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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The dog days of summer are waning, and the late summer fruits and vegetables are getting heavy on branch and vine. Although these summer days are hot and wonderfully long, the early days of autumn and cooler and shorter days are nipping at our heels.

And, to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose...

Many of us are already beginning to transition from the carefree days of summer, from vacations and spending time at the beach, back to school and work.

At WTS, we are getting ready for a transition of our own. My two-year term as President is coming to a close. And, we are looking for new leaders, with fresh ideas and positive energy, to step up to serve as Chapter Executive Officers. Several of our Executive Officers have served WTS Connecticut Valley Chapter for many years, and we are preparing to turn the soil and make room for the next crop of WTS leaders.

Among those transitioning off the Executive Board is Brooke Hoberman, our current Treasurer. She was one of the very first WTS Connecticut Valley Chapter members, and her longevity is inspiring. We very sincerely thank Brooke for her unwavering dedication, commitment, and service to WTS.

And, the Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Carla Tillery of Fitzgerald & Halliday to our ranks! She is now serving as Student Outreach Committee Chair. Her passion and experience for mentoring and working with youth are huge assets to WTS.

If you are interested in serving as an Executive Officer, a Committee Chairperson, or if you’d like to help out on an existing Committee, please call me (860-848-9026) or email (lstegina@fhiplan.com) anytime. Our Chapter’s elections are this coming autumn.

All WTS Members are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections. Please keep your eye out for election ballots, to be sent out to our full membership. And, if you’re not a WTS member and you’d like to vote in the upcoming election, now is the time to join!

One final note: the Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you at our upcoming late summer and autumn events! Please “save the date” for our 4th Annual Transportation Mini Series, to take place on Thursday, October 14th.

Laurel Stegina
WTS CT Valley Chapter President

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TRANSPORATION MINI-SERIES

October 14, 2010, will mark the third consecutive year that WTS Connecticut Valley Chapter and ITE-CT Chapter will team up for what has proven to be a successful Transportation Mini Series (this will be the 4th annual for WTS). This year's event will take place from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Hartford Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

The relationship between WTS and ITE has proved a successful and complementary one. WTS and ITE think big! Together they are bringing nationally known speakers to present on transportation topics all while paying close attention to the details to provide for a smoothly run event with great networking. The attractive program and list of attendees have given the TMS a distinctly special feel.

ITE, with its strong ties to the traffic engineering community, has helped plan and conduct the technical sessions. Its 120 members bring new attendees and perspectives to the meeting.

The past two years the theme of the TMS has been Green Transportation, with sessions on Sustainable Cities, Walkable Communities, Commuter Rail in Connecticut, and Smart Transportation, among others — topics that remain as important today as they were last year and the year before. The theme of the 2010 TMS is Planes, Trains and Automobiles... bringing in other modes of our transportation infrastructure, air and sea, and including a session on port and transportation security. While still remaining Green, the TMS looks for forward-thinking, national speakers to bring their message to Connecticut and its transportation professionals.

Five sessions are planned for this year's TMS: Mobility Hubs; High Speed Rail in New England; the Oregon Solar Highway Project; Port Security and Green Design of Airports; and Walkable Urban Thoroughfares/Complete Streets. These topics will provide a cross section of the issues currently on the covers of transportation journals across the country.

The dinner presentation will feature Kenneth Buckland of the Cecil Group headquartered in Boston, MA. This presentation will tie in the day's events and theme — Planes, Trains and Automobiles... covering the various forms of mobility and how some of Connecticut's municipalities are creating and encouraging multi-modal transportation options.

Please mark your calendar for October 14, 2010, and a worthwhile day of information sharing and camaraderie along with a full day of events matched by none!

Contributed by Joseph A. Hallisey, P.E.
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Immediate Past President, ITE-CT Chapter

Dear WTS Member,

WTS is proud to announce the WTS TransPortal, the professional networking site for members-only! The TransPortal, is located on the WTS website and will be “the place to go” to obtain the latest information on chapter events and announcements, participate in a variety of different discussions, collaborate on projects, and engage in dialogue on different activities with members within your chapters. You will also be able to upload and share documents and pictures.

In addition, another “members-only” benefit is access to the NEW Knowledge Center. The Knowledge Center provides an informal interactive and inclusive program through which WTS members can obtain data, exchange information, and network with people from throughout the transportation industry on topics of current interest. These topics include:

- Administration, Construction, Design and Engineering
- Funding and Finance
- Maintenance and Operations
- Planning and Policy
- Public and Community Involvement
- Research, Safety and Security

Click “Instructions” to learn how to use the TransPortal and make sure you read the “Guidelines” so you understand the proper etiquette.

