

THE GEORGIA CHAPTER

Established: 1962

Through the efforts of Clyde T. Norman and others, a meeting was called for April 26, 1962 in Atlanta, Georgia, to determine the feasibility of organizing a Georgia Chapter. Wilbur White, Dean of Chapters, was present at this meeting to speak and answer questions. Three additional preliminary meetings were held in May, June and July with an average attendance of 19. The formal organization meeting was August 30, 1962 with 35 members. By the end of 1962, membership was at least 50 members and the average attendance at meetings was 18 members and 6 guests.

On February 28, 1963 the matter of a Ladies Auxiliary was discussed and postponed, but was eventually started in 1966.

The monthly chapter meetings were held in Atlanta, Georgia, and we enjoyed a social hour and dinner before the business meeting and program. Some of the programs in 1968 were technical, and others were social or of a general nature.

In 1970, our chapter had 141 members, including 53 new members during the year.

We were the host chapter for the ASSE Annual Meeting which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1970.

A State Plumbing Code Advisory Committee was formed in 1971 to draw up a state code, and our chapter was asked to send one ASSE member to serve on the board. Although we had only one member officially on this committee, in checking, we found that of the 24 members on the committee, 8 were active within our chapter.

Even though we had a meeting every month in 1978, our attendance only averaged about 18 to 20 people per meeting.

In 1979, an attempt was made to reach various plumbing inspectors in the Metropolitan Atlanta area. At one meeting we had what the younger people call a "rap session" where we had a discussion of the differences between the various plumbing codes in the area regarding materials and products permitted. At another meeting we explored solar energy and its application to reduce consumer cost. Our membership increased by 19 with our increased effort.

Our chapter again hosted the ASSE Annual Meeting which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1986.

By 1988, our membership was at 44.

The first All Industry Conference for Georgia organizations was held in March of 1992 and was comprised of members from ASSE, Atlanta Metro Plumbers Group and Atlanta's Industry of Manufacturing Representatives.

Our chapter continued to donate to the Scholarship Fund.

The chapter has been offering continuing education classes and extended the classes to other parts of the state such as Macon and Savannah. The programs have been well attended.

The Scholarship Fund donation in 1996 was in memory of the late Nellie Wade. Nellie started our chapter's Auxiliary and served as Treasurer for the chapter.

Our Auxiliary helped our chapter by keeping the roll and issuing the certificates for the continuing education classes. We were grateful for their assistance.

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