

## July 2013 Issue

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## PLATINUM LEVEL



## Upcoming Events

### Greater D/FW Lattes and Leadership

Join WTS for Lattes & Leadership featuring Nancy Amos, Senior Vice President of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, also known as The T. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

When: Friday, August 9, 2013 , 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: The T Board Room  
1600 E. Lancaster Avenue  
Fort Worth, TX , 76102

[Click HERE for registration details](#)

### WTS Texas Leadership Conference

The WTS Houston Chapter is excited to announce the third annual WTS Texas Leadership Conference in Houston September 6-7, 2013. The Conference Committee Co-Chairs are busy planning stimulating events including a site visit to the Bayport Terminal Complex, a panel discussion with key Port of Houston Authority personnel, and an invigorating lunch with an award winning speaker.

Be sure not to miss the WTS Texas Leadership Conference!

**Deadline for booking rooms and registering is August 15, 2013**

[Click HERE for details on this event](#)

[Click HERE for registration details](#)

[Click HERE for sponsorship details](#)

Policy Symposium and Navigator Award Dinner  
Washington, DC

September 17, 2013

MORE DETAILS TO COME ON THIS EVENT.



## WTS Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter 11th Annual Golf Tournament

Do you have your team together yet?  
Join WTS for the 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Awards  
Reception!

Proceeds from the tournament will be dedicated to the Greater D/FW  
Chapter of WTS Professional Development Fund



Don't Play? Don't Worry!  
Join WTS for the Basics of Golf Clinic - new this year!  
Dinner and Awards Reception to follow Tournament and Clinic



When: Thursday, September 19, 2013  
Registration 12:00 p.m. (lunch is provided)  
Shotgun Start 1:30 p.m.  
Clinic Registration 4:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Reception 6:30 p.m.



Where: Iron Horse Golf Course  
6200 Skylark Circle  
North Richland Hills, Texas 76180



[Click HERE for event details](#)

[Click HERE to register](#)



### Chapter Leadership Training

San Antonio, Texas  
November 8-9, 2013

MORE DETAILS TO COME ON THIS EVENT!



### 2015 WTS Annual Conference Chicago, Illinois

We are pleased to announce the selection of Chicago as the site for  
the 2015 WTS Annual Conference! WTS is looking forward to  
bringing the Conference to the Windy City! Congratulations Chicago!  
MORE DETAILS TO COME ON THIS EVENT!



## Word From the President

Dear WTS Members and Friends,

Consider joining the WTS D/FW Chapter Leadership Team. We have  
now begun the nomination process for the 2014-2015 term.

**GOLD LEVEL**



The group of professionals that make up our leadership team works  
hard to grow our membership, plan monthly programs, host  
professional development workshops, and organize fundraisers.  
They are also here to mentor young girls, college students and other  
professionals, as well as preparing our newsletter and other  
communication. In return, each one reaps a reward.



If you are looking to expand your network, hone your leadership skills  
and grow your relationships in the industry - working on this team is a  
great place to start.

Nikki Simon, P.E.



## SILVER LEVEL



## GOLD LEVEL



## BRONZE LEVEL



President, WTS Greater D/FW Chapter



## WTS D/FW on Facebook!

The WTS Greater D/FW Chapter is now on Facebook! Check out our page for upcoming WTS Greater D/FW events and more!



[Click HERE to visit the WTS Greater D/FW Chapter on Facebook!](#)

## WTS D/FW Technical Tour - DFW Airport

DFW Airport kicked off a seven-year terminal renewal and improvement program (TRIP) in 2010, designed to extensively improve the DFW travel experience with enhancements to Terminals A, B, C and E, and the related parking garages.

The majority of TRIP efforts focus on extending the life of the Terminals by replacing infrastructure and simply making it more efficient to park, check through security and locate your luggage. The plan will also incorporate new self-service technologies, enhance the stores where you eat and shop, and make DFW Airport a more modern, more efficient and more exciting travel destination.

Being green is important to DFW, so nearly 70% of the improvements taking place in the Terminals are related to improving our mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Once TRIP is complete, the Terminals will have better Internet access, more spots to charge your devices, and a modern interior to match.

## 2013 Transportation YOU DC Summit

WTS D/FW Chapter mentor/mentee pair, Daphne Johnson and Erika Soto, Irma Rangel student - 11th grade Mechanical Engineering interest - attended the 2nd Annual DC Summit, from June 26-30, 2013 in Washington DC.

Highlights of the trip included tours of USDOT, Reagan National Airport, Union Station, US Capital Building, Washington Area Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the National Transportation Safety Board Training Center.

A scavenger hunt with clues was also provided at the Udvar Hazy Center Air and Space Museum, and project presentations by college students were given at the Howard University Historically Black College to share discussions of college life.



The DC Summit is an experience that values the importance of networking, first impressions and building on relationships.

## Executive Leader Membership Campaign

WTS is offering executive leaders an opportunity to grow their business while supporting the industry. Becoming a member of WTS International at the Executive Leader level illustrates a commitment to the professional development of staff and the growth of the transportation workforce to the benefit of the industry at large.

Please check out the links below or contact Laura Weis, Membership Director at [laura.weis@aecom.com](mailto:laura.weis@aecom.com) or (214)962-3232.

