
IEEE Foundation E-newsletter July 2009

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1. IEEE Life Members Fund Supports Global Student Competition

IEEE announced the top prize winners of its inaugural [IEEE Presidents' Change the World Competition](#) 25 June at the IEEE Honors Ceremony in Los Angeles, Calif., USA. The award is made possible through funding provided by the IEEE The Life Members Fund of the IEEE Foundation.

The competition recognized students who developed unique solutions to real-world problems using engineering, science, computing and leadership skills to benefit their community and/or humanity as a whole.

Representatives from the top three teams accepted their awards in-person during the [IEEE Honors Ceremony](#). It was the first time that students were recognized at this annual event. [Read the full press release.](#)

2. IEEE Staff Contributes More Than \$1800 to the HTF

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of IEEE staff members, more than \$1800 has been added to the IEEE Foundation's [IEEE Humanitarian Technology Fund](#) (HTF). During a staff celebration of the IEEE [125th Anniversary](#), key staff members "volunteered" to be in a dunk tank so co-workers making a small donation to HTF could dunk them, all in good fun.

The IEEE Foundation recently established the HTF, which awards grants to projects that use technology to improve the quality of life, especially in developing countries. IEEE organizational units and other organizations may [apply for a grant](#). You are also invited to [contribute to the fund](#). Visit these two Web sites learn more about additional humanitarian initiatives of IEEE: www.ieee.org/go/htc and www.ieeehtn.org.

3. IEEE Launches Interactive Web Site to Highlight Humanitarian Projects

IEEE recently launched the [Humanitarian Technology Network](#) (HTN) – a platform that enables IEEE members to connect and collaborate with others doing similar humanitarian work, while gaining visibility and recognition for their efforts. The HTN is built on the same technology as the [IEEE Global History Network](#), which launched in 2008.

4. Three Award Sponsorships are Renewed

The IEEE Awards Board and the IEEE Foundation are pleased to announce the following three ongoing sponsor commitments in support of the IEEE Awards Program:

- IBM Corporation renewed its sponsorship of the [IEEE John von Neumann Medal](#) for 2010 and 2011.
- QUALCOMM, Inc. agreed to a two-year sponsorship renewal for the [IEEE Richard W. Hamming Medal](#).
- Sony Corporation renewed its support of the [IEEE Masaru Ibuka Consumer Electronics Award](#) for a 10-year period of 2010 through 2019.

5. Senese Scholarship Recipients Announced

Carolynn Crute, a senior at Piscataway High School, Piscataway, NJ is the third recipient of the IEEE Daniel J. Senese Memorial Scholarship, made possible by donations from IEEE staff and volunteers. Crute, who will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, will study biochemistry and engineering at Rutgers University. As a tribute to former IEEE Executive Director **Daniel J. Senese**, who passed away January 2007, the IEEE created the Memorial Scholarship to honor Dan's interest in encouraging the study of science and technology. Donations can be made by visiting the IEEE Foundation [Web site](#).

6. Call for Grant Applications

The IEEE Foundation accepts grant applications for new and innovative projects three times per year. The next 2009 deadline is 11 Sept. [Grant applications](#) can be submitted online. Before submitting an application, please review the IEEE Foundation's [grant guidelines](#). Direct your questions to foundation-office@ieee.org.

The IEEE Foundation considers projects in these particular areas of interest:

- Using technology for humanitarian causes
- Improving math, science and technology education from pre-college through continuing education
- Introducing pre-college students to engineering and science
- Providing professional development and conferences for University students
- Preserving, studying and promoting the history of IEEE associated technologies
- Recognizing major contributions to IEEE associated technologies

7. Forever Generous - Planned Giving Donor Recognition Group Renamed

The IEEE Foundation has renamed its planned giving donor recognition group; the Goldsmith League will now be known as the [IEEE Goldsmith Legacy League](#). Members of the *IEEE Goldsmith Legacy League* are *Forever Generous*. They build for tomorrow by leaving legacy gifts to benefit future generations of engineers. Many members of the League have included a bequest in their will or trust document. Some have named the IEEE Foundation as beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable remainder trust. Others have made outright gifts from their IRA during their lifetime. The League is named for [Alfred N. and Gertrude Goldsmith](#) in recognition of their extraordinary commitment to the IEEE.

[To join](#) or learn how you can make a planned gift, contact the IEEE Development Office by telephone at +1 732 562 3860 or by email at donate@ieee.org.

8. IEEE and Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society Merge

IEEE has signed a [merger agreement](#) with the honor society ETA Kappa Nu (HKN), a non-profit, public-service organization comprising nearly 200 university chapters. The [merger](#) makes HKN the official honor society of IEEE, recognizing scholarship and academic excellence and identifying student leaders, young professionals and eminent scholars in IEEE technical fields of interest. Under the agreement, HKN becomes an organizational unit of IEEE, governed by the new IEEE-HKN Board of Governors. The new endowment will be created in the IEEE Foundation and receive an initial donation of \$1.2 million from IEEE.

Former IEEE General Manager and Executive Director **Eric Herz**, an IEEE director emeritus, has been named an Eminent Member of Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) during the 2009 IEEE Honors Ceremony, held last month in Los Angeles, Calif., USA.

9. IEEE Heritage Circle – Your Ongoing Commitment is Recognized

The philanthropic spirit among IEEE Foundation donors reflects a strong desire and willingness to personally 'give back' to the IEEE. Our donors are loyal and true. They give consistently and generously.....not for one year or even a dozen, rather throughout their career and lifetime. To recognize this level of ongoing commitment, the IEEE Foundation created the *IEEE Heritage Circle*.

Starting in 2009, all longstanding supporters whose donations total US\$10,000 since 1 January 1995 will be automatically recognized as a member of the *IEEE Heritage Circle*. Qualifying donations are gifts of: cash, stock, gifts of cash prizes, pledge payments, gifts of royalties and donor advised gifts. *IEEE Heritage Circle* contains five named giving levels. Our donors, similar to the great innovators for whom these giving levels are named, helped shape the world in which we live.

Name	Level of Giving
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Alexander Graham Bell	\$50,000 - \$99,999
Thomas Alva Edison	\$100,000 - \$249,999
James Clerk Maxwell	\$250,000 - \$499,999
Michael Faraday	\$500,000+

To learn more about the *IEEE Heritage Circle* contact the IEEE Development Office by telephone at + 1 732 562 3915 or by e-mail at donate@ieee.org.

10. A.P. Seethapathy Rural Electrification Excellence Award Announced

The newly established **A.P. Seethapathy** Rural Electrification Excellence Award honors engineers who have implemented efficient and inexpensive electrical power systems in rural areas. IEEE Member **Ravi Seethapathy** and his family members [donated](#) US\$25,000 to the IEEE Foundation to create the fund that supports the new award in honor of his father, who was an electrical power engineer. The IEEE Power & Energy and Industry Applications Societies share administrative duties for the award.

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