



Society of  
Manufacturing  
Engineers

Ann Arbor Area – Chapter #079

May 24, 2007

***Executive Committee  
Meeting***

**Saline Lectronics, Inc.**  
710 N Maple Rd  
Saline, MI 48176

**Tuesday, June 5**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Members and Friends of SME Chapter 079:

**MEMBERSHIP – THE BACKBONE OF SME**

Membership is critical to the continued success of SME. In recognition of this fact, SME Headquarters has created a reward system for retaining and growing chapter membership.

Currently, Chapter 79 has 300 members, an 87% retention for the period October 2006 through April 2007. We would like to retain 100% of our membership, and see membership growth. Unfortunately, in these times of a shrinking automotive industry, many of our former members are leaving the area to pursue careers in other states.

Therefore, we all need to actively pursue potential members in industries totally unrelated to automotive manufacturing. Manufacturing is a staple of our country, and truly adds value and increases the wealth our society. And, there is tremendous opportunity to cross cultivate manufacturing technologies across industries. Henry Ford developed his moving assembly line based on manufacturing techniques used, at the time, in the food industry. The more we share knowledge across industries, the more capable we will be to compete in a global economy.

If you know someone who is not currently a member of SME, provide him or her with information on how SME can help them grow and develop, and enhance their careers and their personal accomplishments. Information, and SME applications, are available at the SME web site. Help SME remain a strong, viable organization.

Be sure to renew your membership, and encourage your friends to renew their membership. Actively recruit new members. A growing membership will benefit all members, and allow Chapter 079 to continue to offer interesting and informative programs.

Sincerely,

Sandy Stewart  
Chairman, SME Chapter 079