Fall Fundraising Summary

Jessica Weber
Fundraising Chair

During the fall semester the main fundraising and social event for SWE is the Winter Formal. It was this past Friday, November 30th, held at the Best Western Inn on the Park. With approximately 200 people in attendance it seemed as though everyone had a blast. There was dancing, hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, and a raffle. We were able to get gift certificates from many businesses on State Street to give out in the raffle on the night of the dance. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the formal a success, including all the volunteers for tickets sales and the other officers.

The other fundraisers which occurred during the fall semester were Bucky Book sales and selling SWE Gear. So far this semester we have sold 23 Bucky Books, very impressive!!

I’m glad that in my position as fundraising chair, I am able to help out SWE by raising money for our organization and its members, and have so much fun doing it!

Evening with Industry - February 4th, 2008

Anna Mielke and Renee Miller
EWI Co-Chairs

Each year SWE sponsors its annual Evening with Industry (EWI) banquet. This year it will be held on February 4, 2008 at the Pyle Center on Lake Mendota from 5-9 pm. This event promotes networking in a comfortable setting, between corporate representatives and engineering students, through a career fair, dinner, and awards ceremony. Students are able to interact with company representatives in a smaller, more personal setting, discussing potential career opportunities in engineering. In years past, the event has successfully hosted over 40 companies and 200 students. The cost is $10 for paid SWE members, which includes a $20 dinner and a night of fun. As an additional benefit, scholarships will be presented during the awards ceremony. Please look for announcements regarding such scholarships in TWIS and on the SWE website. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate any help we can get. You can check out the SWE website: http://www.engr.wisc.edu/studentorgs/swe/Webpage/EWI.shtml for any additional information or contact us with questions at: swe_ewi@cae.wisc.edu
SWE Members in Tune in Music City

Rachel Weber
VP of Internal Relations

In Tune with Technology was the theme for the 2007 SWE National Conference held October 25-27 in Nashville, TN. There were 13 SWE members in attendance, plus former SWE President, Talia Esser, who received the SWE National Leadership Award.

Our UW-Madison section should be very proud because members were involved in the conference like never before. It was our first year participating in the Boeing Tech Team Competition, and our team took second place for their prototype of a foot guard for power-wheelchair soccer. Two SWE members, Kristen Seashore and Sara Worzella, attended as finalists in the National Poster Competition. Also, our section was one of two collegiate sections selected to host a booth at the Outreach Expo where we shared the successes of our outreach programs. Finally, at the Celebrate SWE Banquet, UW-Madison won the Collegiate Member Upgrade Award and a Certificate of Merit Award as an Outstanding Collegiate Section, two highly coveted awards.

Members who attended this fabulous trip were able to gain insight from seminars offered, network with fellow members- collegiate and professional, cruise for jobs at a 300+ corporate career fair, as well as cash in on some awesome career fair give-a-ways. One member even won a free iPod. Everyone enjoyed the group dinners, and a few SWEsters got to experience the Nashville nightlife.

Another amazing conference trip is right around the corner! The 2008 Regional Conference held January 25-27 at Bradley University in Peoria, IL is sure to be a ton of fun! Email rweber1@wisc.edu if you are interested in attending. The sign-up deadline is December 8.
Technically on Your Toes
Jessica Nayes
Technical Communications

NO! That is what my fellow SWEsters and I practiced yelling at the Self-Defense Workshop early in November. For those who couldn’t make it, I’ll highlight some of the interesting things we learned at this event that made me lose my voice for a whole week.

Let’s start with some facts: 72% of rape/sexual assault victims knew their attacker; about 44% of rape victims are under age 18 and 80% are under age 30; since 1993, rape/sexual assault has fallen by over 69%. (www.rainn.org) Keep in mind that it’s estimated the majority of cases go unreported. So, the moral of the story is to keep your wits about you and do your best to prevent a bad situation from happening in the first place. Tips for doing this might include yelling (something descriptive) to call the attention of others, standing to face the other person while standing in a strong stance, and making their small talk hard by refusing to volunteer personal information.

Of course the handful of participants and I learned a few moves such as getting out of certain kinds of holds and ways to kick and punch an attacker that could come in handy should a situation arise. If any others are interested, I’d recommend taking a look at www.dane countyrcc.com/chimera/ for more info on the sessions available in and around campus.

But wait! We had another technical event of note: the Car Maintenance Workshop held late November with the Hybrid Vehicle Team. We had a great presentation given by the members of the team. They showed us how to change the oil, jumpstart a car, check various fluids, and how to change a tire. It’s rewarding for me to know that another group of our members can now change a tire with confidence. Two lucky members were also the recipients of brand new tire pressure gauges!
Officer Info

Please feel free to contact any officer with questions about their committee or how to get involved! E-mail addresses can be found on the SWE website:

http://www.engr.wisc.edu/studentorgs/swe/

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Upcoming SWE Events

Dec 8th - BSLS Bowling Night
Union South

Dec 10th-14th - EWI Ticket Sales
10:00am - 2:00pm
Engineering Hall Lobby

Dec 11th - Officer Communication Meeting
8:15-8:45pm
1045ECB

Dec 12th - Holiday Card Making Party
7pm
Location: tba

Dec 13th - Ice Skating
11:15pm
Shell (near Camp Randall)

Dec 28th - SWE Scholarship Deadline
Midnight

Join the SWE Facebook group
- Receive reminders of upcoming events
- Network with other SWE members
- Put a face to all those names you have learned!

I LOVE SWE!

need more info?!

http://www.engr.wisc.edu/studentorgs/swe/
and check out the Calendar at:
http://my.calendars.net/swecalendar