THON was a huge success for SWE and our partner, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, this year. We had 4 amazing dancers, Meghan Fisher, Keri Wolfe, Meghan Trahey and Mike Cymerman, and raised a total of $28,832.43! The overall total for THON 2011 was 9.5 million dollars, making it the highest total ever! We also continued our participation in the Adopt a Family program and were repaired with the Aidan Roth family. During the weekend Aidan, our THON child, performed first in the talent show and sang an original song. In the stands, SWE members wore custom decorated construction hats to show their support for our dancers. For The Kids!

Penn State THON (written by Jill Holloway)

Rube Goldberg Competition (written by Kristina Gans)

This past February, SWE competed in Penn State’s 6th annual Rube Goldberg Machine Competition held at the Penn Stater Conference Hotel. The competition, judged by Penn State engineering alumni, required teams to build a machine that could water a plant in 20 steps or more. Composed of eight members ranging from freshmen to seniors, SWEs “Toy Story” themed machine caught the eye of the judges as well as kids in the crowd. SWE had tough competition, but placed 3rd out of 5 engineering teams.
**Region G Conference**

From February 18th to the 20th, seven Penn State SWE members traveled to The Ohio State University to participate in the 2011 SWE Region G Conference. The theme was Life at the Top: Creating a Road Map for Success. Events included seminars, regional meetings, tours, a career fair, and an awards dinner. There were sessions on professional development, women inventors, six sigma, effective communication, R&D sustainability, creative problem solving, and much more! There were even some “fun” sessions on self-defense, chocolate testing, and ice cream making. During the awards dinner, Penn State SWE was awarded the Achieving Collegiate Section Silver Award! Overall it was a great conference!

**Engineering Career Week 2011**

The Engineering Career Week kicked off with the Networking Reception in the Nittany Lion Inn Ballroom. About 40 companies were present to talk to students the evening before the career fair. The next day, the Engineering Career Fair took place in four different banquet room at the Nittany Lion Inn. Over 120 companies were there recruiting for internships, co-op, and full time positions. After the career fair, many students had interviews with the companies on campus. SWE members were there all week to volunteer at every event. Their duties included helping with employer and student check-ins, coat check, and maintenance at all the events.

**SWE Stayover**

This past March, over 120 high school senior girls visited Penn State for the SWE Stayover. About 65 SWE members hosted these girls for three days in their dorm rooms. After arriving Thursday evening, the girls went on a scavenger hunt around campus with stops at the Creamery, HUB, library, the lion shrine and Hammond Building. On Friday, the high school girls attended classes with their hosts. In the afternoon some had the opportunity to tour the brand new Millennium Science Building or the Open Design Lab. In the evening with the help of a few corporate sponsors, the high school girls went to various break-out sessions to learn about engineering, mentoring, and to meet other girls there. After that, the girls could choose from various activities to do including watching a movie, decorating cookies, playing bingo, or playing Wii. On Saturday everyone had to be up bright and early to meet their parents for the WEP breakfast held at the Atherton Hotel. It was a fun weekend!
Mr. Engineer Competition

This year, six male engineers competed in the Mr. Engineer Competition benefiting THON. The contestants had to model a career outfit and nerdy outfit. The talent portion was next. Talents included solving a Rubik’s cube, performing a ribbon dance, playing the piano, and breakdancing. The last part of the competition was an interview. Each contestant was asked a few questions then the three judges tallied the scores. Only one could be named “King of the Calculator” and win the competition. Junior Mechanical Engineering major, Mike Cymerman was named Mr. Engineer!

College of Engineering Semi-Formal

SWE hosted the College of Engineering Semi-Formal this year at the Days Inn. The theme was Masquerade Ball. Dinner was served first then everyone stayed to dance for a few hours. There were masks and beads on the tables to go along with the theme. Everyone had a great time!

End-of-Year Banquet

The last SWE event of the year was the Banquet at the Atherton Hotel. A late buffet lunch was served. A video about SWE made by some members was shown then the awards were presented. Awards included Most Active SWE member, Honorary Most Active member and perfect attendance at meetings. The Priscilla Guthrie Award and the Nucor Scholarship were also handed out. Lastly, three new awards, Aspiring Member, Advancing Member, and Achieving Member, were awarded to contributing SWE members. A list of all the winners can be found on the Penn State SWE website.
We hope you've enjoyed reading this newsletter! Next year, a new person will be your contact as the Alumni Relations Director. Her name is Katey Talbot and she'll be the one organizing events for you! Feel free to contact her through the same email address: psuswealumni@gmail.com.

-Kylie Sheplock and Amanda Siergiej (Alumni Relations Chairs)

Congrats to the SWE Leadership Team for 2011-2012!

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- Vice President of Student Relations: Whitney Tarchinski
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