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From left to right: Judy Gott, Paul Schmidt (URS Corporation), Sofia Nirshberg, and Roger Krahn (URS Corporation).

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

The CT Valley Chapter held its Annual Luncheon on May 16, 2007. The guest speaker, Mr. Ralph J. Carpenter, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), spoke on his role at the agency and the challenges and opportunities the agency is currently facing. Ann Koby, WTS International President, honored CT Valley by participating at the event and speaking on the history of women’s contributions in the transportation industry. Laurel Stegina moderated the Annual Meeting portion of the event. The Annual Luncheon was attended by over 100 people, one of the Chapter’s most successful events ever.

From left to right, Brooke Hoberman, Laurel Stegina, WTS International President Ann Koby, ConnDOT Deputy Commissioner James Boice, Sofia Nirshberg, Lori Long, Theresa Albanese-Pereyo, and Silvia Militello.
Transportation Mini Series
October 25, 2007

Panelist speak on the Federal Transportation Funding Bill. Pictured from right to left: Bradley Keazer, Federal Highway Administration; Richard Doyle, Federal Transit Administration; James Boice, Connecticut Department of Transportation, and Theresa Albanese Pereyo, Gannett Fleming.

Dinner program speaker, Liz Levin.

Donald Doeg, Updike, Kelley & Spellacy, P.C. presents on Ethics in the Transportation Industry.

Green Transportation presenters Ken Stewart and Sandra Lajewski Of United Technologies Corporation.

From left to right, Lori Long, PB Americas, Theresa Albanese Pereyo, Gannett Fleming, and Laurel Stegina, Fitzgerald & Halliday.
January / February

Legislative Breakfast — On February 28th, the Chapter co-sponsored, with the Connecticut Association of Community Transportation (CACT), a legislative breakfast at the State Capitol. The annual event spotlights the importance of investing in Connecticut’s public transportation services. Speakers included James Boice, Connecticut Department of Transportation Deputy Commissioner, State Senator and Chief Assistant Majority Leader Donald DeFronzo, and State Representative Antonio Guerrera. Theresa Albanese Pereyo addressed attendees on women’s contributions in the public transportation industry.

Leadership Training — February 22nd–24th, Laurel Stegina attended WTS Management Leadership Training, held in Houston, Texas. Sessions focused on financial management, governance, communications and public relations, events planning, recruitment and retention of members, professional development such as mentorship programs, and succession planning.

March / April

Spring Social — The CT Valley Chapter hosted an April “Meeting & Mixer” on April 19th. The Chapter said goodbye to Sara Capps, Chapter Secretary, who moved on to Tennessee, but welcomed new member Shawna Bartkus, who initiated the first Scholarship Program for the CT Valley.

May

WTS International 2007 Annual Conference — In 2007, the WTS International Conference was held in San Diego, California, from May 2nd–4th. Theresa Albanese Pereyo and Lori Long attending the conference, “Re-Inventing the Wheel.” Over 430 people attended the event.
June

**Mentorship Program** – The CT Valley Chapter initiated its fledgling Mentorship Program in June. The inaugural year of this professional development program focused on planning. The CT Valley Chapter met with Linda Travis and Charlie Manning from sister Greater New York Chapter to gain insights from their successful Mentorship Program. The Connecticut Valley Chapter’s Mentorship Program is a members-only program.

July / August

**Summer Social** – The CT Valley Chapter held its Summer Social on August 9th at Hopkins Vineyards in the scenic Litchfield Hills. The intimate group of wine aficionados were treated to a personal tour of the winery, followed by wine tasting and shopping.

September / October

**Golf Clinic** – On October 2nd, the CT Valley Chapter hosted a Golf Clinic in Southington. The evening included driving balls and networking.

**Transportation Mini Series** – On October 25th, the Chapter held its first annual Transportation Mini Series. The event, attended by about 100 people. All proceeds from the event were donated to the WTS CT Valley Chapter Scholarship Program and Breast Cancer Awareness.

November / December

**Holiday Social** – The CT Valley Chapter held its Holiday Social on December 6th at the Waverly Tavern in Cheshire. Folks enjoyed the holiday cheer and made donations to benefit Interval House, a women’s shelter.
2007 Corporate Sponsors

The WTS CT Valley Chapter would like to recognize and thank our corporate sponsors, who have contributed to our 2007 events through financial support and in-kind services: PB Americas, DMJM Harris, Dewberry, Gannett Fleming, The Washington Group, and Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.

2007 Treasurer’s Report

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Beginning of 2007 Financials

- Cash balance: $1,054.37, 18%
- CD balance: $4,921.73, 82%

End of 2007 Financials

- Cash balance: $1,084.87, 15%
- CD balance: $6,207.41, 85%