PI TAU SIGMA ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT

2012-2013

San Jose Phi Zeta

A. Initiations

The first initiation ceremony of the academic year was held on Tuesday, December 11th, 2012 at 12 PM where 2 members were initiated. To be eligible for this initiation, initiates were required to complete and submit a membership form and fee of $60, attend at least two general meetings, participate in at least one community service event, and polish and mount their PTS key. The initiation ceremony included the reading of the Pi Tau Sigma Rituals and the teaching of the secret handshake.

Figure 1. Fall 2012 Initiates

Figure 2. Spring 2013 Initiates

The second initiation ceremony of the academic year was held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 at 2:45 PM where 20 members were initiated. To be eligible for this initiation, initiates were required to complete and submit a membership form and fee of $60, attend at least one general meeting, participate in at least one community service event, and polish and mount their PTS key. The initiation ceremony included the reading of the Pi Tau Sigma Rituals, the teaching of the secret handshake, and distribution of membership cards. Afterwards, refreshments were provided for the new members.

B. Chapter Activities

On October 27th, 2012, the San Jose Phi Zeta chapter teamed up with San Jose State University's Tau Beta Pi chapter for a volunteer day at Veggielution Community Farm in San Jose. Veggielution Community Farm is a non-profit community farm dedicated to creating a more sustainable food system in San Jose. Our group went to the farm and helped prepare plant beds, planted crops, composted, etc.

Figure 3. Veggielution Volunteer Day

On March 13th, 2013, a bake sale fundraiser was held on the San Jose State University campus. The food sold included store bought baked goods and home baked goods, all donated by Pi Tau Sigma members. Members and initates took shifts throughout the day running the sale. The bake sale resulted in a profit of over $200.

Finally, on May 7th, 2013, the San Jose Phi Zeta chapter hosted the annual Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Scholarship Awards Banquet. Pi Tau Sigma's involvement in this event included the planning of the MAE organization presentations, raffle donation, program booklet compilation, and professor of the year vote. The Phi Zeta chapter also provided volunteers the night of the banquet as well as the M.C. of the event.

Additionally, general meetings were held throughout the 2012-2013 academic year. A total of five general meetings were held in the fall semester and a total of three general meetings were held in the spring semester.