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## Celebrating the National Engineering Month at PEO WT Chapter

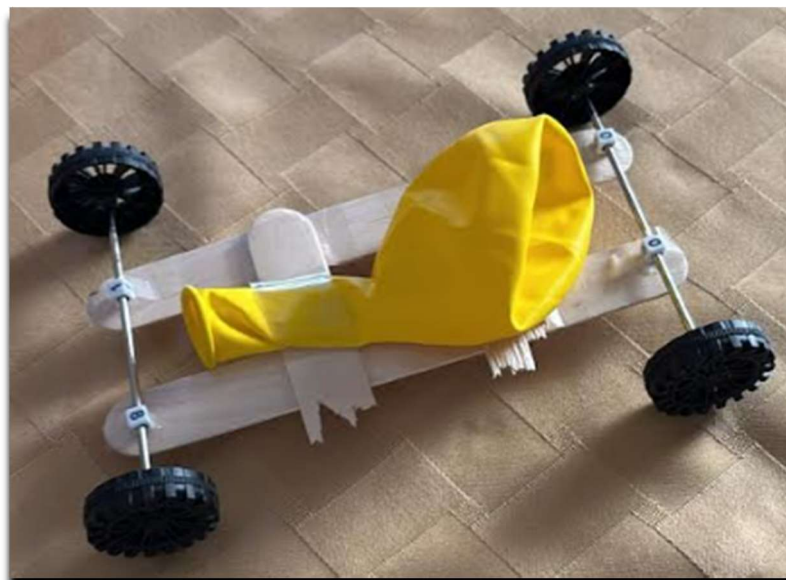
March 2025 concluded as an eventful month for the PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter as the chapter ended hosting two events during this month to celebrate the National Engineering Month (NEM).

- Car Building Contest, and
- Promoting Females in Engineering

### **NEM Event # 1: Car Building Contest highlights:**

- Held on March 14, 2025 at the Toronto Public Library - North York Central Library.
- This was a fun event with a total of 35 participants ranging in ages from 8 to 60 years.
- The activity involved building a simple car racing kit using balloons and popsicle sticks in pairs (children & parents/guardians) followed by a racing contest.
- A total of 20 cars were built with 5 of them moving successfully.
- The winners received e-gift cards as a token of appreciation.

**Event snapshot - Winning model**



Our stars for the car building event!





## NEM Event # 2: Promoting Females in Engineering highlights:

- Held on March 20, 2025 at the Toronto Public Library, North York Central Library.
- We had an open-discussion around **the challenges and wins** for females in engineering led by:
  - Dr. Marina Freire-Gormaly, Assistant Professor at the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University;
  - Dr. Souheila Bardakji, P.Eng., Professor at Seneca Polytechnic;
  - Macey Clandfield, product developer at Blade Air, graduated from Mechanical Engineering at Queens University
  - Marissa Kubien, graduated from Mechanical Engineering at Ontario Tech University.
- Our speakers were chosen to highlight the realms of academia and industries across different career stages.
- We had a total of 20 participants who shared their allyship in promoting 30/30, and we also fostered a safe space to talk about sociocultural barriers for achieving equity in our profession.

### Our event speakers and host



## Event snapshots



### NEM 2025 Events Credits:

- Both NEM events were organized by the WT Chapter Education Committee.
- Credits and thanks to Karen Penaranda, EIT, for successfully organizing and hosting both events.

## WT Chapter Announcements:

- **Upcoming WT Chapter Publications and Future Events:**

- WT Chapter Annual General Meeting and 2025-2026 Board of Executives Election.
- Upcoming WT Chapter Licensing Presentation Ceremony (LPC).
- Summer 2025 BBQ event (watch out for the invite!)

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