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Upcoming Events

WTS Greater D/FW March Luncheon Update on Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Mega Projects and Opportunities

When: March 25, 2013, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
616 Six Flags Drive
Centerpoint Two Building
Regional Transportation Council Room
Arlington, Texas 76011

[Click HERE to register for this event](#)

BD Live 2013!

When: March 26, 2013, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Rolling Hills Country Club
401 Lamar Boulevard East
Arlington, Texas 76011

[Click HERE for more information on this event](#)

WTS Greater D/FW Annual Awards and Scholarship Reception *Paving the Way for Change*

This year's event is to include a silent auction, award presentation, museum tour, and networking activities. Details for providing a donation for the Silent Auction may be found below in this newsletter.

We are also seeking event sponsors, so if your company/agency is interested, please contact Nancy Johnson at njohnson@dart.org to set up your sponsorship! Sponsorship Levels are as follows:

Food Station Sponsors - \$2,000 (includes 4 Free Tickets) or
\$1000 (includes 2 Free Tickets)

Music Sponsor - \$500 (includes 2 Free Tickets)

Centerpiece Sponsor - \$500 (includes 1 Free Ticket)



Photo Booth Sponsor - \$500 (includes 1 Free Ticket)
Sponsor Tickets for Scholarship Winners (& Guests) - \$500 (includes 1 Free Ticket)
Tickets for Award Winners (& Guests) - \$500 (includes 1 Free Ticket)

When: April 18, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Where: 6th Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75202
 Dress Code: Business Formal



[Click HERE to register for this event](#)

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the International Association for Public Participation and the Greater Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar would like to invite you to:



Advanced Facilitation Skills - How to Deal Inclusively and Effectively with Difficult People and Situations



When: May 10, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Where: The Center for Community Cooperation
 2900 Live Oak St.,
 Dallas, Texas



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

**WTS International Conference
 Liberty in Transportation for All**



You don't want to miss attending the one and only multi-modal conference of the year!
 Featuring Key note speakers Gloria Steinem and Dr. Mae Jamison



When: May 15-17, 2013
 Where: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Click HERE for WTS International Conference info](#)

**Advancing Women in Transportation
 Statewide Conference**



The WTS Houston Chapter is excited to announce the 2013 WTS Statewide Leadership Conference in Houston on September 6-7, 2013. The Conference Committee Co-Chairs are busy planning some stimulating events including a specialized 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.

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Don't miss the WTS Statewide 2013 Conference!



Sponsorship opportunities coming out soon!

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



Word From the President

Dear WTS Members and Friends,

One of the hallmarks of the WTS Foundation is the awarding of scholarships to women pursuing careers in transportation through



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undergraduate and graduate programs. Amanda Wilson, the Greater D/FW Chapter's Scholarship Chair, has put in a lot of work over the years reaching out to universities and soliciting outstanding applicants. This year, we received an amazing pool of applicants. After the selection committee made their choice for the local winners, those winners moved up to compete at the international level. This week we found out that our chapter's winner for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, Naima Rivas, was selected by the WTS foundation subcommittee and approved by the board of directors as the international scholarship winner. Thanks to Amanda, whose efforts always bring a great return. And, congratulations to Naima!!! The Greater D/FW Chapter is very excited for you. (Read more about this exciting development below in the newsletter).

Irene DeMers, Mentoring Chair, has been hard at work tackling our mentor program from three angles - Group (Latte's and Leadership), Professional, and now Student. Irene now has seven student mentees, within the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) WTS Student Chapter, that have signed up for the student program and are looking to be matched with a mentor. We just got this chapter off the ground and DO NOT want to let these students down. If you can spare a little time to sow into the life of a future transportation professional, please do so. Please contact Irene at idemers@dart.org to get signed up. I'm sure you won't regret it, and the students will be extremely grateful. Thanks, in advance, for your participation.

Nikki Simon, P.E.
President, WTS Greater D/FW Chapter



D/FW WTS on Facebook!

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



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

February Luncheon

The Greater D/FW WTS Chapter teamed up with the Dallas ACEC at last month's luncheon, where Steve Stagner provided legislative updates. The event provided an excellent way to build relationships and networking opportunities. Thanks to the Dallas ACEC for partnering with D/FW WTS!



