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Holiday Greetings

As you reflect back on your year of accomplishments and set goals for the upcoming year, we hope you will include WTS participation with those items of importance. Thank you for the pleasure of your friendship and good will during the past year. We wish you a wonderful season and a New Year full of happiness and prosperity. —WTS Connecticut Valley Board of Directors

The Legislative Process

On October 20th, twenty-eight of our members attended a working luncheon at the Greater Hartford Transit District.

Guest speaker was Lobbyist Jean M. Cronin, who gave us an inside look at how the legislative process works. She explained that each lobbyist is registered with the State Ethics Commission and outlined the role they might play in the passage or defeat of a bill. Jean stressed the importance of grass roots opinion and urged all members to learn about the public hearing process and to call their State Senators and Representatives with their opinions on legislation. She said it really makes a difference.

Betty Ambler, of the CDOT Library, distributed informational brochures on how a bill becomes law, the makeup of the General Assembly, and State Capitol and Legislative Building tour information.

The “Pin Patrol” Is On The Prowl

Do you proudly where your WTS pin when you attend WTS meetings or functions? Or, do you occasionally forget to dust it off and put it on your lapel?

From now on, if you’re not wearing your pin or name tag at future WTS sponsored events, you may be fined twenty-five cents (25¢) by the fundraising committee. “The fine for not wearing the WTS pin will be a fun way to get a little extra money in our chapter’s coffers,” said Shirley Gralnick of The New Britain Transportation Company, who recently assumed the post of fundraising co-chair.

“Going around to collect fines will be an ‘ice breaker.’ We’ll all be able to have a few laughs together. Also, by encouraging more members to wear their pins, it will increase the overall visibility of WTS,” said Gralnick.

Revenue collected from the fines will go directly back to WTS. For example, it may be used to defray program costs and mailing expenses. Gralnick said she and her co-chair Linda Coates of DATTCO, will start to take up pin patrol duty at the next WTS program meeting in February.

From now on, WTS pins will be available at each and every WTS function. At that time, pins will be issued to new members. And, if you’ve lost your pin, Gralnick and Coates will sell you one for $1.00.
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Bank may have something for you! As announced in the last National Newsletter, the National Job Bank has created an electronic
bulletin board system listing job opportunities from around the country. The system is available to WTS members via a standard
personal computer and a modem. The information is also available by phone or fax for those with out modem capabilities.
In its first month of service, the job bank has been used thirty times by almost twenty WTS members and contains two dozen job
announcements from around the country. In our economy, this service can be a valuable resource to WTS members. In this age of
computers and electronic communication, it is expected that this service will become more widely used and more available to our
members as time goes on. We cordially invite you to utilize the WTS job bank by submitting job applications for open positions to:

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Financial PLANnning
Elaine M. Potash, personal and business Financial Planner for IDS, shared interesting and educational financial tips with over two dozen WTS members on Thursday, December 2nd.

As the group powered through breakfast at the Rocky Hill J. Copperfield’s restaurant, Ms. Potash explained the elements of the financial planning process.
The key points of what a financial plan should cover, and how to achieve financial balance were also discussed in depth. Other areas of conversa-
tion were steps to minimize your 1993 taxes, the effects of inflation and the differences between fixed and equity assets. The session ended with a
question and answer session that proved to be individually beneficial.
Elaine stressed the importance of developing a budget in order to better understand your financial needs and goals.
See the IDS ad above and call Elaine to receive a free private consultation on your personal financial situation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
April 18, 1994
ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Membership Report
WTS Connecticut Valley this past year has been productive and rewarding. Our active membership reached seventy-five. I hope you
have enjoyed your involvement in WTS and that you will renew your membership in 1994.

To ensure you are included in the 1994 National Directory and to avoid interruptions in member services, please return your 1994 renewal payment promptly.

WTS Connecticut Valley would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:
* Josephine White, Professional Testing Services, Inc.
* Robyn G. Henry, The Yellow Cab Company
* Alma C. La Plant, The Yellow Cab Company

This past year many of our members have shared the good news about WTS to a friend. Let the new year in 1994 start out
great, invite a friend to a WTS monthly meeting. Anyone interested in transportation can receive additional information about
WTS by writing: WTS Connecticut Valley, Inc., P.O. Box 290164, Wethersfield, CT 06109. —Nita Gagne, Membership Chair

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