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Section 10 Newsletter

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EOY Luncheon

You are cordially invited to the 2007 Engineer of the Year Luncheon for Gary Gentile. The luncheon will be held on February 23, 2007 at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River. This year's luncheon will have many choices for lunch. The price is \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members. Cost includes lunch, dessert, and coffee/tea. Please see either Margaret Conklin, Region 10 Design Services (631) 952-6929, Karen Taylor, Region 10 Traffic (631) 952-6020, or Bill Thornewell, Region 10 Maintenance (631) 952-6559. You may also pay by check made out to 'NYSATE' and mailed to P.O. Box 5801, Hauppauge, NY 11788-5801.

Gary is among the 11 Engineers of the Year statewide who will be honored at this year's 67th Annual Conference in Binghamton from May 14-18, 2007. Gary is also one of the final three candidates that will compete for the honor of Statewide Engineer of the Year!

Please let us know by February 16 if you will be attending the luncheon.

2007 Conference

This year's conference is being held at the Binghamton Regency in downtown Binghamton from May 14-18, 2007. While Binghamton is a distance to travel, it's closer than Buffalo (site of last year's conference) and we will try to carpool. We want as many NYSATE members as possible from Long Island and New York City to go and support this great conference and our Engineer of the Year, Gary Gentile.

Each year Section 10 sends delegates to the conference. They are needed to attend classes and sponsored events. Professional leave is granted to PEF and M/C members. And there are three professional leave days assigned for the conference, so you can use those days to attend this conference. In addition to many of the classes being approved for CEU/PDH, the Binghamton Section is working hard to get classes approved for Landscape Architects.

At this time we are not sure how much we will be able to reimburse for registration and the hotel. But we know we want to encourage as many people to go as possible. Look for information on our web-site, www.nysate.org, or call Margaret Conklin at (631) 952-6929. If you would like to be a delegate, let her know.

2006 SEFA Campaign

SEFA is the State Employees Federated Appeal and is a charitable solicitation of New York State Employees conducted under the authority of the State Finance Law 201-1. State employees may give to any of the charitable organizations that participate in SEFA and may at any time revoke or modify a contribution made through payroll deduction by providing a written request to the employee's payroll office.

Section 10, which includes Regions 10, 11 and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), collected a large sum of money. Region 10 collected \$21,240, Region 11 collected \$26,460, and NYMTC collected \$11,308 for a total of over \$59,000!!! Together we make a difference. Thank you to the solicitors and donors.

Rudiments Books

NYSATE has Rudiments of Highway Engineering books available for \$8. See Pat Brower (631) 952-6650, Margaret Conklin (631) 952-6929, or Adam Levine (718) 482-4588.

Welcome Aboard

Welcome to all of our new members!!! We are glad to have you aboard. This is your organization and we are here to help you. So if you have a question, or would like us to host a class, contact one of the Board members listed on the front of the newsletter or see www.nysate.org under Section 10.

NYSATE Study Groups

NYSATE sponsored study groups in Regions 10 and 11 for NYSDOT employees studying for the Principal Engineering Technician and Senior Engineering Technician exams. These groups were based on the NYSATE Training Manual and were held during the months of December and January covering topics such as construction inspection, strength of materials, geotechnical engineering, structures, math, supervision, and writing. The exams were held on January 6, 2007.

A big THANK YOU to all of the NYSATE members who volunteered to train their co-workers. Region 10 trainers included Pat Brower, Margaret Conklin, Mike Brower, Mike Geiger, Anna Elias, Dan Jedlicka, Bill Brudi, Emilio Sosa, and Debbie Teigue. In Region 11, thanks go to Judith Peter, Alton Treadwell, Eric Foster, Fred Libove, and Adam Levine.

Small Deposits, Big Returns

Once again NYSATE turned soda bottles into holiday happiness for a local family. NYSATE collects deposit bottles and cans through our Small Deposits, Big Returns program. The thousands of plastic, aluminum, and glass containers collected each year are then converted to cash and donated to a family in need.

This year, over \$100 was donated as part of a larger fund-raiser for a family in Region 10. Other participants included EAP, NYSDOT Region 10 employees, and the Hauppauge State Office Building tenants such as the Long Island State Employees Federal Credit Union and the NYS Tax and Finance

Office. Toys, food, clothes, cash, and gift cards were collected totaling over \$1,000.

The family sent the following thank you note:

I am writing to extend a heartfelt thank you and my sincere gratitude for the help I received both financially and for the donations provided to my family over this past holiday season. A festive celebration of the occasion was had by all at our household, and for that I hold you all in the highest regard.

Wishing you and all who helped with making the Christmas holiday a success, a very happy, safe and prosperous new year.

Scholarships

Applications are now available for the NYSATE Section 10 Members/Dependents Scholarship Program for 2007. Please contact Nancy O'Connell (NYMTC), Bill Thornewell (Region 10), Margaret Conklin (Region 10), or visit the NYSATE website under Section 10 News for applications.

Up to ten \$100 college scholarships will be given out to NYSATE Section 10 members for the 2007 scholastic year to be used by the recipient at an accredited school for engineering or transportation related studies. To qualify you must be a member (active, affiliate, associate, or adjunct) of NYSATE in this local section. Such member shall be in good standing and have an unbroken membership for a period of two years preceding the application for scholarship, and keep their membership paid up during the tenure of the scholarship. Selection will be determined by a lottery.

Dependent scholarships are available for children/wards of members (active, affiliate, associate, or adjunct) of NYSATE in this local section who have an unbroken membership for a period of two years preceding the application for scholarship, and keep their membership paid up for the tenure of the scholarship; or for the children of a deceased members who would have been eligible if the parent were living. This program is for high school seniors or graduates under the age of 25 enrolled in an accredited college for the Fall 2007 semester. Selection will be based on scholastic achievements, community involvement, and other merits.

All applications must be submitted to the local NYSATE Screening Committee no later than March 30, 2007.

Elections

The Board of Directors would like to welcome aboard Carol Marchesi, Region 10 Real Estate to the Board. We would also like to thank Cary Leuschner from Region 10 for his participation over the last 10 years.

Eye Glasses

Do you have any old eye glasses lying around? Donate them to NYSATE! We will get them to the Lion's Club, which distributes them to people in need. There will be a box in Region 10 in the Personnel Office. In Region 11 please see Adam Levine in the Executive Office and in NYMTC look for the box in the lunch room.

Training

On January 8, 2007 we welcomed Frank Gerace of Hubbell Galvanizing to a well attended class discussing the process of galvanizing steel to protect it from corrosion. We are trying to get Mr. Gerace to come to our Long Island City office for a class... stay tuned.

On February 6 at the Region 10 State Office Building, Ann Marie Bugler of Hilti will talk about anchoring systems. This class offers one professional development hour.

Additional classes will be offered in March and April. Subjects include: utility design, decorative asphalt solutions, and more. If you have any suggestions for a class topic, contact a member of the board.

Ski Trip

Besides bowling, golf, hockey, soccer, and softball, ski trips were a big part of Section 10 sports. Early on Friday mornings people would load up on a bus and head to one of the Catskill mountains for a day of skiing and socializing.

There haven't been any trips for several years now, but we are trying to gauge the interest in people starting up the trips again. If you are interested, please let Margaret Conklin (631) 952-6929 or Mike Geiger (631) 752-7707 x6111 know. We are aiming to head upstate on March 9. Of course if the winter continues without any snow, we will not go. But we are hoping for the best.