Introducing
an AMS Member

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Favorite Number: 3
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Food: Spinach
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Favorite Hobby: Cooking

What does the AMS mean to you?
Belonging to a community of people devoted to meaningful fun.

What do you think is the most important thing the AMS offers?
Publications and meetings.

What is your favorite memory from an AMS event?
My first contributed talk in 1981.

Describe the situation when you first fell for math.
It was a long process. Not love at first sight. Complicated.

Were you inspired by a mathematician?
No.

How would you describe math to a non-math person?
About exploring an unseen, unheard, unfelt universe with your only vehicle: your mind.