Silent Auction Donation Requests

The WTS Greater D/FW Annual Awards and Scholarship Reception will include a Silent Auction which helps to raise money for our scholarship fund through donated items. In order to make this Silent

Auction a success, we are asking for your help with collecting as many donations as possible.

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 15, to the address below. Donations can also be scheduled to be picked up or brought the evening of the banquet before 5:00 p.m.

In the meantime, please email or call Caren Terry at cterry@mbakercorp.com or at (817)987-4922 or (682)300-0001 with any questions or with the following donation information:

- Name, email and phone number of donor
- Description and value of donation

And, don't forget to come prepared with your cash, check, or credit card to buy something fun and support WTS scholarships!

Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help with the auction the night of the banquet, please let Caren know.

Thank you all for your support!

Please mail or deliver donations to:
Caren Terry
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
2221 E Lamar Boulevard
Suite 600
Arlington, Texas 76006

[CLICK HERE for information regarding Silent Auction Donations](#)

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 or (214)962-3232.

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

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

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

Websites and Links:

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[WTS D/FW Website](#)

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

Dallas/Fort Worth Member Spotlight

WTS D/FW Member: Caren Terry, P.E.

Job Title/Firm: Design Engineer, Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.

Years Employed with Firm: 6 years

City/Town in which you reside: Fort Worth, Texas

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

College Affiliation: University of Texas at Arlington

Marital Status/Children: Married with three boys ages 12, 7, and 3.

Organizations: WTS

Nickname: None

Favorite Quote: "This too shall pass."

Hobbies: (almost)-extreme couponing, running, and baking.

Favorite Food: I'm not afraid to try anything! My favorites are Mexican food, sushi, and chocolate.

Favorite Vacation Spot: Hawaii is the best place I've been. I would love to travel cross country in an RV visiting every Major League baseball field.

Something my colleagues might be surprised to learn about me: I have a strong fear of cotton and cotton balls.

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

How I contribute to WTS: Silent Auction Chairperson



Corporate Sponsor Spotlight



DGR Consultants LLC is a DBE Certified engineering consulting firm specializing in program and construction management. Owner and President, Diane Gollhofer, P.E. brings over 25 years of "hands-on" experience directing and overseeing major sustainable public transportation (rail & facility) construction projects including the recent award winning \$1B 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/Ft. Worth, Texas.

Transportation YOU DC Summit Essay Contest

The WTS Greater D/FW Chapter kicked off the first DC Summit Essay Contest in January. Seven essays were submitted February

21, 2013 and reviewed by three D/FW WTS leadership team members.

The top three essays were announced February 26, 2013 on the following topic: According to an independent study by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Texas, roads and flood control are two areas that have earned an overall grade of "C" based on the 2012 Report Card for Texas' Infrastructure. Discuss how this impacts you and identify recommended improvements our leaders and communities can implement.

The top three scoring students listed below received the following recognition:

- 1st Place - Erika Soto, 11th Grade - Trip to DC Summit
- 2nd Place - Gina Bolanos, 11th Grade - \$50 Gift Card
- 3rd Place - Karla Garcia, 11th Grade - \$25 Gift Card

A BIG thank you goes out to all the essay participants!

Young Professionals in Transportation Seeking Members

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 costs only \$20 per year, and becoming a "Friend of YPT", by joining their email list, is free (sign up as either a Member or a Friend here). 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.

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

Local Nominee Selected for WTS Foundation Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that Naima Rivas, the winner of the Greater D/FW Chapter Undergraduate Scholarship, was recently selected by the WTS Foundation as this year's winner of the Sharon D. Banks Undergraduate Scholarship! This is a \$5,000 award and the first time in recent memory that a Greater D/FW Chapter nominee has been selected for a WTS Foundation award. Naima is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering at UTA and we hope to meet her at the awards reception in April.

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 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 a Student Chapter Liaison to replace Lani Marshall, as well as an Appointments Chair, and a Job Bank Chair. If you're interested, please contact Belinda Pate, Professional Development Director at 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 at laura.weis@aecom.com.

**Please send WTS D/FW news items to
Darla W. Payberah, P.E. CFM
dpayberah@hntb.com
(972)628-3153**

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