A Message From
The President

Result; that’s what we’re looking for, and with the guidance of Ellen Scully, group facilitator at RESULTS in Hartford, that’s exactly what we’re hoping to achieve.

Last month the board of directors spent six extremely profitable hours in an organizational development seminar, brainstorming on our mission, our objectives, and our future activities for WTS Connecticut Valley.

Following a lengthy question and answer session, the board unanimously decided to adopt the WTS National mission statement as the mission statement for our chapter. (Incidentally, Ellen asked if she could use the national mission statement as an example when conducting other seminars, as she felt it was exceptionally well done.)

In order to meet the short term (1 Year) and long term (5 years) goals as established during our session, we desperately need your input and support. Please do not hesitate to get involved. You don’t have to wait for us to ask for your active participation; pickup the telephone and call any of the board members to offer time or suggestions.

Our chapter took off with incredible momentum. Let’s keep it going. It’s imperative that we maintain our level of enthusiasm to make this chapter professionally and personally helpful, exciting, and fun.

Now that we’ve set goals, it’s important to keep on track. Listed below are some of our objectives:

- increase membership
- identify other potential committees
- identify sponsors to fund events
- identify community projects to sponsor
- increase visibility to members, employers, and legislators
- expand committee membership
- identify potential fundraising events
- identify co-sponsors for events
- activate job bank

—M. Christina Olson

Membership Report

Membership in WTS Connecticut Valley is on the rise with seven new members for a total of sixty-nine. The membership committee encourages each member to share and promote WTS.

If you know of anyone with a professional interest in transportation who would like additional information about WTS, please write to: WTS Connecticut Valley, Inc. P.O. Box 290164, Wethersfield, CT 06109

WTS Connecticut Valley welcomes the following new members:

- Betty Ambler—ConnDOT
- Carol Balina—ConnDOT
- Susan A. Carlson—Project Planning & Analysis
- Anita J. Coleman—ConnDOT
- Karen L. Guzowski—ConnDOT
- Maritza G. Kobylack—ConnDOT
- Mary Beth MacCarthy—ConnDOT

It is with deep sorrow that we say good-bye to member Mary Ann Battista who passed away July 15, 1992 of a long term illness. Mary Ann was a Physical Administration Manager I for ConnDOT. She will be missed.
National Update

The thirteenth Annual National Conference of Women’s Transportation Seminar was held in Boston, May 20-22, 1992. Five of our chapter officers and members attended. M. Christina Olson, Diane Connolly, Anita Gagne, Jeanne Chambers and Liz Navarro participated in many of the workshops and events sponsored by the Boston Chapter. All of our members agreed that each year National Conferences are becoming more valuable to attend.

The Boston conference offered several programs in various time slots throughout the day. This allowed participants to create a schedule fitting their interest and areas of expertise. Off site excursions touring the Central Artery Project and the Boston Harbor were inspiring. Various transportation modes and disciplines were shown working together to support commerce and the quality of the urban environment in Boston. There were also various self guided tours set up.

These projects are examples of the mobility problems our members may tackle in their organizations and agencies. I personally was delighted that our tour guides on the Central Artery Project were the women who were part of the project team. Being in an organization where it is the norm for me to be the only woman at project meetings, I felt a sense of belonging and camaraderie that I rarely experience in my daily chores.

Programs held at the hotel were hosted by expert panelists in various segments of the transportation field. Sessions focused on topics ranging from planning, finance, interpersonal skills, technology, privatization and compliance with federal mandates. Every session that I attended gave me valuable information and skills to bring back to Connecticut. My only regret was that I had to choose between several programs taking place at the same time.

Shirley Delibero, Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Authority was honored with the WTS Woman of the Year Award. Shirley’s candid advice at the closing luncheon was down to earth, valuable to women in any stage of their career development and clearly demonstrated why Shirley is a respected and honored representative of the transportation industry.

And just so you don’t think this conference was all work and no play. Being with our group from Connecticut gave us all a chance to get to know each other a little better and feel more like the team we are becoming through our participation in WTS. Anita Gagne and myself used our free T passes to explore a favorite leisure sport of mine, outlet shopping. This was part of our research of the T of course! We found that the T was efficient and easy to use. We were impressed by the ease and speed that we got around the winding streets of Boston via train and bus connections. Besides, we got a great deal on New Balance Athletic shoes.

I strongly encourage all of our members to plan to attend the National convention in Chicago in 1993.

—Jeanne Webb Chambers

Members Spotlight

Congratulations to Geraldine P. Munroe who was awarded Supplier of the Year at the Yankee Meeting Planners International annual awards banquet held in mid-July.

Geraldine is founder and president of Classics Limited, a custom corporate conference and convention planning service. Prior to forming her own corporation, Geraldine was a Special Education teacher in the Wethersfield school system and the Director of Sales for the Gray Line Sight Seeing Company in Connecticut.

The governor’s Tourism Council elected her Chairman in 1990. Aside from being Program Chairman for WTS Connecticut Valley, Geraldine is Vice-President of the Old Town Tourism Commission, and past-president of several other local organizations. She was also the Wethersfield Chairman for Governor Lowell P. Weicker Jr. in the last election.

A graduate of Salve Regina College in Newport Rhode Island, Geraldine went on to receive her Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Hartford, and holds certificates in both domestic and international travel.

Geraldine Munroe and her husband Earle reside in Wethersfield where they are both involved with the local boards of government.

Notes

We’ve got a new address! Please send all correspondence for WTS Connecticut Valley to: P.O. Box 290164, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Be sure to include the name of the person or the committee that the correspondence is intended for.

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Deposits into the JOB BANK can be made by sending employment listing to WTS CT Valley/JOB BANK, P.O. Box 290164, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Remember, deposits must be made to insure withdrawal.

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Did you catch the article on page 4 of the WTS National Newsletter? New Kids on the Block: Connecticut Valley Chapter.

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WTS welcomes Susan Reynolds as Publicity Chairman.