



**GEORGE ABBOTT RECEIVES
STA GEORGE ABBOTT
MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

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Hilton Head Island, SC, July 23 – George Abbott, retired from Inman Mills has been awarded the first George Abbott Membership Award which going forward will honor the STA member whom recruited the most members into the STA during the year. This award named in honor of George Abbott who over the years has fondly been referred to as “Mr. STA” because his enthusiasm, loyal service and endless efforts in membership recruitment for many years, was presented during the STA Business Breakfast Session of the Joint Annual Meeting of the STA and Fiber Buyers Groups at The Sonesta Resort at Shipyard Plantation. The Award was presented by Rick Carpenter, Sales Manager, Conitex Sonoco and Second Vice President of STA.

George Abbott grew up in Vance County, North Carolina. He attended one year at Mars Hill College, transferring to North Carolina State University, and graduating in 1963 with a degree in Textile Technology.

He began his career as a management trainee at Dan River Mills in Danville, Virginia. In 1966 he relocated to Benton, Alabama to help manage the start up at the new and considered most modern sheeting textile plant in the world. Two years later he was named plant manager of the Dan River’s Clanton Plant. George joined The Bibb Company in Macon, Georgia in 1969 as plant manager of the Payne Plant, transferring to the Columbus Plant in Columbus, Georgia in 1974 as manager of all yarn operations. In 1977 he assumed responsibility for the Columbus Division as Vice President and later Senior Vice President. In 1988 George joined Inman Mills as Vice President of Manufacturing and enjoyed being part of this tremendously exciting company for over 30 years until his retirement in 2018.

George’s professional and civic activities include: member of Board of Directors of Columbus Junior Achievement; member of Board of Directors of Textile Operating Executives of Georgia and past general chairman; member of Board of SCMA Plant Managers Division and served as chairman two different occasions; member of SCMA Textile Counsel; member of Board of Governors of STA and past president and chairman.

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