**Halloween Bash**

On Friday 25 October, Bridge Team 5 helped organize a Monster Mash in honor of Halloween. Bridge members were able to come to dance to our very own DJ, and show off their costumes (which ranged from creepy, to funny, to highly impressive). A costume contest was held, and while there were many impressive and creative costumes, in the end, the winner was the audience, a hand-made SpongeBob SquarePants costume. The room in which the dance took place had also been decorated with a comicalua of Halloween decorations, however, it seemed that the guests were nearly as scared of the spiders and skeletons as they were dancing. In the end, though, the Monster Mash was a fun chance to dress up and hang out with fellow Bridgers.

**Meet your BRIDGE Mentors: Brenda Ferreira**

My name is Brenda Ferreira, and this is my first semester with BRIDGE as a group mentor. The journey that has brought me where I am today began mainly with my experience as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in northeast Thailand, where I served as a volunteer English teacher in a rural middle school. I was lovingly embraced by my students participating in the BRIDGE International Friendship Program. SUSPENSION WIRE contains information specifically for UW-Madison students participating in the BRIDGE International Friendship Program. It is published twice a month throughout the semester.

**Around the World with BRIDGE**

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I'm from Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan; however, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is where I called home. “Chatic” might be what other people see in KL, endless traffic, and people randomly crossing the road and walking by the road because Malaysia lacks sidewalks. Little do they know, this is a city where you feel, instead of see, at all times. It will take people a while to adjust to the noise, but soon, this noise will be an evidence of Malaysia's working hard for their living. The diverse culture is something I couldn't see in any other countries, even in America. When people say Malaysian, it actually includes three major races: Malay, Chinese and Indian. Each practices their own cultures, cuts different foods, pray to different Gods and even learn different languages. Yet, those differences create a peaceful and colorful harmony in Malaysia. Though it seems ridiculous that a Taiwanese would move to Malaysia, I am glad I did. There has not been a moment in Malaysia that I regretted moving there.