### WTS Connecticut Valley Fall Newsletter

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**WTS welcomes Louise Frankel Stoll to Connecticut**

Dr. Louise Frankel Stoll nominated by President Clinton in 1993, as Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federico Pena, a member of the Presidential Cabinet will address WTS and Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) at a luncheon on Thursday October 31.

In this role, Dr. Stoll develops and defends the $40 billion budget before Congress. Among her accomplishments are the initiation of comprehensive management information systems and innovative finance programs, which leverage the federal dollar in transportation infrastructure by attracting private investments. Her presentation is entitled “Preparing America’s Transportation Systems for the Next Decade”.

The Department of Transportation encompasses 10 operating administrations including the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the US Coast Guard, and the Maritime Administration. The Department establishes and enforces standards for safety and other key aspects of the transportation system; distributes funds to states and other transportation providers for planning, construction, and operations; works with other agencies to carry out broader federal mandates such as clean air and national security policies; and directly provides air traffic control and Coast Guard services for the nation.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Research Division, was invited by the Federal Highway Administration to speak at a conference in Irvine, California this past March.

The three-day conference, entitled “Improving Pavements with LTPP” (Long Term Pavement Performance), was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration’s Pavement Performance Division in McLean, Virginia along with 7 other public and private transportation organizations. The conference was attended by 200 engineers from 67 state transportation agencies in the United States and Canada. Anne-Marie shared her expertise, focusing on how Connecticut has collected traffic data for this program, what types of problems the research division encountered and how the problems were resolved, what resources are required to collect reliable traffic data, and the benefits derived by ConnDOT’s Research Division as a result of their efforts.

Anne-Marie has worked in the Office of Research & Materials since 1987.

Anne-Marie is co-chairperson of the Program Committee for WTS Connecticut Valley.

### WTS Member Shares her Technical Expertise

Anne-Marie McDonnell, a Transportation Engineer III with
Member News

On a more personal note...

Congratulations to two WTS members who were married recently:

Shelley (Stolfi) Kutuzov of Greiner Inc. in Rocky Hill and her husband, Dmitri also of Greiner, were married in a civil ceremony in Manchester on April 20, 1996. They are planning a formal church wedding in Russia this December. Dmitri and Shelley live in Rocky Hill. Shelley is Co-Chairperson of the Special Events Committee.

Ann Marie (Puckhaber) Kemp of Cronin & Company in Glastonbury and her husband, Neil, were married at Fairfield University on August 10, 1996. Neil works at New England Eye Care. He and Ann Marie reside in Newington. Ann Marie is Chair person of the Publicity Committee.

(Members may send other personal notes about weddings, births, anniversaries, special accomplishments, etc. for this column to Sue Reynolds at Conn. DOT, 2800 Berlin TPKE., P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546. Sue is also looking for information about WTS members who have received promotions, professional achievements, awards, etc.)

1997 WTS Membership Dues

Those of you who have been WTS members for a while will recall that the dues a member pays are made up of two parts, the larger portion goes to our National organization and the smaller portion is returned to the local chapter. The 1995-96 membership dues are $45.00. We have been advised by the WTS National Board that the national portion of the upcoming 1997 WTS Membership dues will remain $37.00, the same as last year. Currently, the local chapter receives $8.00 per year.

In reviewing, the dues that other chapters collect from their members, we found that The Connecticut Valley is the lowest. The dues collected from our local chapter are used for printing and postage for meeting notices and newsletters, as well as miscellaneous expenses relating to special programs. Because it is very difficult to provide all the services we wish for our members, at the monthly chapter meeting on September 10, 1996, the Board voted to increase dues from $45.00 to $50.00 for 1996-97. This will go into effect January 1, 1997.

In terms of membership in a professional organization, we hope that you agree that membership in the Connecticut Valley Chapter of WTS provides the best value for your money.

JOB BANK

Attention WTS Members! Take advantage of our new HOTLINE telephone number! Thanks to the Rideshare Company, WTS has a hotline for information on exciting new jobs available in the industry. Just call:

(860) 298-7000, ext. 148

The hotline will be updated regularly, so call often. For more details on the specific job announcements, call Job Bank Co-Chairs: Leslie Haines at (860) 282-4400 or Colleen Kissane at (860) 394-3255.

Please remember that this is for WTS members only. Your discretion is appreciated.
WTS Scholarship News

WTS Connecticut Valley is looking forward to awarding its first scholarship in the Spring of 1997. Female graduate students, or undergraduate students in their junior or senior years, who are pursuing a degree in a transportation-related field, or are undertaking an internship, or research project relating to transportation, will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. The potential candidates must also be Connecticut residents, or attending school in Connecticut. The winner of this Chapter scholarship will be the Connecticut Valley WTS Chapter’s nominee for the appropriate WTS National Scholarship - a $3,000 Helene Overly Scholarship for graduate students or the $2,000 Undergraduate Scholarship. The goal of all the scholarships awarded by WTS is to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation.

The initiation of the scholarship program is an exciting event for the chapter, because the program is beneficial to both the scholarship recipient and WTS Connecticut Valley. The scholarship competition is an excellent way for young women who are about to begin careers in transportation to become aware of WTS and acquainted with the dynamic people in the organization. At the same time, the scholarship applicants provide WTS with a pool of potential members.