If you have any questions, please email wtsinfo@wtsinternational.org. Welcome to the TransPortal!

Marola Ferranto
WTS Executive Director

WTS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Michael Kutsch — Cubic Transportation Systems — is a Director with over 20 years of experience in the areas of Sales and Marketing. He is responsible for business development in the Northeast Region. He holds an MBA from the University of Maryland, College Park and enjoys tennis and kayaking with his three boys.

Amanda Mezzoni — VN Engineers — is a Marketing Coordinator in VN’s North Haven, CT office. Some of her responsibilities include administrative assistance on projects, human resources, and accounting; a jack of all trades! She has recently received her MBA from Southern Connecticut State University. She enjoys playing with her dog, reading, spending time at the beach and watching movies.

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David Tudryn - Michael Baker Engineering
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Q-BRIDGE PROJECT PRESENTATION & TOUR

WTS Q-Bridge Project Presentation and Tour was held on July 20, 2010. ConnDOT graciously hosted 20 WTS Members and a few non-members at the District 3A office in New Haven. ConnDOT’s Mark Rolfe, John Dunham, and Bob Savage gave a presentation on the ongoing I-95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program. Mr. Rolfe explained the serious need for the improvements that are included in this program which began over a decade ago. He said that the original plan back in the late 90s included 5 major projects; now there are 21 different construction procurements as well as utility and other work. At this point the design phase is 99% complete with design support through the end of the construction process. Construction is 27% complete. The total cost of the project is 2.2 billion dollars and it's all scheduled to be completed by November 2016.

Mr. Rolfe talked about the 3 ongoing projects, Contract B1, which includes the Q-Bridge Main Span Foundation and NB West Approach, Contract E-2, which includes the Route 34 Flyover Bridge, and Contract B, which includes the replacement of the Q-Bridge. A status update and photos on all these projects can be found on the project website at www.i95newhaven.com. Mr. Rolfe also stated that Contract E, I-95/I-91/Route 34 Interchange, which will be the last major component of this program, should be starting by early 2011.

Mr. John Dunham and Mr. Bob Savage discussed the construction details of the ongoing projects and described how they all will fit together and will eventually connect up to the new Q-Bridge. All of the speakers expressed excitement about working on this “once in a lifetime project” and being involved in the process.

Ms. Kristen Stiff completed the presentation by explaining all the components used to continually keep the public informed about ongoing progress and construction in the area. She mentioned the project website, construction news notifications and a public hotline set up specifically to answer questions and help the public find information necessary to forges on through this very active and busy construction site.

At this time the group boarded a bus that brought them to the construction site where Mr. Matt Briggs and Mr. Ghazi Alsaqri directed folks to an area near a portion of the new Route 34 Flyover Over Bridge (over the I-95/I-91 on ramp). As the traffic whizzed by the work zone, the gentlemen explained how the steel was erected over the busy intersection and how the connection would be made to the approach of the new bridge. Further into the tour, the group was lead down to the Quinnipiac River and while standing on the Tomlinson Bridge, attendees were able to see the newly carved out area where the west approach would eventually bring 200,000 vehicles a day onto the new Q-Bridge. In the final part of the tour, the guides showed a close up view of the drilled shafts, explained their use and where the development of a new roadway system would be going in this area.

Back at District 3A office, the group sought relief from the heat wave and enjoyed some cold drinks and pizza. ConnDOT staff answered questions and further discussed with excitement this world renowned project.

WTS thanks ConnDOT staff for taking time out of their busy schedules to host this tour for WTS.

Contributed by Lori Long
MEMBER CONNECTIONS

On May 6th WTS CT Valley Chapter held its second Open House and Member Connections Event. The event was hosted by our corporate sponsor, Michael Baker Engineering, at their beautiful office in Rocky Hill. This program was attended by 20 WTS members and non-members. The purpose of the program was to invite people who were not familiar with WTS to come to an informal gathering and ask questions and talk to current members. Baker graciously opened their office to all attendees with a slide presentation upon entering the foyer of their office and they sent the attendees home with a give-away!

WTS CVC welcomed college students, associates of members and even a former WTS member who was interested in rejoining WTS. Board and committee members greeted attendees and introduced folks to the mission and benefits of being part of WTS. Attendees were able to visit stations (Professional Development, Events, Membership, Educational Speakers and Forums, and Scholarship and Mentorship Programs) to learn more. The event provided a dynamic opportunity to network and have some fun! Three WTS members brought along a non-member and received a Dunkin Donut gift card as an award and one member was a winner of the trivia question and received a book on Connecticut Adventures.

