



## The Auxiliary Pipeline

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Please keep our friends  
in your thoughts.

### Special Intentions:

Bo Flanders  
Susan Hawthorne  
Margaret Holdredge  
Russell Holdredge  
John Holguin  
Pat Jordan  
Libby Prochaska

Please go to the Auxiliary's  
Community Page for  
updated information  
regarding the 2020 ASME  
Annual Meeting and the  
Auxiliary's Meeting  
Schedule.

[Auxiliary community page  
link.](#)

Please contact our ASME Staff  
member with any questions  
throughout the year.

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### Greetings from Saraswati Sahay, President

Dear ASME Auxiliary  
Members and friends  
of the Auxiliary,

I do not know where  
to start. At the moment  
of writing this message, we  
are in the midst of national  
and international human  
crisis. Hope that you and  
those around you are safe.  
The entire world is a  
neighbor-hood. We are  
not immune from events  
that appear far away. I  
hope all sectors of society  
play their roles in  
meeting the current chal-  
lenge. Pharmaceutical re-  
search may give us the for-  
mulas and medicine to  
cure the afflicted and  
keep the virus away.  
The bio-engineering  
world will pro-duce the  
medicine at an ac-celerated  
pace and our health  
care system will ad-  
minister it to both cure  
and keep all people from  
getting infected. Stay safe.

Immediately after the  
2019 November meeting I  
got a total knee  
replacement. The whole  
process appeared  
seamless. As I reflect on  
it now, the whole  
process seemed like a  
miracle. The fitness  
equipment giving the

preoperative physical thera-  
py to the preparation for the  
laser and computer assisted  
alignment of the femur and  
tibia appeared to be just  
feats of imagination just a  
few decades ago. Getting to  
the hospital easily in my car,  
using the wheel chair, using  
the elevator to climb four  
floors, the adjustable hospital  
bed with multiple controls  
for comfort, the hospital  
room with a zillion pieces of  
equipment and the physical  
therapy equipment for my  
recovery is not an accident  
but it is the heart of what  
mechanical engineering and  
ASME is all about. I am ex-  
cited to see ASME efforts for  
continuous improvement of  
the quality of humankind. I  
continue to be amazed by  
how engineering has im-  
proved and keeps improving  
our quality of life at an  
astonishing pace. I am even  
prouder to be a part of the  
ASME Auxiliary which has  
been helping deserving stu-  
dents in realizing their engi-  
neering dreams.

I would like to thank the  
CAM Section for continuing  
to organize effective

meetings and making contribu-  
tions to meet our objective of  
supporting engineering educa-  
tion in general and mechanical  
engineering in particular.

Again, it has been a pleasure  
to work with the limited and a  
dedicated group of individuals  
that make the ASME Auxiliary.

Be careful and stay safe. Hop-  
ing to see you soon when the  
situation improves.

Saraswati Sahay



**ABRIDGED MINUTES**  
**November 12, 2019**

The National Board Meeting of the ASME Auxiliary in Salt Lake City Utah was called to order by President Saraswati Sahay at 9:15 AM. There were twelve (12) members and four (4) guests in attendance. A motion was made and passed to accept the agenda of the meeting.

The Committee paused for a moment of silence for the following members and friends who are ill, Bo Flanders, Margaret and Russell Holdredge, John Holguin, Pat Jordan, Libby Prochaska, Donna Marner, Donna Leibensperger and those who have passed, Pandeli Durbetaki, Ron Augenstein and Joseph Falcon.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$1,195,471.25 on July 1, 2019 and a balance of \$1,158,565.12 on September 30, 2019. The Student Loan fund has a balance of \$284,775.04 as of September 30, 2019 less \$45,117.23 in outstanding loans. The Auxiliary received final payments for one (1) loan that have been paid in full. There is one (1) new loan as of September 30, 2019.

For the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Auxiliary awarded eleven (11) Undergraduate Scholarships, one (1) Rothermel Scholarship (Master's degree), two (2) Parsons Scholarships (Doctoral), one (1) Rice Cullimore Scholarships (Foreign Graduate) and fifteen (15) Lucy and Charles W. E. Clarke Scholarships to graduating High School Seniors on a FIRST Robotics Team.

The following motion was approved; to estimate \$120,000 for use of approximately 32 scholarships for the 2019 -2020 fiscal year to be paid in the FY 2020-2021.

