



**RICK CARPENTER RECEIVES  
STA GEORGE ABBOTT  
MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

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**Virtual Members Meeting, Tuesday, June 30** – Rick Carpenter, of Conitex Sonoco has been awarded the George Abbott Membership Award. The award established last year in honor of STA past president 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 Virtual Members Meeting. The Award was presented by Cameron Hamrick, President, Hamrick Mills and First Vice President of STA.

Rick graduated from North Carolina State University with a BS in Textile Technology in 1980. He hails from Lexington, North Carolina.

After college, Rick went to work for Fieldcrest Mills which later became Fieldcrest Cannon, one of the largest sheet and towel producers in the world at the time. He spent 19 years in manufacturing management and engineering.

Since 1999, Rick has been in sales at Conitex Sonoco, a worldwide producer of paper carriers for the spinning industry. Their US operations are based out of Gastonia, NC. He is currently the Sales Manager for the US and Canada. Rick is currently serving STA as President.

He enjoys traveling and is an avid sports fan of NASCAR, baseball, and football. Go Panthers, Braves & Wolfpack!! Rick and Toni reside in Concord, NC with their 3 dogs ..., Lil’Man, Roxie, and Grace.

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