Initially, the Connecticut Valley Chapter will award a small scholarship (probably $250). However, it is hoped that a more substantial scholarship can be awarded in future years. If you would like to assist in increasing the scholarship fund by either making a tax-deductible contribution or offering your ideas on or expertise in raising funds for scholarships (particularly in soliciting donations of seed money), please contact Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Roxane Fromson (860-594-2038) or Bea Isaacs (860-768-4845).

Note from the editors

Hello again, remember us? This is Lori Long and Kathleen Boyle the WTS newsletter editors of Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services. Thank you so much for the reviews we received from many of you after our first issue. The August newsletter really went off very well. In retrospect we feel that this newsletter was a great deal easier to compile due to the enormous help we received from ALL the board members - "THANK YOU CHAIRS and CO-CHAIRS". I am sure I speak for all the Board Members when I say that we look forward to seeing all of the WTS members at the upcoming events and would like to encourage you to bring a friend (male or female). We welcome new faces. Wishing you and your family a very Spooky Halloween and look for us again in December. Bye for now.

Special thanks to Christopher Long 3 years old who helped his mom put stamps and labels on all 50 August 1996 newsletters.
WTS Connecticut Chapter Calendar

The Chapter has scheduled the following events:

October 4, 1996, ConnDOT's "Imaging Applications in Transportation", at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Division of Research, Rocky Hill. A one hour presentation and luncheon will begin at 11 am. The presentation will consist of demonstration, overview and discussion on the development and implementation of imaging and linked data collection technologies for use in virtually every area of transportation. A primary example is photologging which uses state-of-the-art Automatic Road Analyzers (ARAN) for roadway image/data capture on PCs for desktop image retrieval. It promises to be very interesting for all areas of transportation. Hope to see you there.

If you have not received an invitation please contact Anne-Marie McDonnell at (860-258-0308).

October 4, 1996, A New England regional workshop for municipal officials, citizen activists, and transportation professionals entitled "Building Livable Communities Through Transportation", will be held in Boston. The conference, sponsored by Conservation Law Foundation in conjunction with US DOT, the City of Cambridge, Woman's Transportation Seminar, and others will focus on the role of transportation in revitalizing neighborhoods and commercial centers, improving mobility within communities, and contributing to overall livability. The workshop will include case studies from New England and beyond and will help arrange future communication and cooperation among participants.

November 1996, An event on Outstanding Women In and Around Connecticut, including a guest speaker from WTS National.

December 1996, Holiday Social.


March 1997, Conflict Resolution.

April 1997, Annual Meeting.

October 31, 1996, Luncheon meeting with Louise Frankel Stoll, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. DOT, 11:30 a.m. at the Hawthorne Inn on Berlin Turnpike, in Berlin. $20.00 for members, $22.00 for non-members. See page 1 for more details on the program.

May 7-9, 1997, WTS National Conference in Baltimore Maryland.

Please pencil in the above events on your social calendars and check your mail for more details.
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## WTS Application

### Who We Are

WTS is the Woman’s Transportation Seminar, a national transportation organization.

The women and men who belong to WTS are committed to excellence in the transportation industry. The organization provides a neutral forum for the exchange of information, ideas and experience.

Established in 1977, WTS was first created through the efforts of 40 women involved in transportation in Washington, D.C. area. WTS is now a national organization of transportation professionals and other interested individuals with more than 2,300 members and 25 chapter nationwide.

The Connecticut Valley Chapter of WTS is a diverse, multi modal and multi-disciplinary organization that supports sound transportation planning and practices and strives for community awareness of transportation issues. We support and nurture the professional development of our members and encourage diversity in the workforce.

### WTS Sponsors

As a not-for-profit organization WTS could not function without its sponsors. Sponsors underwrite WTS functions, seminars, and scholarships. Through membership and contributions, sponsors can achieve local, regional and national recognition. All levels of support are appreciated and can include goods, merchandise, and services.

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<td>WTS aggressively seeks to fulfill its mission by offering a wide range of services and activities to its members at both the local and national level;</td>
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<td>• Regular chapter meetings and education programs to learn about and discuss critical and timely transportation issues.</td>
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<td>• Professional growth by networking with transportation professionals from all over the nation.</td>
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<td>• National and local WTS newsletters highlighting current legislative issues, transportation regulations, industry innovations, affiliated chapter news, and member activities.</td>
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<td>• Access to Connecticut Valley and National job banks which after information on job opportunities.</td>
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<td>• Annual awards programs recognizing individual and employer achievements in transportation.</td>
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<td>• WTS sponsors an annual national conference which is hosted by a different chapter each year.</td>
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<td>• WTS Local and National awards annual scholarships to encourage and assist woman who are pursuing careers in the field of transportation in undergraduate or graduate degree programs.</td>
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- Leaders in transportation face challenges which require the spirit and capability of a pioneer. In the Women’s Transportation Seminar, you will find the environment, services and people who will help you challenge and fulfill that pioneer spirit.

WTS offers its members a place to grow, a place to progress. It is one of the largest professional groups of its kind with 25 chapters across the country and membership representing the diverse components of the transportation industry in both the public and private sectors. Anyone with a professional interest in transportation is welcome and encouraged to become a WTS member. WTS is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the application form and mail it with your annual membership fee of $50.00, in check form, made payable to WTS Connecticut Valley, Return to: WTS, P.O. Box 310106, Newington, CT 06131-0106.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sheila Suppicich, evenings at: (860) 657-9390.