Meet the Faculty Luncheon

February 10, 2009

Last month, SWE held a luncheon catered by Aladdin’s restaurant for students and women faculty members from the College of Engineering. Four faculty members participated in the event: Kavita Bala, Assistant Professor of Computer Science; Terry Jordan, Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences; Lois Pollack, Associate Professor of Applied Engineering Physics; and Catherine Becker, Lecturer of Engineering Communications. A variety of topics were discussed, including research, graduate school and internship/co-op opportunities. Around 20 students attended the event, many of whom enjoyed getting to know the professors on a more personal level.

Valentine's Day Community Outreach Event

February 14, 2009

Conveniently located just north of Cornell University, Bridges Cornell Heights is a Senior Assisted Living Center. This past Valentine’s Day, a group of about ten SWE members decided to “share the love” with residents of the retirement home. The girls spent the day helping the seniors make valentines for their loved ones. In addition, SWE members made valentines for the residents themselves. It was a unique experience for Cornell students to connect with people so much older than themselves, some of whom had lived in Ithaca for most of their lives. Life in a small town like Ithaca is very different from the more cosmopolitan experiences most Cornell students are used to. Conversely, the retirees also enjoyed hearing stories about the lives of Cornell students.
Engineering Day at the Mall

February 21, 2009

On a Saturday afternoon in February, eight ambitious SWE members got together at the Shops at Ithaca Mall. The objective: show kids at the mall just how fun engineering is in honor of the annual Engineering Week. They set up a table to make gak (a squishy substance similar to Silly Putty) with passersby. The recipe was simple: adding Elmer's glue to a zip-lock bag, mixing in a few drops of food coloring, and then adding a saturated aqueous solution of Borax (a laundry detergent) to the baggie by the teaspoonful, mixing thoroughly every time. The SWE ladies may have had even more fun than the kids! While setting up, they experimented with different viscosities, discovering consistencies ranging from clay-like to bouncy, as well as new colors. The event attracted dozens of children, many parents, some older teens, even adults. One visitor in particular, a retired nurse, was so thrilled with the process that she couldn't wait to show the gak to her grandchildren!

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