ASME Past President Said Jahanmir came in to thank the Auxiliary for the great work they are doing in granting scholarships to deserving students.

Per the discussions at the November meeting, the Auxiliary has retained Patterson, Belknap, Webb and Tyler to provide legal services to ASME Auxiliary for tax and governance matters.

Sara thanked the members for their hard work and commitment and adjourned the meeting.

**Update on our current Scholarship and loan program.**

During the last 42 years, we carried out our objective to assist 1333 worthy students in the study of mechanical engineering at the undergraduate and graduate level with \$2,735,800. The following recipients shared the amounts below.

348 Undergraduates shared	\$623,000
180 Graduates shared	\$338,500
256 Entering Freshmen shared	\$662,500
107 Foreign Students shared	\$196,800
446 Student Loans shared	\$939,000

**NOMINEES FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR****To vote for the present candidates, simply leave the ballot blank.**Write in candidate

PRESIDENT:	SARASWATI SAHAY	_____
EXEC VICE-PRESIDENT:	ELLA BALDWIN-VIERECK	_____
RECORDING SECRETARY:	VATSALA MENON	_____
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	ADA EZEKOYE	_____
TREASURER:	STELLA SEIDERS	_____
STUDENT LOAN TREASURER:	ED SEIDERS	_____

If mailing in your ballot, kindly sign the outside of the ballot envelope according to the constitution and bylaws of the ASME Auxiliary. If you are concerned about security, put the ballot envelope with the ballot inside into an additional envelope, address it and send. This preserves security and the secret ballot.

You may also participate with our online voting by going to  
[https://asme.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bjQu0T9XIREqBTL](https://asme.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bjQu0T9XIREqBTL)

Return by May 22, 2020. Sincerely, Ella Baldwin-Viereck, Nominating Committee Chair

**The ASME Auxiliary, Inc.  
Dues Renewal Notice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Member-at-Large (\$25.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(not applicable for current Life Members)

Life Member (\$150.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(not applicable for current Life Members)

Contributions—tax deductible \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(for the Auxiliary Scholarships  
and Loan Programs)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remove my name from the Auxiliary Membership list.

\_\_\_\_\_ NAME

Kindly make checks payable to: ASME Auxiliary, Inc.

Send to: Stella Seiders

Treasurer

3152 S. Rockford Drive

Tulsa, OK 74105

## Auxiliary Loan Program Thriving

We have seen a recent up-tick in interest for the Auxiliary's student loan program. This likely is due to the high visibility on the new ASME website. By simply searching for "Student Loans" on the ASME home page, a user is taken to: <https://www.asme.org/asmе-programs/students-and-faculty/student-loans> where all needed information is available.

The purpose of the Student Loan Fund (SLF) is to provide financial assistance to those students in need who are studying for a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Technology, or closely related program. Loans are made from a revolving fund which is replenished by graduates repaying their loans. The interest rate and repayment terms are much more generous than a typical commercial loan or even those that have a government guarantee. We have had defaults over the years, but our default rate is generally in line with the government reported default rate on all student loans. We carefully evaluate prospective loan recipients. They must be an ASME member and retain their membership through the duration of their loan. We also require a recommendation from the student's department head, a copy of their official transcript, and a promissory note with two guarantors who promise to repay the loan in the event that the borrower is unable to make their payments.



The recent talk of a possible government program to forgive student loans may have created some confusion. Since SLF loans are not part of any government program, they likely will not be included in any possible forgiveness of government guaranteed loans. Borrowers should also be aware that we are required by law to report any defaulted loans to the IRS, at which time the defaulted loan amount becomes taxable income to the borrower. We also defer repayment and accrual of interest for those students who continue on to a graduate degree.

If you know of any student who has need of financial aid in order to complete their studies, please refer them to the ASME Auxiliary Student Loan program.

## CAM Section—Vibrant and Raising Scholarship Funds.

The Canton-Alliance-Massillon (C-A-M) Section, located in northeast Ohio, has 20 members. All but one live in the local area; the other one, a long-time member, lives in Columbus. Not everyone can attend all of our meetings, but we all consider our purpose of raising funds for mechanical engineering scholarships to be very important. To raise the money for our contribution to the Sylvia Farny Scholarship Fund, we like to say that we meet nine times a year and collect money from one another. We have two major fundraising events, our November silent auction and our Christmas gift basket raffle.

