PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2015-2016

Rochester Delta Pi

A. Initiations

In order to be accepted into the Rochester Delta Pi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, initiates are first invited to be initiated based on accumulating a 3rd year status or higher and having a GPA in the top 35% of their mechanical engineering class. After being invited, initiates are then given a signature booklet containing the names of all of the PTS officers and all of the ME faculty, as well as an unpolished bent. In order to be initiated, the candidates must meet and interact with all of the people listed in the book and get each of their signatures. They must also sound out all of the deformities in their bent and then polish it before initiation. Once initiation come, it is our tradition to gather all of the initiates outside of the initiation room and have previous officers look over their bents. Each of them is then given a ribbon to use to hang the bent around their neck. For initiation, they are led into the initiation room with all of the lights out and seated in alphabetical order. The initiation then commences, followed by each of the new initiates signing his/her name in our member book. Following initiation, all of the initiated head to the Kate Gleason auditorium within our engineering building where we take a group picture on the stairs. The celebration then continues with dinner and drinks at the local restaurant, McGregors. Here, new and old members as well as faculty all have dinner together.

This year we had 11 new members initiated in the fall on November 20, 2015 and 12 new members initiated in the spring on April 8, 2016.

B. Chapter Activities

This year our chapter of PTS expanded its involvement within both KGCOE and the Rochester community. Within our college, we had our first table at the college's club fair. We also had our first ever exhibit in at ImagineRIT with our 6 simple machines display. This exhibit showed basic examples of simple machines like levers and pulleys to kids who came to the event. We also continued on our tutoring sessions for the core theory classes that all MECE students are required to take. For each exam in each class, we held a tutoring session the night before so students could come and ask PTS members questions about the exam topics. For some of the sessions, we also offered free pizza.

From a fundraising perspective, we continued selling pizza at the college's pizza sale in order to raise the money we need to support our growth. This year, however, new health code restrictions limited our profit. In an effort to raise more money, a few members attempted to enter the Autodesk design competition. However, we were unable to complete a project as the semester became more busy and how the user interface for Autodesk 360 had a steep learning curve. At the end of the spring semester, our president, Tim Frey, also had a meeting with the department head, Dr. Robinson, about acquiring annual funds from the department for all of our outreach.

Our socials for the year included a ski/snowboarding trip to Bristol Mountain as well as numerous hockey nights. We attempted to have an alumni talk, but we were not able to get the participation needed for it to work out.

For community outreach, our members were very active. In the fall semester, we had members volunteer at Foodlink, Altitude Trampoline Park, and the Seneca Zoo. We did similar outreach in the spring, and also had a peanut butter and jelly drive, where we made 200 sandwiches to give out to at a food shelter.

This year we were only able to send our president, Tim Frey, to the national convention, as it was expensive to travel all the way to USC. He had a great time out there getting to explore USC's campus and going on a tour of SpaceX.

Finally, we ended the year with our usual traditions of initiation and the senior pig roast. This year we had a great turn out for the pig roast. Tim cooked the pork with a little less spice than Wunna had in the past and it came out very well. We did have to take some extra precautions in order to meet the new safety codes, but sticking to our smoking instead of catering was well worth it.

TAPROOM
ULTIMATE
PRIME RIB
SANDWICH
SLOW ROASTED THICK SLICED

Heineken
BOULEVARD
CALLING IPA
TANK 7
BUD LIGHT
$3.50 PINTS
$9.00 PITCHERS
Budweiser
Franziskaner
WEISSBIER