



# NYSATE



## Section 10 Newsletter

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## Engineer of the Year

By Margaret Conklin

The Board of Directors and the Engineer of the Year Committee are proud to announce that **Janine Parks** is our Section 10 Engineer of the Year for 2010!

As a pioneer in the NYSATE organization, a dedicated professional civil engineer, an extremely reliable volunteer in the office as well as the Long Island community, and most certainly a devoted wife and mother, Janine deserves the award.

Janine became a member of NYSATE in 1984, when she starting working for NYSDOT as a Junior Engineer in the Regional Structures Unit. She progressed to her current position as Civil Engineer II as Assistant Bridge Maintenance Engineer. She left the State to work in the private sector for about 7 years, but she never left NYSATE...

Janine has held various Local Board positions

including State Director. She was the first female on the Statewide Board of Directors in 1988 and held that position until 1989. Her commitment to NYSATE ranges from being the Co-Chair of our Conference in 1992 to helping with lectures and fund raisers.

Her dedication to her community is impressive. She mentors children in math and engineering, including being an Engineer Mentor for the Islip Middle School Future City Team for the ASCE sponsored Future City Competition (2008, 2009). The team placed first in the NYC area. She is also involved in her church and charitable organizations. Her involvement is not limited to just donating funds, but applying her time and resources to accomplishing tasks, such as making costumes and parade floats for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Center Moriches.

Somehow, "Janine the Juggler" brings her capability to nurture and educate into numerous volunteer activities in the community as well. Her committee chair and member roles in helping the needy, children's athletic activities, and fundraisers for worthy causes range from Santa's workshops for the needy to grounds clean ups to children enrichment programs, and are too numerous to list.

Janine will be honored at a local luncheon in February and again at the Statewide Annual Technical Conference in Albany from May 18 to 21, 2010.

# Conference 2010

Section 11, the Main Office Section, is hosting the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference from May 18 – 21, 2010 at the beautiful Desmond Hotel in Albany. The Conference committees are hard at work; they already have over 30 classes signed up with PDH credits! Golf will be held at the Western Turnpike Golf Course.

They also have a Facebook page, check them out at “NYSATE Conference 70” and become a fan. You do not have to belong to Facebook in order to be a fan! You can ask questions and get information at the tip of your fingers. If you are not a facebook person, then check our website at [www.nysate.org](http://www.nysate.org) under the Conference heading for more information.

Look for more information in February/March.

## Holiday Party

Once again NYSATE Section 10 will be subsidizing the cost of the holiday parties held within Section 10, this year for \$9 per member. So if you are attending NYMTC's party on December 17 at El Quijote on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Region 10's party on December 18 at the Smithtown Sheraton, or Region 11's party on a date and location still to be determined, you will receive a \$9 discount.

## Elections

It's election time! We need to fill four Local Board of Directors positions and the President and Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact Janine Parks at (631) 661-1685 or by e-mail. Come on and get involved, we need new

people with new ideas! And you are just the person to do it! So call or e-mail now!

## The Sporting Life

There are many sports that Section 10 members can take advantage of. The DOT Bowling League bowls every Thursday night at Smithtown Lanes. If you are interested in bowling, please contact Thomas Geiger at 952-6660.

On Wednesdays, many Region 10ers go to St. James to play soccer or roller hockey. The events alternate every week. If you wish to play indoor soccer, please contact Judes Augustin at 952-6211 and if you prefer hockey, please contact Bob Casa at 952-6150.

## Photo Contest

NYSATE is sponsoring a photo contest for members and their dependents. Please see the rules and entry form on the following pages for entering the contest. It's time for our shutterbugs to show off their work.

## Membership

We have close to 300 members in Section 10 and we are still growing! Do you know of someone who doesn't belong to NYSATE? Get them to join on payroll and you'll get \$5.00. For \$39 a year we provide a host of benefits! We host CEU classes for \$5 per class; we provide a \$9.00 discount to the Holiday Parties; we have scholarships for members and their dependents; and we subsidize delegates to attend the Annual Technical Conference.

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The holiday card pictured here was given to all employees of Region 10 and sent to employees in Region 11 and NYMTC. Wouldn't you like to participate this year? You don't have to be a New York State Association of Transportation Engineers member to contribute and be in this year's holiday wishes.



