

## INTRODUCTION

Each year the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) presents the prestigious *Max Sobel Award* for outstanding service and leadership in Mathematics Education. In 1990, Dr Sobel was the first recipient of the AMTNJ award.

Professor Max A. Sobel, long-time teacher at Montclair State University, writer of numerous textbooks and presenter at many local, state, national and international conferences, passed away on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Max was an Army veteran who participated in the *Battle of the Bulge* during WWII and received a *Purple Heart*.

On December 8, 2016 at the AMTNJ Two-Day conference less than a month after his death, Dr Sobel was honored during the *Max Sobel Awards* dinner by four of his former students and friends, a long time colleague, Dr Evan Maletsky, and also his son, Elliot Sobel, remembering his many contributions to mathematics education along with personal stories.

A video created by Dr Kristie L. Prokop and aides recorded the presentations which may be viewed on a link upon request. The uncut video is one hour and 33 minutes in length so our archives committee had Deborah Fontana-Legora transcribe the video to a written format and then edited by Dr Janice-Lynn Shuhan and Dr J. Michael Nuspl.

The six presentations by Muriel Thatcher, Stephanie Cooperman, Dr Janice-Lynn Shuhan, Dr Evan Maletsky, Dr Kristie Prokop and Elliot Sobel are noted as Page C, Page D, Page E, Page F, Page G and Page H, respectively.