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**FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER**

**CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS**

For 47 years the Georgia DOT Engineers Association has been dedicated to the advancement of all GDOT employees. All permanent GDOT employees are eligible to join. The Association needs the ideas and talents of all GDOT employees. You cannot fully appreciate what the Engineers Association does until you become involved. Instead of just complaining, do something about your working conditions by joining the Engineers Association. **There is strength in numbers.** Witness the teachers associations which have successfully used strength in numbers and the power of persuasion to obtain bigger raises than state employees.

The Atlanta Chapter commends the Equal Employment Opportunity Office for 100% membership in 2005. The Chapter thanks Mr. Charles French for being EEO Representative and wishes him well on his upcoming retirement. The Engineers Association extends a challenge to other offices to set membership goals. Big offices like our design offices could set goals of 100% membership by design group. Let's see a long list of offices or work groups with 100% membership in 2006 on our website.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Our membership drive is ongoing. Annual dues are still \$15. If you pay dues by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$50. Please see the Atlanta Chapter link to the Engineers Association website at [gdotea.com](http://gdotea.com) for a list of office representatives and news. If your office does not have a representative, step up to the plate and offer to be the representative.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Once again the Atlanta Chapter is giving a \$600 and a \$200 scholarship to members or their dependents. The first place winner will be eligible for the state scholarships of \$1500 and \$500.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

The Atlanta Chapter is having a family dinner for members and their families at HomeTown Buffet on Buford Highway (formerly Old Country Buffet) at 7:00 PM Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lisa Deaton of District One will sing and play guitar and Mr. Marty Nix will accompany her on guitar. Ms. Deaton says "We play lots of different kinds of music – traditional American tunes, Irish tunes, blues, folk, classic country, and some contemporary things like Eagles, Steely Dan, and 80's type music." Come and enjoy a special evening. If you make this a success, we will have more events like this. See our website for details and other events.