Contributed by Terri Albanese

MENTOR PROGRAM KICK-OFF!

The WTS CVC held its Mentor Program kick-off on May 18th at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. The event was attended by incoming mentors and apprentices to the 2010/11 Mentor Program. After some casual conversation to get to know one another the group discussed the program for the upcoming year.

This year’s program requires mentor and apprentice teams to meet monthly on an individual team basis, attend three professional development sessions, read the book “Leadership and Self Deception” by the Arbinger Institute, partake in a book discussion, attend the WTS CVC Transportation Mini-Series held in October, and finally be recognized at the WTS CVC Annual Awards Dinner in the Spring of 2011.

Participants in the program represent the following firms: Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., Federal Highway Administration, VN Engineers, Connecticut Department of Transportation, and Connecticut Transit.

Contributed by Shawna Bartkus

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WTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN THE NATION’S CAPITOL

This year’s WTS International Conference, held May 19-21 in Washington, D.C., offered a priceless opportunity to interact with public and private sector professionals from the nation’s capitol and across the country. And, the conference provided a myriad of educational sessions on topics of critical importance to the transportation industry.

News was made at the conference when WTS International outgoing President Elaine Dezenski and U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Ray LaHood signed a Memorandum of Cooperation establishing a partnership to advance the federal “STEM” initiative.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. And, the purpose of STEM is to remove obstacles to young women seeking careers in these four disciplines and provide them with mentors and professional development opportunities.

This new partnership between USDOT and WTS will “open doors for young women, and train and nurture a new generation of women leaders in the transportation industry” said USDOT Secretary LaHood. “Women have always been leaders in the transportation industry, and they always will be,” he said.

USDOT Secretary LaHood also delivered a keynote address to conference participants and reported the federal agency’s priorities including preservation of existing transportation infrastructure, undertaking high speed rail projects in key corridors, providing transportation to under-served communities, and advancing pedestrian/bicycle initiatives. He also shared information about the livable communities program the USDOT is engaged in with U.S. Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Numerous other conference sessions were offered on a wide range of technical and professional development topics including:

- The prospects of re-authorization of federal surface transportation legislation
- How to use emerging social media effectively in transportation planning
- Women and leadership
- Transportation and climate change
- High speed rail

The WTS International Conference also provided extraordinary opportunities to interact with public and private sector transportation professionals from Washington, D.C. and across the country. These opportunities included a Welcome Reception held on Wednesday evening, and the WTS International Awards & Scholarship Dinner on Thursday night.

True to WTS’s mission, advancing women in transportation, approximately $18,000 was raised during the three-day conference for WTS Foundation. WTS Foundation provides scholarships to young women pursuing careers in transportation fields. The money was raised through a Silent Auction and a raffle held during Thursday night’s dinner program.

Contributed by Laurel Stegina

“...congratulations to our very own Jessica Peruti and her husband on their new bundle of joy - Owen, borne to them on May 3, 2010 at 6:58 PM, weight 8 Lbs 11.5 oz. and 21.5" long. Both Mom and Baby are healthy and happy and doing exceptionally well; Dad is a little tired these days...”
Garbage Landfill Facts

How much garbage do you think your household consumes in a day? If you’re an average American, you are contributing nearly 4.5 pounds a day – 56 tons a year – of garbage that is carted off to landfills. There, this garbage is smashed into cells, buried and turned into a toxic landmass that threatens land, air and water quality.

As landfills shrink in numbers, consumption increases, as does the size of the remaining landfills. Nearly 30 percent of trash in landfills is paper; 18 percent is food scraps and 16 percent is plastics. Many of these items can be easily recycled, reused and reduced with some advanced planning.

Garbage Landfill Solutions

- Purchase materials that require less packaging. When possible, purchase recycled products.
- Donate reusable items to your charities instead of tossing them.
- Develop a recycling program at your home and office.
- Stick to permanent items when you can instead of disposables.
- Remember that electronics and motor oil also is recyclable.
- Use grass, scraps and brush to create compost and mulch.
- Start small – all major life changes require baby steps at first.
- Consider that if one learns to recycle at a young age, it becomes second nature.

