Welcome Back to Spring Semester!

Dear Returning and New Members,

Welcome to another fun filled SWEmester! For those of you who have been with us from the start, we’re glad that you’re back to make some more awesome memories with amazing people through attending all of your favorite SWE events, starting, but hopefully not ending, with this first General Meeting. For those of you who are new to our organization, we’re glad you could join us! Being a relatively social bunch, we SWEople are always looking to make new friends (dig into the rest of this newsletter for some friend-making tips). From social gatherings to outreach activities to corporate networking, we’re here to provide you with everything you’re looking for in a fulfilling college experience. There are so many great ways to get involved, and we would love to have you onboard! For more information be sure to check out our website swe.berkeley.edu, any officers or returning members, and the end of this newsletter. We look forward to getting to know all of you better in the weeks to come, and have a great semester!

Cheers,

Your Officers

Officer Introductions

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We’re gifting you with a sure fire way to making new friends this semester.

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The monthly calendar that has all the cool upcoming SWE events on one nifty page!

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Meet Your Officers

The Executives

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Top 10 New Year’s Resolutions of 2012

With the help of Google and some very ambitious people, here is a list of this year’s top resolutions. Best of luck to everyone who made a resolution!

1. Save Money
2. Lose weight
3. Spend more time with family
4. Quit some sort of bad habit
5. Read more
6. Enjoy life more
7. Fall in love
8. Take a trip, preferably spontaneous
9. Learn something new
10. Help others
What better way to kickoff the New Year than by making a few new friends? That’s one of the many things that SWE can offer you. Furthermore, to make the process even simpler, we would like to provide you with Dr. Sheldon Cooper’s friendship algorithm. For those of you who watch The Big Bang Theory, this might look familiar. Take a look!

**The Friendship Algorithm**

*Dr. Sheldon Cooper, Ph.D.*

1. **Place Phone Call**
   - Home? Yes
   - Leave Message
   - Wait for callback

2. **Home? No**
   - Would you like to share a meal?
   - Do you enjoy a hot beverage?
   - Begin friendship!

3. **Home? Yes**
   - Do I share that interest?
   - Recreational activity?
   - Tell me one of your interests?
   - Change leastmatches interest
   - Why don’t we do that together?

4. **N = 0**
   - USD?
   - Do you like a hot beverage?
   - Choose least interesting beverage

5. **N = N + 1**
   - Choose least interesting beverage
   - Have tea?
   - Have coffee?
   - Have soda?

6. **Partake in interest**
   - Have tea?
   - Have coffee?
   - Have soda?

7. **Begin friendship!**
For times, locations, and absolute up-to-date information on future events, please visit swe.berkeley.edu/calendar

Want to Get Involved with SWE?

Join a committee! Below is a list 3 committees you can be a part of and a bit on what they do:

1. Public Relations: If you’ve got a creative side that’s dying to shine, come join PR committee! You can help write the GM newsletters, design flyers, and promote SWE throughout campus.

2. Outreach: In outreach committee, you will have the opportunity to chair and volunteer at events that introduce engineering to young girls. Through planning fun science activities such as making mini catapults, contacting professors to give presentations, and speaking to Cal engineers to rally up volunteers, outreach committee is a wonderful place to gain leadership experience and make friends! Come check it out or email Supada at supada@berkeley.edu if you have questions!

3. Inter-societal/Social: If you are interested in helping your fellow SWE members plan social and intersocietal events, this committee is for you! New members are always welcome.

Also, don’t forget to join our mailing list by visiting swe.berkeley.edu. By doing so, you will receive weekly emails about upcoming events and how to get more involved with SWE! For more information about national SWE membership and benefits, go to www.swe.org.

**Got a top 10 list you want to see or a joke you’re dying to share? If so, please send all newsletter suggestions to amyzhang92@berkeley.edu**