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Advancing Women in Transportation

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### Calendar of Events

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more information, please contact any of your WTS CT Valley Board Members, see back page

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### And don't miss out on these other great events!

#### Transit-Centered Development: Key to the Region’s Growth

**October 23, 2008, 6:00 pm at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut**

Commissioner Joseph Marie, CT Department of Transportation and Commissioner Astrid Glynn, NY State Department of Transportation, will talk about each state’s commitment to transit-centered development on Thursday, October 23. Reception at 5:30, lecture at 6pm.

This special program is part of Regional Plan Association’s Mayors’ Institute on Transit-Centered Development, made possible by a generous grant from the One Region Fund. It will be held at Yale University’s Sheffield-Sterling-Strahcona Hall, Room 114, located at 1 Prospect Street in New Haven, CT.

The event is free of charge, but please RSVP by emailing Katie Nosker at Katie@rps.org.

For more information about the event visit: [http://www.rpa.org/pdf/KeynoteCT08.pdf](http://www.rpa.org/pdf/KeynoteCT08.pdf)

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#### Second Annual State Wide Smart Growth Conference

**Tying it all Together: Transit, Jobs and Housing**

**November 13, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Omni Hotel in New Haven, Connecticut**

Participate in a wide range of workshops and discussions. Learn about Smart Growth policies, programs and projects. Share and discuss the experiences of citizens, organizations and businesses working to achieve smart, sustainable, responsible growth. Hear the leading voices in Connecticut and the nation. Foster relationships to implement change. Contact us for more details.

Early registration is available now!!!


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### American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

2008 Annual meeting at the Connecticut Convention Center will be held in Hartford from October 16th to October 20th. For more information please refer to the meeting agenda and registration visit: [www.aashto.com](http://www.aashto.com).
Transportation Mini Series

WTS CT Valley Chapter announces their second Transportation Mini Series to be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the Cromwell Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The afternoon will be comprised of four sessions on green transportation issues, followed by a dinner program.

The day’s events will begin at 1 p.m. and continue through approximately 8:00 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the WTS CT Valley Scholarship.

The afternoon sessions are:

“Walkable Communities” presented by Ian Lockwood of Glatting Jackson, Elena Pascarella of Landscape Elements, and Marcy Miller of Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.

“Commuter Rail in CT” presented by H. James Boice, Deputy Commissioner CDOT, Stephen Gazillo of URS, David Chase of URS, and Robert Aloise of URS.


“Incorporating Wildlife Corridors into Transportation Projects: Design Techniques to Protect Wildlife Habitat and Natural Passageways” presented by Alison Bowden, Director Freshwater Program The Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter.

The evening dinner program will feature a discussion on “Green Transportation and Sustainable Cities” presented by Ian Lockwood of Glatting Jackson.

The deadline for registration is October 10th. To register, please contact Shawna Bartkus at sbartkus@dewberry.com.

For more information about the event, please contact Theresa Albanese Pereyo at talbanese@GFNET.com.

WTS Scholarship for Undergraduates Now Available!

The WTS Connecticut Valley Chapter Scholarship is now available for undergraduates pursuing a career in the transportation industry. Application deadline is October 30th, for more information contact our Scholarship Chair Shawna Bartkus at sbartkus@dewberry.com. The awarded applicant will be nominated for the WTS National Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship. Funds for the WTSCVC Scholarship are secured through member donations, company sponsorships and proceeds from the annual Transportation Series held in October.

If you or your company would like to make a donation to the WTS Connecticut Valley Scholarship Fund a check should be made out to WTSCVC and mailed to...

WTSCVC President
Theresa Albanese-Pereyo
P.O. Box 615
Southington, CT 06489
Summer Social at Gouveia Vineyards

On June 20th, a group of WTS members and friends met at Gouveia Vineyards for the Connecticut Valley Chapter Summer Social. The evening began with a tour of the winery and a walk through part of the beautiful 140 acre grounds. After the tour, the evening continued with wine tasting and socializing. Attendees ended the experience with some shopping in the Gouveia Vineyards store.


CT Valley WTS Chapter members Terri Albanese, Laurel Stegina, and Nancy Rolfe and guest Elena Pascarella (a Licensed Landscape Architect with Landscape elements) enjoy the view at Gouveia Vineyards.

October is

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
2008 WTS Annual Conference

Although it’s taken me a little longer than usual to compose an article on the WTS International Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia I still continue to reflect back on the many spectacular events. Atlanta in May is gorgeous! The folks whom I had the pleasure of meeting from Atlanta were kind and extremely hospitable. Flying in and out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (the world’s busiest airport) was just a pleasure – really it was.

To understand and appreciate the full effect of a WTS International conference is difficult to grasp if you have not had an opportunity to attend. It is an experience that typically will carry you from year to year; contacts you make will be strong and often lead to career opportunities in other areas if not business then personal. When you bring hundreds of women into one location for a specific reason, those women tend to become cohesive and the sharing and networking that conspires is explosive.