For our silent auction, we have a nice luncheon at the Alliance Woman's Club, where we all bring things and buy them. It's fun and we raise some of our contribution. At our auction, we sell raffle tickets on a Christmas gift basket worth \$100 to \$150. I mail tickets to everyone who could not attend the auction. All of our members, even those who do not regularly attend meetings, buy the tickets. The decorative basket is filled with things like chocolates made by our member Millie Augenstein, a bottle of wine, a "cozy" paperback book, a CD of Christmas music, a Christmas-themed LED candle, a pretty scarf, herbal tea, nice lotion and many other "pamper me" things to fill it up.

At our other meetings, we have a small raffle where everyone puts \$2.00 in a basket. Even if we have only five or six in attendance, that's still \$10 or \$12 towards our goal. It all adds up. Most years, we have been able to contribute \$800 to \$900. This year, we raised \$875. Our Sponsor, Lynn Gerber, has added \$125 to bring our contribution to \$1,000. We are all very grateful for her kindness and generosity. -- Joy Dingman (C-A-M Section)



*Cindi Pool* is honored with an ASME Auxiliary Dedicated Service Award.

(pictured left to right - Larry Pool, Said Jahanmir, Sara Sahay, Cindi Pool, Lynn Gerber and Thomas Costabile.) We apologize for the error in the Fall 2019 newsletter regarding Ms. Pool's award.

Cindi Pool was chosen by the ASME Auxiliary to receive the ASME Dedicated Service Award in 2019. Cindi joined the Los Angeles Section back in the early 1990's and became a Life Member in 1995. Since 2010, she chaired the Elizabeth M & Winchell M. Parsons Scholarship and became the Marjorie Roy Rothermel Scholarship Chair in 2015. Also, she has been a reader for the Undergraduate Scholarships. In their later years, Cindi assisted her parents, Jim Chenoweth and Carolyn Chenoweth remain active on the Auxiliary Board. To honor her parents, she established the Carolyn and James M. Chenoweth Scholarship for undergraduate students in 2014.

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*Kay Simmons* is honored with an ASME Dedicated Service Award .

(pictured left to right, Said Jahanmir, Sam Zamrik, Kay Simmons, Bob Simmons, Sara Sahay and Thomas Costabile.)



Kay Simmons was chosen by ASME to receive the ASME Dedicated Service Award in 2019. ASME observed the fine gift Kay was to the Auxiliary and they chose her for this great honor. Kay has been an asset to the Auxiliary since she joined in 2008. She was the most enthusiastic Membership Expansion Chair we ever had. Her warm friendly demeanor helped welcome new members to the Auxiliary. She was Vice President 2010-2012, then became President 2012-2014. Since early on, Kay has helped the Auxiliary by becoming the Rothermel Chair for 2 years, and the Honors & Awards Chair. She then rescued the Auxiliary Board when she took another 1-year term as President in 2017.

## HOSPITALITY WITH A PURPOSE

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers held their first convention in New York City in December 1880. Few women travelled to this event with their husbands. Think about it: How does a woman pack her corsets, petticoats, long dresses with bustles, boots, hats, wraps? However, when the lure of going to NYC at Christmas time, with all its decorations and shopping, attendance increased. The women who lived locally welcomed the visitors. In the afternoon, they served tea to the wives and friends of the ASME members. This meant bringing their own tea services, cups, plates, linens, and refreshments from their own homes. This continued to the 1900's.

Slowly changes occurred in 1904. The entertainment of out-of-towners became more important. Hospitality, Teas, Sightseeing, and a Committee to organize these events became part of the ASME Convention Week experiences. In 1909, the Council appropriated \$100 for the ladies to purchase the necessary cups and equipment to entertain. The ladies enjoyed meeting with each other and wanted their friendships to continue. Gradually the Ladies Committee formed.

In 1912, a permanent Ladies Committee was formed with a Constitution and By Laws. The ASME Annual Meeting in December always carried the carefully planned Ladies Program. The climax was the gala reunion dinner and dance held at the Astor Hotel or Engineering Societies Building. The value of making visitors welcome serves the purpose to create friendships and support for the future of an organization. This was the basis of the now ASME Auxiliary. (*Reference: Woman's Auxiliary to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History*)