Source: online “www.superpages.com”

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Mary Torza

Mary Torza has been a WTS CT Valley chapter member and long-time supporter since 2001. Mary has been employed with CT Transit since 1999. She started out as a Secretary in the Marketing Department, and transferred to the General Manager Department as an Executive Assistant soon after that. She is currently managing the statewide ID card program for senior citizens and the disabled, offered to any CT citizen over the age of 65 to ride public transit for ½ fares. She also assists with monthly operation reports which are submitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation. She manages the Employee Suggestion Program, which allows employees to provide suggestions and comments to save the CT Transit money and enhance safety. If an employee’s suggestion is implemented they receive an award.

Ms. Torza graduated from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, with a B.S. in General Studies and a concentration in Communications; she was a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Ms. Torza resides in Windsor, CT and has one daughter and three grandchildren.
WTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION
Networking: “Why is it important? And how to do it successfully.”

The WTS Mentor Program held the first of its three professional development sessions for the 2010/11 Season on June 22\textsuperscript{nd} at the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. The session, entitled Networking: Why is it important? and How to do it successfully, was presented by Theresa Casey, FSMPS, CPSM, Founding Principal, of On-Target Marketing & Communications. Theresa provided an interactive session, involving role playing and the sharing of personal experiences about how to tap into your network of contacts to help with various situations.

Theresa reinforced the importance of professional and personal networking; getting involved in professional organizations and groups within your community. She reviewed the importance of creating a database of your contacts that includes pieces of personal information, the last time you touched base with them, the next time you should contact them, and how they like to be contacted. This database can be as simple as an index card file, Microsoft Outlook file or via marketing software specifically created for the task.

Theresa touched on personal networking tips; the do’s and don’ts of social interaction when attending professional events. Some of the do’s include asking questions about the speaker and program from another person, contacting the event organizer in advance, and watching for cues to successfully enter an ongoing conversation.

Lastly, Theresa covered social media tools, the many opportunities that are becoming more and more accepted and expected by professional businesses today. She went over the basics for Google Alerts/RSS Feeds, LinkedIn and Twitter while also covering how to make the most of your time with these tools.

The event had a limited registration of twenty people to benefit those in attendance and to encourage an open discussion.

WTS will be holding their second Professional Development Session in September at the Greater New Haven Chamber. This session is entitled “Presentation Skills: Presenting with Confidence” and will be presented by Theresa Casey. This is a member, sponsor firm employee and ConnDOT staff only event. For more information please contact Shawna Bartkus, Marketing Manager, Dewberry, at 203.497.3684 or sbartkus@dewberry.com.

Contributed by Shawna Bartkus

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

In the coming year, the Scholarship Committee is planning to work on reaching out to local college students. With cooperation from our Student Outreach Committee which is headed by Ms. Carla Tillery, we hope to be visiting local colleges and universities to get the word out about WTS and promote our scholarship program.

We are also planning a Silent Auction at our 4\textsuperscript{th} Annual Transportation Mini Series to be held on October 14th, from which all proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund. Our scholarship program is for undergraduate and graduate women interested in pursuing careers in the transportation industry with the hope of helping to advance future generations of transportation leaders.

If you have any questions about the WTSCVC Scholarship Program, would like to make a donation or volunteer on the committee, please contact Lauren at LDiGiovanni@mbakercorp.com or Shivani at Shivani_Mahajan@URSCorp.com.
AROUND THE AREA

WTS Rhode Island Chapter
SUMMER OUTING 2010

WTS-Rhode Island is once again sponsoring the Rhode Island Infrastructure Design Professionals Night at McCoy Stadium.

Event date: Friday, August 13, 2010
Location: McCoy Stadium, Rhode Island

Event Cost: $13 per person includes: admission & all you can eat BBQ

BBQ starts at 5:00 pm
Game starts at 7:05 pm
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DFI/CSCE Geotechnical Seminar
EARTH SLOPE ENGINEERING

This 13th annual event is presented jointly by Deep Foundations Institute and Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers. Various geotechnical topics are to be presented. Exhibit space will be available.

Event date: Friday, September 17, 2010
Location: Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT

Registration fee: Register by 9/10/2010: $200
Register after 9/10/2010: $225

For preliminary program, visit: www.dfi.org

For exhibit information, contact DFI Headquarters office at staff@dfi.org or call 973-423-4030.

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About our Organization
The Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) was created in 1977 as an international organization dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation. WTS has grown to over 4,100 members both men and women. WTS is helping women find opportunity and recognition in the transportation industry. Through its professional activities, networking opportunities, and unparalleled access to industry and government leaders, WTS is turning the glass ceiling into a career portal.

The CT Valley Chapter is one of 45 WTS chapters spread out across the globe and has gained recognition through its determined and devoted professional members.

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