.order-of-the-engineer.org>

The purpose is to stimulate formal public recognition by engineers in the United States of two basic principles. These principles are that (1) the primary purpose of engineering is service to the public, and (2) all members of the engineering profession share a common bond.

The Engineer's Ring in the United States is a stainless steel ring, worn on the fifth finger of the working hand by engineers who have accepted the Obligation of an Engineer in a Ring Ceremony. In Canada, the Engineer's Ring is a wrought iron ring accepted by engineers inducted into the Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer in a secret ceremony.

Last year SHPE-Houston officially became a *Link*, allowing the chapter to conduct the ceremony. This year, in the second annual ceremony, the SHPE-Houston chapter organized a Order of the Engineer ceremony to help induct graduating seniors and engineers who never had the opportunity at their universities. This year a few students attended and a small ceremony was organized and coordinated by the chapter. Next year, the chapter plans to coordinate the ceremony with graduation (May time frame) to facilitate more graduating seniors from local universities (i.e. UH and Rice). So check our calendar if you are interested in attending the next ceremony. Remember, you don't have to be a graduating engineer to attend!

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2007-2008 SHPE Membership/Editor



SHPE members enjoy a SHPE-Houston meeting in the clouds. The meeting was held high above Houston in Chevron's tower downtown.

GENERAL MTG RECAP

The last meeting was held at Chevron's downtown location, in a high conference room with great views of the city. Our speaker was Melanie Rodriguez, a Organizational Development Consultant, and her topic was *Knowing Your Management Style*.

She offered some good advice and presented every member with a toolkit to help identify our styles and leverage them in the work-force. Melanie routinely delivers this talk for Chevron employee's world-wide.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

GENERAL MTG @ CHEVRON – The last meeting was held at Chevron, downtown. See front article for recap.

MFA *The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*

MSFH – The chapter is looking to create some social events in conjunction with the Museum of Sciences and Fine Arts of Houston. If you enjoy the arts and would like to participate with fellow SHPErs, contact our social coordinator.



CYCLING – Lori Cano organized a group to go cycling in the downtown area and end up at the farmers market at Discovery Green. The park downtown is nice attraction on Sundays. The park is complete with plenty of open space for families to enjoy, a restaurant provides light snacks for lunch and there are fountains for the kids to play in on hot summer days and plenty of jungle gyms. If you missed this opportunity, next time plan to meet your family at the Discovery Green following your bike ride!



IDEAS? - Got a good idea for a networking social? Please send your idea's to our social coordinator, Lori Cano at Social@SHPEHouston.org.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Bechtel Tower Conference Room 4B (3000 Post Oak Blvd, 77056). Please check our website for the date of the next meeting and mark your calendars!



SHPE family members playing during a volleyball game at Rice.

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