

Fellow Professional:

You are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for a celebration of STEM educators, engineers, and their impact on society. In conjunction with Engineer's Week, the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) is hosting a banquet to raise funds to support our local STEM educators. Proceeds from the banquet will be used to help fund the Grants for Engineering, Arithmetic, and Science (GEArS) Education Program, and our college scholarship program. The GEArS Education Program is designed to provide small grants for schools or teachers promote STEM education. Due to your generosity we will be able to continue awarding college scholarships for the second year in a row.

The banquet will be held at the Knoxville Marriott on Hill Avenue. Our guest speaker is Samuel C. Weaver serves as President of Proton Power, Inc., a renewable energy company producing hydrogen on demand from cellulose for use as heat, power generation, hydrogen production or liquid fuel production. For the last 40 years Sam has been a serial entrepreneur founding and running over a dozen companies primarily in the advanced materials and energy fields. Sam has 14 patents, was made a Fellow of ASTM when he received their Award of Merit, received entrepreneurial awards from the governors of Missouri and Tennessee, awarded an honorary Professional Degree from University of Missouri-Rolla and inducted into the Academy for the UMR School of Mines. Sam has served as President, Rotary Club of Knoxville and a member of 2011 Leadership Knoxville. Sam has a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering from University of Missouri-Rolla and M.S. and PhD in Metallurgical Engineering from University of Tennessee.

For this year's event, there are three categories of sponsorship:

- Speaker Sponsors
- Event Sponsors
- Table Sponsors

Details are described on the attached request form. All sponsors will be recognized for their contribution as part of the banquet. Another option for table sponsorship is to sponsor a charitable table. If you have involvement with a local school or organization that you would like to see involved in Engineer's Week, this would be a great opportunity to introduce them to engineers. Please contact Sharon Deane if you would like to sponsor a charitable table.

Please mail the attached form with your contribution before February 17, 2017 to:

Mrs. Sharon Deane, P.E.  
Vaughn and Melton  
1909 Ailor Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
(865) 264-0851

Make checks payable to the "Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers", and list the banquet on the memo line.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you at the banquet.

Sincerely,



Sharon Deane  
Banquet Chair, TSPE-Knoxville Chapter