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Word From the President

Dear WTS Members and Friends,

The Greater D/FW Chapter is off to a great start. Our new leadership team started the year in a sprint getting up to speed with their new roles while planning great programs and implementing new communication tools. Our membership services team has been working feverishly to provide a new communication format and website, offering improved functionality, more up to date information and expanded capabilities. Thanks to that entire team for the timeless hours they have put in to bring these improvements to our membership. Stay tuned for even more changes, including social media connections.

Later this month, our chapter will send WTS member Angela Berry Roberson and mentee Amahni Wall to the first DC Youth Summit, part of WTS's Transportation YOU program. A group of 16 girls and their mentors will convene in Washington DC to experience tours, meetings with White House administrators and breakout sessions. Amanhi is a sophomore at the Talented and Gifted Magnet High School at Yvonne Ewell Townview Center and has a special interest in mechanics and engineering.

We are off and running and I look forward to a great year ahead!

Nikki Simon, P.E.

President, WTS Greater D/FW Chapter

Professional Development

Seats still available for Stuff You Don't Learn in School

Registration for Stuff You Don't Learn in School closes on Wednesday, March 21! Join author [Carl Selinger](#) on Thursday, March 22 as he leads this informative session designed to help you develop the soft skills needed to help you succeed in the workplace. Cost is



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\$15 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

"Women in Transit" Education Event!

METRO and WTS Houston invites you to participate in their inaugural "Women in Transit" education event on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 from 9 am - 12 pm at the Metropolitan Transity Authority of Harris County. There's no cost to attend! To find out more, [click here](#).



Annual Awards Banquet

Diane Woodend Jones to keynote annual awards banquet

Join us at the Embassy Suites Outdoor World Hotel in Grapevine, Texas on April 26, 2012 for the WTS Annual Awards Banquet honoring the 2011 Award and Scholarship Winners. The Silent Auction and Reception will begin at 6 p.m., with the banquet following at 7p.m.



This year's event honors Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and features Diane Woodend Jones, Board Chairman for Lea Elliott, and incoming WTS International Board Member, as the keynote speaker.

Admission is \$50 for members, and \$70 for non-members. Table sponsors are also available for \$1,000 each.

Make your reservations today! [Click here](#) to RSVP.

February Luncheon

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport: Behind the Scenes of the World's Fourth Busiest Airport

The February WTS D/FW luncheon came in for a landing at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport with Colleen Dziuban, Managing Director of Board & Owner City Relations, featuring her presentation on DFW Airport: *Behind the Scenes of the World's Fourth Busiest Airport*.

Colleen's presentation included information about DFW's terminal remodeling project, a \$1.92 billion Terminal Renewal and Improvement Program (TRIP) for terminals A, B, C & E. Renovations will include enhanced concessions, improved parking, expansion and reconfiguration of security screening checkpoints and a reconfigured ticketing area to enhance self-service. This project is expected to create more than 2,000 jobs over the next seven years including jobs in design, construction and contracting work. TRIP is scheduled for completion in 2017, and will make DFW Airport one of the most



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Websites and Links:

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Dallas/Fort Worth Member Spotlight

WTS D/FW Member: Daphne Diane Johnson

Job Title/Firm: Design Engineer/Hayden Consultants

Years Employed with Firm: 5

City/Town in which you reside: Grand Prairie, Texas

Hometown: Kansas City Missouri-Kansas City

College Affiliation: University of Missouri-Kansas City

Organizations: American Society of Civil Engineers, Texas Society of Professional Engineers-Preston Trail Chapter, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Women's Soul Talk, Christian Women's Book Club, Disciple Bible Study

Favorite Quote: "As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." *Nelson Mandela*

Hobbies: Playing scrabble, words with friends, reading, water aerobics

Favorite Food: Thin crust pizza...any toppings!!!

Favorite Vacation Spot: Montego Bay, Jamaica

Something my colleagues might be surprised to learn about me: "I love to dance!"

What super-power would you most like to have, and why:

Photographic memory to help with professional and personal tasks.



Sponsor Spotlight

DGR Consultants, LLC



DGR Consultants LLC is a DBE Certified engineering consulting firm specializing in program and construction management. Owner and President, Diane Gollhofer, PE brings over 25 years of "hands-on" experience directing and overseeing major sustainable public transportation (rail & facility) construction projects including the recent award winning \$1billion DART Green Line - the longest light rail project under construction at the time, and DART's first CM/GC.



Services include program management oversight, constructability reviews, value engineering, alternative project delivery support, contract management, conflict avoidance/dispute resolution, project controls, cost estimating, scheduling, change management, quality control and assurance. DGR Consultants LLC serves transit, transportation, industrial, commercial, and governmental sectors. The company is based in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

Volunteer Opportunities

[Join the WTS D/FW Mailing List!](#)

WTS Greater DFW Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet Donations

Please reach out to your family, friends, co-workers, and business or personal contacts to see if they can help. Any donated item, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be delivered no later than April 2, to the address shown in the link below, scheduled to be picked up, or brought the evening of the banquet before 5:00 p.m.

Please email or call Caren Terry at cterry@mbakerscorp.com or at 817-987-4922 or 682-300-0001 with any questions. Find out more information by clicking on the link below:

[WTS Greater DFW Banquet Donations Details](#)

Host Families Needed for TEC de Monterrey Engineering Students
Fort Worth Sister Cities, Inc. needs to place eight students from Toluca, Mexico in host families' homes for their engineering exchange. The dates are from March 31 to April 7. This is a great way to "bring the world to Fort Worth". Find out more information on this hosting opportunity by clicking on the link below:

[Home Hosting and Day Hosting Opportunities](#)

Or contact:

Beth Weibel, Senior Program Manager
Fort Worth Sister Cities International
817-632-7105
www.fwsistercities.org

Design Your World - STEM Conference for Girl Scouts Hosted by the University of Texas at Arlington College of Engineering

Saturday, April 28
10am-3pm
Girl Scout Juniors only - Grades 4 and 5

For more information contact:
Letia Blanco, Conference Director
Design Your World - STEM Conference for Girl Scouts
940-206-1430
Letia.m.blanco@raytheon.com

Berkner High School STEM

Looking for engineers willing to provide an unpaid summer internship to one or more high school students June 4 - 15. Contact the STEM coordinator, Joanna Jackson at joanna.jackson@risd.org

Irman L. Rangel Young Women's Leadership Academy

Needing assistance in updating their school website. This is an opportunity for WTS to coordinate with the school and post the WTS logo on their website as a partnering organization. They are looking

to modernize their website to assist with sponsorship efforts. Email Daphne Johnson at djohnson@haydenconsultants.com with any questions.

Save the Date

Mark Your Calendars!

- April 28, 2012 [STEM Conference for Girls](#)
University of Texas at Arlington
- May 9-11, 2012 [WTS National Conference](#)
Denver, Colorado
- August 9, 2012 WTS Greater D/FW Chapter
Hosted Reception Honoring WTS International
Board Members

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