



NYSATE

Section 10 Newsletter

www.nysate.org



NYSATE Section 10 Officers

State Director - Margaret Conklin

President - Karen Taylor

Vice President - Adam Levine

Secretary-Treasurer - Bill Thornewell

Board Members	Michael Geiger	Pat Audinot
	Nancy O'Connell	Pat Brower
	Judith Peter	Janine Parks
	Carol Marchesi	

Engineer of the Year

The Board of Directors would like to congratulate Mr. Bill Thornewell! He has been selected as our 2008 Engineer of the Year! Bill currently works in Transportation Maintenance overseeing the maintenance by contracts, adopt/sponsor a highway program, Job Order Contracts, and the development of the maintenance budget among other things.

Bill is a second generation New York State Department of Transportation employee, his Father, William Thornewell, was a Resident Engineer who retired in 1995 after 40 years of service. Because NYSDOT has been in Bill's blood since he was a young man, he started with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as a Junior Engineer in 1977 in Region 10. Since then his career has been quite varied as he crisscrossed between Engineer and Planner. He has moved up the career ladder between both the Transportation Analyst series and the Civil Engineer titles. His talents uniquely wrap the two groups together; he is a planner who is able to analyze and write computer programs and forecasts for the potential growth of Long Islanders with the engineering skills of a professional.



NYSATE has been fortunate to have had Bill as a member since 1977. For starters, Bill has been actively involved with every Section 10 Conference for almost 30 years. He has held the positions of Board Member, Acting President, Vice President, and currently Treasurer. He doesn't miss a meeting or lunch time speaker or NYSATE sponsored trip or event. In fact, he is usually an active member of the organization team for most of these events. Without the fanfare or fuss, Bill gets the job done no matter how challenging the task might be. NYSATE members at large are so accustomed to Bill's involvement, that they frequently contact him for virtually every NYSATE activity, whether he serves on the committee or not.

Bill will be honored at a luncheon in February and again at the 68th Annual NYSATE Conference in Kerhonkson, NY at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa from May 27 - 30, 2008.

Conference 2008

After the last three years of traveling all over New York State for conferences (Thousand Islands, Buffalo, and Hornell), traveling to Section 8 will seem like a walk in the park.

The 2008 NYSATE Conference is being held at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson from May 27-30. The resort is located in the Shawangunk Mountains, west of New Paltz.

The Conference starts with golf on Tuesday at the Hudson Valley Resort with the icebreaker following later that day. There will be nightly entertainment and a casino night is planned. Guest tours may include the Orange County Choppers and Mohonk Mountain House. Technical tours being considered include a tour of the D & H Canal Museum, the Kingston Trolley Museum, and the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

The technical program will feature PDH courses and have emphasis on four major specialties; environment, structures, highway, and planning.

You can check out the resort web site at www.hudsonvalleyresort.com.

Elections

Elections were held this fall and Karen Taylor and Bill Thornewell retained their positions as President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. In addition, Mike Geiger, Pat Audinot, Pat Brower, and Janine Parks were re-elected as Board Members.

Holiday Parties

NYSATE Section 10 is once again helping to sponsor the holiday parties in Regions 10 and 11 by providing \$7 off for all NYSATE members to one official holiday party. Region 11's party is at Riccardo's on December 21. Region 10's party is at the Smithtown Sheraton on December 14 and costs \$30 (\$23 for NYSATE members). NYMTC's party was not finalized as of our printing date, but any NYSATE member attending will receive \$7 off the cost of the party.

State Employee Federated Appeal

At a time when the challenges we face sometimes seem overwhelming, your donation to SEFA counts more than ever.

Your contribution enables SEFA to support the many valuable health and human care programs serving our area, the nation, and the world.

The amount is up to you, but remember payroll deductions make giving easier. By using this plan, your gift will be taken out of your paycheck in small deductions over the year. Those small donations add up to great benefits to many people.

Contact Judith Peter in R-11, Chris Rodrigues in NYMTC, or one of R-10 designees in each group..

Retirees, you can also give to SEFA.

Holiday Greeting Card & Scholarship Fund Drive

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 7, 2007:

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 (212-383-2529 NYMTC); Bill Thornewell (631-952-6559 R-10), or Mail to NYSATE, P.O. Box 5801, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788-5801.

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.).

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