This is the time of year to join together to continue the Section 10 N.Y.S. Transportation Engineers' Scholarship Fund. With one stroke of your pen, you will be able to send a holiday greeting to everyone at D.O.T. in Region 10 and others in Region 11 & NYMTC.

In order to participate in this year's Holiday/New Year Greeting Card, you must do the following by Friday, December 4, 2009:

1. Write a check made out to NYSATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2. PRINT the information requested on the form below.
3. Send the form and your check to Karen Taylor (631-952-6104 R-10); Pat Brower (631-952-6650 R-10); Nancy O'Connell (631-952-6115 NYMTC); Bill Thornewell (631-952-6559 R-10), Adam Levine (718- 482-4588 R-11) or Mail to NYSATE, P.O. Box 5801, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788-5801.

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**Your Holiday Greeting Can Create a Lasting Scholarship Fund!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name to be printed in the card (26 characters/spaces max.).

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**On behalf of the students who have benefited from your generosity  
THANK YOU**



## Section 10 - NYSATE's Digital Photography Contest! Usage Policy Form

Name of the Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of the Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail of the Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

### I hereby agree as follows:

1. I grant NYSATE the right to use my photography, including the right to publish and copyright in any and all media my submitted photography, without limitation.
2. I will receive a photo credit for work used in printed materials.
3. I agree that this release does not conflict with any existing commitment of my part, not does it violate the rights of any third party.
4. I understand that there is no financial obligation or agreement between NYSATE and myself.
5. I own the rights to the image(s) I have submitted, free and without obligation. Any people appearing in my images agreed to do so with full consent. I can provide their names and contact information if necessary.

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE

Please provide a brief description of the photo and file name:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If photographer is a minor, please list the parent or legal guardian below:

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# Welcome to Section 10 - NYSATE's 1<sup>st</sup> Digital Photography Contest!



Whether photography is your passion, your hobby, or just an occasional pastime, we invite you to participate in our photo contest. NYSATE wants to give our members the chance to showcase their work on our website and in printed publications. Photo credits will be given for pictures we use.

## Who can enter the contest?

Any NYSATE member or dependent of a NYSATE member can enter. (If under the age of 18, parental consent must be provided.)

## Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$ 50.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$ 30.00    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$ 20.00

## How to enter the contest?

There is NO fee to enter – Just submit photography by e-mailing it to:

[NYSATE10@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NYSATE10@GMAIL.COM)

Include the following information in the e-mail with the subject of “NYSATE PHOTO”:

- ① Your Name
  - ② Your Address
  - ③ Your Telephone Number
- Do NOT submit your photographs by regular mail
  - Photos must be in a “.jpg” format
  - Files submitted may not be larger than 3 MB
  - Limit – 5 photographs per person
  - Photos can be of any category. Examples of categories include but not limited to: Landscapes, Travel, People, Pets, Children, Nature, Wildlife & Still Life
  - All entries must be accompanied by a completed “Usage Policy Form”. Please visit our web site ([www.nysate.org](http://www.nysate.org)) to fill out this form. (If photographer is a minor, their parent or legal guardian must complete the form.)

## Section 10 - NYSATE's 1<sup>st</sup> Digital Photography Contest!

### **Public Viewing & Granting of Limited Rights:**

By submitting your photo(s), you are allowing NYSATE to publish the photo on our website or in other electronic or printed publications. Any photograph used will include a photographer credit.

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by another person.

By submitting a photo, contestants acknowledge and represent that they have sufficient written permission of any recognizable location or people appearing in the photographs to be able to grant to NYSATE the right to publish the photographic submission, and hereby grant NYSATE such right.

### **Judging:**

Judging will be conducted by members via on-line voting at [www.nysate.org](http://www.nysate.org).

### **Entry Deadline:**

Entries for the Photo Contest MUST be received via e-mail by **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

### **Award of Prizes:**

Awards of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be announced and presented at the 2010 Engineer of the Year Luncheon (date -TBA)

For further information or questions, please contact:

Karen Taylor at 631-952-6014

Margaret Conklin at 631-952-6929

**Good Luck!**

