



## President's Message

Dear Chapter Members

In previous years, the November chapter meetings have always been in recognition of the Chapter's Past Presidents. However, at our last meeting, it was with our deepest sympathy and regrets to acknowledge the passing of our past President Gordon Stillwell. Gordon Stillwell had been a member of the New Jersey Chapter of ASHRAE for over 35 years and supported and attended meetings for our chapter on a regular basis throughout. Past President Gordon Stillwell was not only a regular at many of the ASHRAE events, Gordon and his contingent, Stillwell-Hansen, were always contributors towards a table (.. or two) every month. Gordon was prominent in his support of those things in which he believed; whether it was in his personal life or professionally as a volunteer in an engineering society, which he truly loved. Gordon recognized the importance of ASHRAE in the engineering world and made it a credible and viable part of his life.

It was inspiring to see the Stillwell-Hansen family at the November meeting, now headed by Mrs. Carol Stillwell. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife Carol, family, and friends. This month's Past President's meeting was in dedication to Gordon Stillwell, Past President (NJ Chapter 75 – 76), friend and longtime Chapter supporter who passed away on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

As members of ASHRAE, we should take this opportunity to recognize that without individuals like Gordon Stillwell, who volunteered his time and was a loyal supporter for so many years, our organization would not have had the possibility to grow our Society and our chapter. Volunteers are the core to this organization and we are the very heart of where the future lies as one of the largest engineering societies in the world. So, on behalf of the NJ Chapter, I wish to extend my gratitude to all members and/or volunteers for your time and commitment.

On behalf of the New Jersey Chapter of ASHRAE, a \$250 donation will be made to Scholarships in the name of Mr. Gordon Stillwell.

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### 2008-2009 Presidential Award of Excellence (PAOE) Summary

Chapter #	Chapter Name	Chapter Members/ students	Member Promotion	Student Activities	Research Promotion	CTTC	History	Chapter Operations	Chapter PAOE Totals
007	N.J.	787	250	655	0	310	100	375	1370



## Remembering Gordon Stillwell



Gordon G. Stillwell was born June 21, 1926 and raised in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. He attended Brooklyn Poly High School. Gordon joined the Navy in 1943, becoming a naval aviator, and served in both World War II and in Korea. Gordon joined the Port Authority as a draftsman in the mechanical engineering department and later joined the Nesbitt Corporation as a salesman. He quickly became Nesbitt's top salesman. In 1968, he started the Gordon G. Stillwell Company in the garage of his home. The following year he created a partnership forming the Stillwell-Hansen Inc.

Gordon was an active ASHRAE member. He was an officer in the North Jersey Chapter leading to chapter president in the early 1970's. Also, he served at Society level on the ASHRAE Publications committee. He continued to attend regular chapter meetings each year and also encouraged others to attend. In addition, Gordon chaired the chapter's Energy Expo committee for several years. He supported the ASHRAE Research Fund and the New Jersey Chapter's CRC meeting. He could always be found at the ASHRAE Winter Meeting and Expo.

Gordon's philosophy was to share his experience, expertise and success by mentoring and giving back to the community at large. Gordon served on the Board of Trustees of the Parker Family Health Center in Red Bank. When asked about gifts for himself, he always wanted the gifts to be donated to a worthy cause. Included among his favorite charities was The Salvation Army and Parker Family Health Center. Gordon has been frequently described as a gentleman and loving husband. Always impeccably dressed and groomed, his appearance made a statement. His passion for wine is well known. One look at his wine cabinet tells of his enjoyment of Napa Valley. Always a gracious host he began to hold wine tastings each week at the Stillwell-Hansen office. He was the perfect straight man for jokes and enjoyed a good laugh, even if the joke was on him. His greatest passion was for his family. Gordon's life was blessed by not only his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, but by his loving wife Carol Stillwell. Carol was his business partner, friend and confidant for many years.

Each of us has a fond memory and story about Gordon. I am no exception. I met Gordon in 1972 while employed at Atmos Engineering. He encouraged me to be more active in ASHRAE. Advice that I am glad to have followed.

Gordon Stillwell touched many lives and he will be deeply missed by many.

Bob Daly, Chapter Historian