

ministry and the Prison Fellowship program, doing what he could to help offenders choose a better future. Today, retired in Florida, Dotter and his wife, Mildred, have brought the same message of hope to the boys and girls detained at the Southwest Florida Juvenile Detention Center.

The same spirit of service has long motivated Dotter to donate his engineering skills to better the lives of people in over 30 developing nations, where he has helped to build or renovate hospitals, schools, churches and other essential facilities. He recently traveled to Haiti to work on the expansion of a school. In recognition of all that he has done for others without concern for personal gain, Dotter received the national Volunteer Service Award from President George W. Bush in 2006.

What advice does Dotter offer to young men and women? “Strive to gain knowledge and wisdom,” he says. “Work hard to learn something every day of your life. That’s knowledge. Then apply what you learn to doing what’s useful and good. That’s wisdom.”

PAUL ENG-WONG
Mom knew best

When asked how he came to be a student at NJIT, Paul Eng-Wong relates an experience from his childhood in Newark. At the age of five or six, he was walking with his mother past what was then the much smaller campus of Newark College of Engineering. Stopping in front of Eberhardt Hall, Eng-Wong’s mother told her son that he

would become an engineer, and that he would attend NCE. “I guess I was predestined to be an engineer, and that listening to my mother about where to study was the right thing to do,” he says in fondly remembering that day.

As Eng-Wong’s career and achievements demonstrate, the advice received from his mother was very sound. Upon considering his options, he did enroll at NCE, graduating in 1975 as a civil engineer. His first job was with Edwards and Kelcey, from which he moved on to the RBA Group. It was during this phase of his career that he became es-



Paul Eng-Wong

pecially interested in transportation and was awarded a master’s in 1980 by NJIT.

Although he became head of the Transportation Department at RBA, Eng-Wong started to think about striking out on his own – but not alone. At Edwards and Kelcey, he had met a kindred spirit in Martin Taub, whose career subsequently took him to Parsons Brinkerhoff. Staying in touch, Taub and Eng-Wong occasionally talked about going into

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business together. In 1988, they took that decisive step, starting Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates.

“Marty and I knew that there would be challenges, and that we still had much to learn about legal and business issues,” Eng-Wong says. “But we believed that our passion and energy would

of recent years – the JFK Airport Airtrain and the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail System.

Personal recognition for Eng-Wong has included being elected a Fellow of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, which he has served as the international vice president. In 2010, he will assume the post of international president of the institute, which has over 17,000 members in more than 90 countries.

Eng-Wong has also remained close to his alma mater. His firm employs a dozen NJIT graduates and sponsors one of the university’s corporate clubs. In a tribute to NJIT and his mother – and the advice she gave him in childhood – he has endowed the Norma Eng-Wong Memorial Scholarship. It provides financial assistance for civil engineering majors enrolled in Albert Dorman Honors College who are planning to join Eng-Wong as future colleagues in the transportation field.

lead to success.” This confidence, and the willingness to take a significant chance on the future, have been amply rewarded.

Today, with over 50 employees, Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates is the “go to” firm in the New York metropolitan area for transportation engineering. Working with most of the transportation agencies in the region, they’ve helped to advance numerous projects of major civic importance. Among these are two of the most significant rail projects

EARL GRANVILLE JACKSON IV
Inspired by Newark, New York and Siena

Although architecture was a strong interest before college, Earl Granville Jackson got off to a tentative start toward his present position with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Due to some less than sage guidance, he says,