

had a technical program at least once at each location during the meetings, each of which included a younger member presenter. Attendance varies, but average combined attendance is 20 members.

MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING:

Our most successful meeting during FY2011 was the Holiday Party and Toys for Tots Drive. The holiday party combined an untraditional activity with a traditional activity: we first played an extreme game of trampoline dodge ball at the SkyHigh Sports Facility in Bellevue, and then we went for appetizers and drinks at a nearby restaurant. Approximately 25 to 30 members attended, many of which were people we had not seen at events recently, or this was the first time attending an YMF event. Two large boxes for Toys for Tots were collected from member gifts.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Light Rail Tour/University Networking Event (Two tours – 10 YMs + 20 University Students)

YMF organized tours of two new Light Rail stations under construction – one near each of the universities that we support. Both tours were well attended and afterwards, students and practicing engineers attended a networking event. Students were encouraged to come with questions about engineering in general, life after college, interview skills, or whatever else was on their mind!

Fall Leadership Retreat (16 YMs)

This year, we held the fall leadership retreat at a high ropes course. Younger members showed up to test their nerves on a 50-foot cargo-net climb, state-of-the-art zipline exit, and 15 variations of cable crossings. This activity was a fun event that also gave everyone a chance, and a need, to help each other. After the course, we went to Redhook Brewery for lunch and a technical tour.

Popsicle Stick Bridge Contest & PSEC Engineering Fair - K-12 Outreach (30 YMs)

In conjunction with Puget Sound Engineering Council's E-Week fair at the Museum of Flight, the Seattle YMF held its 16th Annual Western Washington Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition. Over 60 high school students participated and prizes were given out for overall winners, strongest bridge, best estimate, aesthetics, and the 3rd Annual poster competition.

K-12 Outreach Event in Southcenter Mall – "Kids Engineering a Better World (40 YMs)

The YMF teamed with ASCE Seattle Section K-12 Outreach Committee and Southcenter Mall to host "Kids Engineering a Better World" – an event featuring fun activities to teach kids about civil engineering. A number of demonstrations and hands-on activities were set up and kids were encouraged to stop by any booth. Volunteers staffed the event from 12-4 pm (2 separate shifts) with approximately 20 younger members volunteering at each shift. Hundreds of kids (and adults!) stopped by throughout the afternoon. The Southcenter Mall was very pleased with event and has already asked ASCE to return next year!

Career Development Basics and Resume Tip Workshops (Two sessions, 15-20 YMs each)

Over the last year, we noticed an increasing need to support our younger members who were recently laid off and/or searching for a new job. As a result, we held two workshops in the spring of 2011 geared specifically towards this group: one on the pros and cons of job-hopping in today's economy, and the other on resume dos and don'ts from the perspective of two HR Specialists. This will be a series that we look forward to repeating and/or expanding.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Maintaining a more current website – We would like to enhance the website to spur new member recruitment: keeping calendar of upcoming events, highlighting previous events to give new members a flavor of our group, and to recognize award winners and technical achievements.
- Outreach to university chapters – The local universities that YMF supports will be hosting the regional concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. This is an ideal opportunity to help out the student chapter as well as demonstrate by example how Younger Members stay involved in their communities after college.
- A larger community service event – During FY2011, Seattle YMF was awarded \$600 for the regional and national community service award. As a result, we are planning a larger service event to highlight the value of civil engineering in the community.