

# THE SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER

**Established: 1958**

President Wilbur White, Richard Tait and Homer Yetman traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, with the intention of forming the Southern Ohio Chapter on February 5, 1958. The boundary lines between the two Ohio chapters would be the U.S. Highway 40 and the surrounding cities, plus 3 counties in northern Kentucky. Several organizational meetings were held in December and January by P. R. Hollaender, William Teepe, and W. F. Springmyer followed by an open meeting at the Gibson Hotel in Cincinnati. Invitations were sent to all members of ASSE in the southern portion of Ohio and to all prospective members to determine whether or not to try to form a Southern Ohio Chapter.

We received a Charter with 25 members, and by 1960 the chapter had 83 members. We tried to make every meeting an educational program.

In 1960, the chapter was able to name a representative to serve as a member of the Ohio State Plumbing Advisory Board who, in turn, was instrumental, along with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio State University, in setting up a plumbing inspectors in service training course.

Secretary Richard Dieckman mentioned in his 1973 Chapter Report that, in addition to our regular educational meetings, our chapter had an annual golf outing where dinner and a business meeting was held in the evening. We also had a social gathering in August.

Along with our other informative meetings in 1978, the subject at one meeting was *Backflow Valves*, presented by Hersey Products Co. Another meeting topic was *The Difference In Ballcocks and The Need To Standardize Plumbing Codes* presented by Fluidmaster, Inc., while another meeting described various types of pumps made by F. E. Myers Co. At other meetings, Copper Development Co. presented *Copper Water Lines Pitting*, and Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. presented their new fiberglas bath tub.

Our chapter was awarded the Dewey R. Dedrick, Jr. Chapter Award in 1992.

Bill Hutchinson reported in 1997 that the chapter's membership was solid and they were better financially than they had been in years.

Besides six board meetings in 1997, the chapter also held six membership meetings that were very informative, educational and had plenty of social time. The attendance at meetings averaged 50 members. Other events scheduled for 1997 were our Annual Golf Outing (130 golfers), our picnic with steaks (85 picnickers), a bus trip to Keenland Race Track (36 horse betters) and our Plumbing Products Expo in November, which had drawn 300-400 plumbers, journeymen and apprentices. The expo was a great combination of efforts of the Local ASSE, Cincinnati Master Plumbers Association and the Northern Kentucky Master Plumbers.

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