Message from the President

As you may be aware, the January/February issue of the WTS National Newsletter published an article entitled, "Women in Power: Making it Happen." This article was written by Elizabeth Levin, WTS National Professional Development Committee Co-Chair. The article announced the creation of a WTS National and Chapter program aimed at creating an increased awareness of the importance of women on private-sector transportation firms’ board of directors, and as a result, increase awareness of the importance of women in these roles. Hopefully, heightened awareness will lead to action and ultimately more inclusion of women in key leadership positions.

An important element of the program is the development and implementation of a self-identification program whereby private transportation firms with women on their boards will identify themselves to WTS. Therefore, if you work for a firm that has more than 100 employees and at least one woman on your board of directors, please forward the following information to me at the address listed below:

- Name of the firm
- Address
- Phone number
- Size of the firm
- Type of industry
- The name of the woman board member
- The name of the chief executive officer
- Your name and phone number

Thank you for your help in making this program a success. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our second annual WTS Annual Luncheon on April 13, 1993. At this meeting I will have the pleasure of introducing WTS Connecticut Valley’s national liaison Laura Ray to you. Laura Ray is from the Metropolitan Transit Authority of New York and will be attending our April meeting. I hope you will attend! — M. Christina Olson

Membership Report

Did you forget to renew your 1993 membership? Remember, any member not renewed by April 1st will be removed from the routine mailing list.

We have delayed the date for publishing the 1993 Directory in order to include as many members as possible. All members renewing by the absolute deadline of March 15th will be included. This year’s directory will include a membership card as an additional membership benefit.

WTS Connecticut Valley would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Robbin Cabelus, Connecticut D.O.T.
- Linda Coates, DATTCO
- Antoinette B. DeSanto, Connecticut D.O.T.
- Laura Dowaliby, The Rideshare Company
- Beatrice Isaacs, University of Hartford
- Maureen Shea, Connecticut D.O.T.

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.
Reviewing Recent Meetings

December’s Christmas Reception was held on December 8, 1992 at Marc Anthony’s in Hartford. Guest Speaker for this gathering was Monica Gengras from the Hartford Interval House.

Hartford Interval House is a program and shelter for victims of domestic violence. This organization runs a 24 hour hotline; 24 hour emergency shelter; and disseminates information and referrals. This non-profit agency is committed to the support and sharing they offer the victims of domestic violence. WTS members whole-heartedly enjoyed this program. Each member donated diapers to this program and its efforts.

For more information or to support the program through volunteer time or donations call the Hartford Interval House business office at 246-9149. Hotline 527-0550 (TDD/TTY 549-7654)

Our January 15, 1993 meeting was held at CTTRANSIT’s Hartford facility. Guest speaker Lois Coon, who donated her time, spoke to WTS on the topic of “Assertiveness vs. Aggressiveness.”

Ms. Coon is a psycho therapist and career consultant who helped the group distinguish differences between assertive and aggressive behavior; keys for being assertive; and a formula for assertiveness. DATTCO Bus company sponsored lunch for the group.

“Résumé Writing in the 90’s” was the topic of our February 8, 1993 meeting. This meeting was held at the Greater Hartford Transit District’s conference room in Union Station. Diane Dawson-Brown, of Dawson Personnel, donated her services for this refreshing meeting.

Ms. Dawson-Brown reviewed guide lines of structuring a résumé to fit the job, as well as business etiquette for interviews and follow-up interviews.

A special “Thank you” to all the organizations who have donated time and services to WTS monthly meetings.

Annual Luncheon:

Mark your calendar for the WTS Connecticut Valley Second Annual Meeting which is going to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1993 at the Farmington Marriot Hotel. Guest Speaker Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Nancy L. Hadley will share with us her ideas on the topic of “Why Strive for Excellence?”

Send in your response cards soon!

Job Bank:

Principal Engineer

The City of Portland, Oregon, (population 430,000) is seeking an individual with urban traffic engineering experience to serve as Assistant City Traffic Engineer and head the Operations Division of the Bureau of Traffic Management. (Salary $52,416 to $66,997 annually.)

Call Maria McEvoy, CTTRANSIT, for more information or contact the Bureau of Personnel directly to receive an application for Principal Engineer:

Bureau of Personnel
1220 S. W. Fifth Avenue, Room 170
Portland, OR 97204
Phone (503) 823-4352

Completed applications must be received by 5:00 P.M. Friday, April 9, 1993. Women Urged to Apply!