The highlights of the conference began immediately on Wednesday afternoon when Dr. Catherine L. Ross spoke on Transportation Crossroads and Mega Regions. Dr. Ross showed her passion for Atlanta and concern for the population growth. She expressed her love for the city and how her career has brought her back there to work in developing creative ways to move people and products along their highways which continues to be extremely challenging work. Dr. Ross also spoke of the several mega regions in the East Coast and how there are plans to improve transportation within these areas. This is a high priority, long-term goal for all people in this industry.

The welcome reception at the High Museum of Art was enlightening, elegant and held promises of a very busy and highly empowering conference. I would be remiss if I did not say that all the promises were met and exceeded.

One of my personal favorite speakers was Ms. Cynthia Good. She is the CEO, Co-owner, and Founding Editor of PINK Magazine. Ms. Good was a smashing speaker who caught your interest right off the bat! She spoke of her personal success and shared many secrets with the group and encouraged each and every individual to go out and reach for the stars. Some of her advice was to dream big, ask for what you want, always network, steer your destiny and make every effort to put yourself forward. Ms. Good has found such an amazing way to share all her secrets and successes with so many others. As she spoke it was difficult not to begin to believe in yourself the minute she started to speak and to know that everything she impressed upon was true if you wanted it and that if you worked hard toward your personal goals you could achieve them.

There were many exceptional programs, speakers, meetings and tours, too many for me to list, the above were just the highlights. If you are considering attending a WTS International Conference and would like more information, feel free to contact me, someone from the local WTS CT Valley Board, or just log onto the WTS International Website (www.wtsinternational.org). On May 20-23, 2009 the WTS International Conference will be held in Seattle Washington, an opportunity of a lifetime and an experience to be remembered for a very long time.

Article Submitted by Lori Long, WTS CT Valley Program Chair, Parsons Brinckerhoff.
CT Valley Attends WTS International Board Meeting in Rhode Island

Theresa Albanese-Pereyo and Laurel Stegina attended the August 9th luncheon business meeting of the WTS International Board held at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. The CT Valley Chapter President and Vice President met the incoming WTS International President Elaine Dezenski, caught up with "sister" Boston Chapter President Jackie Wilkins and our Regional Director Margaret O'Meara, and networked with several other WTS International Board members. One of the main business items on the agenda was the formation of WTS International committees, which support the organization's overall goal of Advancing Women in Transportation. These newly formed committees are:

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<td>Professional Advancement</td>
<td>Supports positioning women at the highest levels of corporations as well as developing women at earlier stages of their career through mentorship and other opportunities</td>
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If you are a WTS member and interested in serving on a WTS International Committee, contact WTS CT Valley Chapter President Theresa Albanese Pereyo talbanese@GFNET.com for more information.

Article submitted by Laurel Stegina

Thank You!

To all our WTS Members who have helped to put this Newsletter together and who have volunteered their time to ensure that all our programs and events have been a success, we Thank You! We couldn't do it without your support. If you would like to submit a news article for a future newsletter, or have any ideas on future articles you would like to share, please send an email to KStiff@hshassoc.com

City of New Haven “Street Smarts”

Sunday, October 19, 2008
11 am to 3 pm
Edgewood Park, at the CitySeed Farmers’ Market Corner of Whalley and West Rock Avenues in New Haven

Join Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. & community leaders to officially kick off “Street Smarts”, a public education & information campaign to enhance road safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

Families are encouraged to attend; the event will offer free educational materials, giveaways, games and musical entertainment!
News from WTS Boston

Panel Discussion on Professional Licensing
Wednesday, October 22, 2008
7:45 am to 9:30 am
Jacobs, 545 Congress Street 5th floor, Boston, MA
Contact Katie Moulton to register or for more information at 617-960-4897
Email: moulton@pbworld.com

October WTS Boston Luncheon
"Re-engineering MassHighway for the Accelerated Bridge Program"
Guest Speaker Luisa Paiewonsky, Commissioner Massachusetts Highway Department
Thursday, October 23, 2008
11:30 am to 1:15 pm
Courtyard Boston Tremont Hotel
275 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
RSVP to Susan Melanson at smelanson@gpinet.com

2008 Worcester Transportation Breakfast
With Special Guest: Congressman Jim McGovern
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, MA
RSVP to Heather Rothenberg by Wednesday, October 15th
email: hrothenb@acad.umass.edu
For more information contact:
Chelsea Christenson at 617-338-0063

News from WTS RI

21st Rhode Island Transportation Forum
Friday, November 7, 2008
12:00 pm
University of Rhode Island
203 Bliss Hall
Kingston, RI
For additional information please contact Dr. K. Wayne Lee at
lee@egr.uri.edu
Or visit: http://www.uri.edu/cve/

Professional Development Workshop: How to Give Great Business Talks
Friday, November 14, 2008
12:00 pm
Providence, RI
For additional information please contact Diane Baxter at
diane.baxter@gza.com

WANT TO VOLUNTEER!

Why not get involved with WTS? The Connecticut Valley Chapter could use your help! Volunteering has never been easier and the opportunities are endless. To volunteer, contact one of our Committee Chairs listed on the last page of this newsletter.
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