2018 Felix A. Anderson Image Award

Thomas M. Doran, PE, FESD
Former Vice President & Principal, Hubbell, Roth & Clark

During Tom Doran’s more than 40 years in consulting engineering, he was a Principal with Hubbell, Roth & Clark and McNamee Porter & Seeley; President of McNamee Industrial Services and Tetra Tech/MPS; and a designer, project manager, and “mystery solver” (as are many technical professionals), working on projects in the industrial, public, and private sectors. Over the years, he’s been fortunate and privileged to work on fascinating projects like a treatment plant in Mexico City that purified water going to a canal where the poor collected their water, the new Ave Maria University and Town in Florida, and the District Detroit that’s helping to revitalize the City. He’s worked at over 100 industrial sites on wastewater/water projects ranging from cereal to cars to pharmaceuticals to rendering.

Tom has taught engineering courses as an adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University and The University of Detroit Mercy, and he recently chaired the Editorial Board that publishes TechCentury for the Engineering Society of Detroit. He developed and is still teaching client/communications-focused project management principles and processes that are used today by numerous organizations, and he led the first environmental/infrastructure consulting company to achieve Ford Q1.

As long as he can remember, Tom has enjoyed writing. Over the years, he has contributed many articles and perspectives on infrastructure and the environment to the mainstream media, including the Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, and Wall Street Journal, and others including Crain’s Detroit Business and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, with emphasis on things that aren’t well known or are misunderstood by the general public. He’s spoken on infrastructure and the environment in many public forums, including The Frank Beckmann Show. He has 3 commercially published novels: Toward the Gleam, Terrapin, and Iota.

Tom was blessed to be mentored and formed by many whom he honors to this day. He believes it’s a solemn responsibility to share our knowledge, experience, and the importance of integrity in everything we do.

Tom was elected to The Engineering Society of Detroit’s College of Fellows, and received ESD’s Outstanding Leadership Award and the Purdue University Alumni Achievement Award. He and the love of his life, Sherry, have 4 children and 7 grandsons (no granddaughters yet!). They live in downtown Plymouth where they can walk almost everywhere.