



Joseph Michael Nuspl PhD

Mick, PP#66, 2016MAX

1940 - 2024

"It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news that Mick Nuspl passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2024," wrote Dr. Deborah L. Ives, Deby, PP #92, 2013MAX. "I will surely miss our kind and wonderful friend and colleague." Deby worked with Mick and other on "The First Hundred years of AMTNJ."

Dr. John E. Hammett III, PP #94, 2003MAX, added "This is indeed sad news. Blessing and grace to all who knew and loved Mick."

From Angelo DeMattia, PP #86, 2005MAX, came "His contributions to AMTNJ as a leader and more recently as its historian was colossal. We will miss his sharing of stories and photos of past AMTNJ Presidents at our annual conferences."

Willard Blaskopf, PP #90, 2012MAX, shared, "Mick was one of the first AMTNJ presidents I ever met. He was always welcoming and interested in others. I will always appreciate that fact that he encouraged me to get more involved. Mick, R.I.P. You will be missed."

AMTNJ was important to him, but, he was casual about being a PP and, I think, prouder to have his 2016 Max Sobel Award.



Mick was appreciated in the non-AMTNJ world. He was a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, teacher, coach, baseball aficionado. His niece Julie Evey said, "Thinking of you, my dear uncle. Always a smile on your face and a bad math joke ready. :) So proud to have known you." and Dan Earley shared, "I met Coach back in 1962 at Hiram High School. It was his first teaching position and he had the enviable task of explaining Algebra to me. He also coached JV basketball of which I was a member. His patience was tested both in the classroom and on the basketball court." His obit is linked through the QR-code.

My work with Mick was the richest and most rewarding time in AMTNJ. I, Agnes (A²) Azzolino, PP#89, 2017MAX, was webmaster for part of his time as Historian. We were both past presidents and for me, going "up the ladder" was not always a joy. But we were still doing committee work and attending the Saturday morning

meetings, NCTM meetings in NJ, and other AMTNJ meetings, and, working with Mick was a real and continuous joy. At that time, Mick wrote his Tiny Treasures. He was creative, diligent, and a real pleasure to learn from.

Mick "collected" past presidents, their other interests, their teaching institutions, their birthdays and deaths.

At a meeting, Mick stood by his table answering questions and sharing history. One might learn:

1. What two mathematics buildings in NJ are named after AMTNJ Past Presidents?
2. Which Past Presidents are married?
3. Which Past President taught and was a math department chair in both NJ and NY?
4. Who would ask such questions? AND KNOW THE ANSWERS?

Answers:

1. Henry B. Fine, PP#2, and Virgil S. Mallory, PP#19.

2. There are two answers (naturally, in math one wishes all solutions). David Glatzer, PP#67, 1993MAX, is married to Joyce Glatzer, PP#75, 1999MAX, and Neil Cooperman, PP#100, 2018MAX is married to Stephanie Cooperman, PP#105.

3. Mick!

4. The wonderful, very special and dear, Joseph Michael Nuspl PhD, Mick, PP#66, 2016MAX!!!!




AMTNJ Past Presidents

Back row left to right: Thomas Buscemi 1984-85, Stephen Krulik 1987-88, Jerry Parisi 1976-77, Arthur Collard 1971-72, David Glatzer 1980-81, Eugene Clark 1969-70, Arthur LePori 1968-69, J. Michael Nuspl 1979-80, Margaret Cotter 1964-65, Gail Koplin 1960-61, George McMeen 1959-60, Henry Petersen 1972-73, Kenneth Wolff 1981-82

Seated left to right: Thomas Tobiasen 1985-86, Beverly Whittington 1983-84, Mary Froustet 1970-71, Ellen Brockman 1986-87, Lina Walter 1957-58, Regina Cullen 1978-79, Charles Lewis 1975-76, Max Sobel 1958-59

Photo taken at the AMTNJ spring meeting held at West Essex High School on March 18, 1989

As historian, Mick recorded people & events.



AMTNJ Past Presidents were Mick's "Hobby."

Photos of 103 of 104 Presidents of AMTNJ

The archives committee of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) has found and verified the photos of 103 of 104 Presidents of AMTNJ. According to Past-president #66 Dr. J. Michael Nuspl 1979-1980, "we have been searching for more than six years and have found all but one Past-president photo. We have located many text references but NO PHOTO of May J. Kelley AMTNJ President #41 in 1954-1955. Mrs Kelly was a teacher at Brighton Avenue School in Atlantic City, NJ."

Nuspl added, "if anyone has any leads in finding a photo of Mrs Kelly, contact me at nusplmath@optonline.net".

photo taken at AMTNJ meeting on March 3, 2018 by Dr. Makoto Yoshida, AMTNJ President 2017