### Websites and Links:

[WTS National Website](#)

[WTS D/FW Website](#)

[WTS International Conference](#)

[WTS D/FW Board of Directors](#)

[WTS D/FW Committee Members](#)

[WTS D/FW Job Postings](#)

We are Social!!



[Click HERE for more details on the program.](#)

[Click HERE to join online now!](#)

[Click HERE for an Executive Leader mail-in membership form.](#)



WTS is dedicated to workforce development in transportation through the advancement of women!

## Dallas/Fort Worth Member Spotlight

**WTS Greater D/FW Member: Audrey Saldana**

**Job Title/Firm:** Structural Engineer/Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers

**Years Employed with Firm:** 2 years

**City/Town in which you reside:** Dallas, Texas

**Hometown:** Dallas, Texas

**College Affiliation:** University of Texas at Arlington

**Marital Status/Children:** Married with 2 girls and a baby boy

**Organizations:** WTS, ASCE

**Nickname:** N/A

**Favorite Quote:** "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." - Albert Einstein

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, running, baking

**Favorite Food:** Sushi

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** The white sandy beaches of the Gulf Coast

**Something my colleagues might be surprised to learn about me:** I started out as an art major in college

**What super-power would you most like to have,**

**and why:** Flying to cut down travel time, and maybe invisibility to go un-noticed

**How I contribute to WTS:** WTS Annual Golf Tournament Coordinator

## Corporate Sponsor Spotlight

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Since 1950, Halff has grown to a staff of more than 400 and is established in 12 Texas office locations throughout the state, including the corporate headquarters in Richardson. Halff is consistently ranked in ENR magazine's list of the top 500 design firms in the United States and is currently ranked # 168. Through a bold and agile management strategy, Halff has become a vertically-integrated provider of full-service engineering and architecture services for government and private sector clients in the infrastructure, commercial, environmental, power, energy, emergency response, homeland security, education, and religion markets. Since the 1950s, Halff has been providing all aspects of transportation planning and design in North Texas for roadway, airport, and rail projects. The firm has recently been awarded or is working on high profile projects such as NTTA's Dallas North Tollway widening; the City of Addison's Belt Line Road reconstruction and the award-winning signature bridge at the Vitruvian development; TxDOT's S.M. Wright Freeway downsizing project; and the SH 161 design/build.

As a firm that places a high value on participation in and service to its communities, Halff proudly supports the mission of WTS.

## **WTS Job Bank**

Looking for your next opportunity or a new addition to your team? Check out the Greater D/FW Chapter's job bank [www.wtsinternational.org/greaterdallas/job-postings/](http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaterdallas/job-postings/).

As a benefit to our corporate partners, members, and local non-profit organizations, we will run job postings for 30 days for free on our chapter website. If you would like to post a position on the site, please send the information to Belinda Pate, at [belinda.pate@aecom.com](mailto:belinda.pate@aecom.com).

## **Young Professionals in Transportation**

Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) is a professional development organization for people interested in transportation. Members come from all different backgrounds, including engineers, planners, economists, marketing, etc. Notably, they do not have an age-restricted definition of "young", but anyone is welcome to join. Membership is only \$20 per year. Becoming a "Friend of YPT", by joining their email list, is free (sign up as either a Member or a Friend).

**[CLICK HERE to sign up as a Member or Friend](#)**

YPT is based in Washington DC, and over the past three years, more than a dozen regional chapters have been created around the country. They are interested in starting a YPT chapter in Dallas, so if you (or someone you know) is interested in helping to develop a Dallas Chapter, please contact Katherine Korum at [chair@yptransportation.org](mailto:chair@yptransportation.org).

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Volunteers Needed for Corporate Partner Membership Committee**

The Corporate Partner Membership Program is being revamped with new ideas gleaned from the WTS Texas State Conference held last summer. Volunteers are needed to establish a strong committee. Please contact Nancy Johnson, Corporate Membership Committee Chair at [njohnson@dart.org](mailto:njohnson@dart.org) to become a member of this committee.

## WTS D/FW Chapter Seeking Volunteers

The WTS Greater D/FW Chapter is requesting volunteers in Professional Development for Appointments and Job Bank Chairs. If you're interested, please contact Belinda Pate, Professional Development Director at [belinda.pate@aecom.com](mailto:belinda.pate@aecom.com).

The WTS Greater D/FW Chapter is also requesting a volunteer in Membership for the position of Communications Co-Chair. If you're interested, please contact Laura Weis, Membership Director at [laura.weis@aecom.com](mailto:laura.weis@aecom.com).

## WTS D/FW Elections

### Chapter Leadership Elections

Hard to believe, but it's nearly time to think about the 2014-2015 term of office for the chapter leadership team. If you've been wanting to get more involved in the chapter activities, this is the time to do it!

The positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Directors of Professional Development, Recognitions, Membership and Programs are elected by the general membership through a balloting process. The remaining committee chairs are appointed.

Please complete the survey at the link provided below regarding your interest in continuing in your current Board role for the coming term of 2104-2015.

If you do not wish to continue, please share your thoughts on likely candidates for the position.

Note: Positions in **bold** are elected by membership.

### [WTS D/FW 2014-2015 Term Survey](#)

To return your survey, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Wanda Schafer at [wschafer@dart.org](mailto:wschafer@dart.org)

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