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Upcoming Events

7th Annual Luna Awards and RHCA Women's Business Conference October 31, 2013

The Luna Awards celebrate the achievements of women in the architecture, construction and engineering industry. The awards are preceded by seminars and a business expo which further enhance opportunities for women in the A/E/C industry. This is the premier event for RHCA and serves as one of its major fundraisers benefiting its scholarship program.

Support the Greater D/FW Chapter's partner association celebrating local business women in the construction, architecture, and engineering profession. Every year awards are presented in 7 categories: Rising Star Firm of the Year, Established Service Firm of the Year, Established Construction Firm of the Year, Outstanding Administrative Professional of the Year, Outstanding Professional of the Year, Outstanding Executive of the Year, and Business Advocate of the Year.

[Click HERE for Schedule, Speaker & Seminar Description](#)

[Click HERE to Register for this Event](#)

Chapter Leadership Training San Antonio, Texas November 8-9, 2013 REGISTER NOW

Whether you are a Chapter President, Vice-President, Committee Chair, Membership Chair, or Treasurer, if you are a WTS chapter leader, this program is for you!

WTS Chapter leader training is an Ideas-to-Action gathering to meet and collaborate, learn about WTS operations, develop new skills and learn about WTS programs. The program will begin Friday morning, Nov. 8, and conclude at noon on Saturday, Nov. 9, and will feature



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informative general sessions and focused breakout sessions on a variety of topics.

Chapter Leadership Training is open to all WTS chapter leaders and registration is complimentary. Chapters may send as many leaders as they wish. Limited financial travel assistance may be available from WTS based on need. Contact Tiffany Jackson, tjackson@wtsinternational.org for details.

**WTS Corporate Partner Member Reception
Marriott Hotel North DFW Airport
November 21, 2013**

Save the date for this exclusive reception to recognize transportation leaders in North Central Texas. This WTS D/FW event will take place at the Marriott Hotel North DFW Airport, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, Texas on November 21, 2013 from 6-7:30 p.m.

MORE DETAILS TO COME ON THIS EVENT!

**2014 WTS Annual Conference
The Power of Connection
Portland, Oregon
May 14 - 16, 2014**

The Annual Conference is the WTS annual networking event of the year. It attracts more than 500 corporate and governmental industry leaders worldwide. Private corporations, public agencies and government officials invested in every transportation mode will exhibit, present, learn, and network. Eight distinct events, including an opening night reception and a banquet dinner, will showcase the tremendous leaders represented. You don't want to miss attending the one and only multi-modal conference of the year!

**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,

The Greater D/FW Chapter of WTS has partnered with the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA) for their 7th Annual Luna Awards and Business Conference. The Luna Awards celebrate the achievements of women in construction, women-owned businesses and business advocates who demonstrate a vision that encourages, promotes, and develops women at all levels in the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industries. The awards and conference will be held on Thursday, October 31st at the Omni Dallas Hotel from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This program is always a huge success and a great opportunity to honor the achievements of women in the AEC industry. We are proud to have partnered with the RHCA this year and encourage your participation. This is a great networking opportunity you do not want to miss. The conference schedule is provided above, as well as a registration link.



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President, WTS Greater D/FW Chapter



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



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WTS D/FW Fall Professional Development Seminar - October Luncheon

The WTS Greater D/FW chapter hosted a wonderful presentation and lunch at North Central Texas Council of Governments featuring Froswa' Booker-Drew, National Community Engagement Director of WordVision, who delivered a very informative presentation on *Building Capital and Relational Leadership*.

The presentation provided many opportunities to participate and share experiences, as well as many inspirational quotes and insightful information. It was a great refresher to us all. Many thanks to Lane Wheelley for coordinating the event.



For copies of the presentation or to get in touch with Froswa', she can be contacted at fbooker@worldvision.org.

Or, check out her book, *Rules of Engagement: Making Relationships Last* at www.austinbrotherspublishing.com.

WTS D/FW Member Spotlight Lani Marshall

Name: Lani Marshall

Job Title/Firm: URS Corporation

Years employed with Firm: 5.5 years

City/Town in which you reside: Dallas, Texas

Hometown: Taiwan, Taipei

College Affiliation: University of Texas at Arlington

Marital Status/Children: Married with one baby, Lilly

Organizations you belong to: WTS, North Texas Chinese Engineers and Architects Association

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!!



Favorite Quote: "When everyone else fails, I want to succeed.", quote by my Dad. It has instilled in me that when I am trying to complete a difficult task, I have to find a way to be successful, or find a solution.

Favorite Food: My Dad's cooking. We used to own a little Chinese Restaurant.

Favorite Vacation Spot: Hawaii and Disney World

Something my colleagues might be surprised to learn about me: I am fascinated with good pens and fancy stationery.

What super-power would you most like to have, and why: Photographic memory. Especially after giving birth to my daughter, I feel as if my brain came out with the baby!

How do I contribute to WTS: I have been committee chair for the Awards Banquet, Scholarship, and Student Liaison. I also serve on the Scholarship Committee.

Hobbies: Playing with Lilly, watching movies with my husband, cooking for my family, and reading.



WTS Scholarship - Applications Due 10/25/2013

Scholarships are now open for graduate, undergraduate, community college/technical school/trade school, and high school senior students interested in careers in transportation. Please encourage friends or colleagues to apply. Applications must be completed and postmarked by **October 25, 2013**.

There are a total of six (6) scholarships, each of them categorized below. Click on the links below to learn more about each category!

[WTS Leadership Legacy Graduate Scholarship - \\$3,000](#)

[WTS Community College/Technical Scholarship - \\$1,000](#)

[WTS Monique Pegues Undergraduate Scholarship - \\$1,000](#)

[WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship - \\$1,000](#)

[WTS D/FW Undergraduate Scholarship - \\$1,000](#)

[WTS Wanda Schafer Graduate Scholarship - \\$1,500](#)

In addition, because we anticipate a large number of scholarship applications again this fall, we will need several members to evaluate the applications in November (we will break the committee into groups so each person has to review fewer applications than in years past). Please contact Amanda Wilson at awilson@nctcog.org or (817) 695-9284 to learn more about the committee.

WTS 2014-2016 Boards Call for Nominations/Interest

The WTS Nominations Committee is working to identify potential WTS International Board members and WTS Foundation Board members for the 2014-16 term. This is an exciting time in WTS and in the transportation industry for those who wish to make a difference, are willing to commit their time and energy, and who enjoy being part of an executive leadership team devoted to advancing women in transportation.

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The Nominations Committee will evaluate potential candidates/appointees for both boards. For the WTS International Board, the Committee will develop a final slate of candidates for a vote of the WTS membership. For the Foundation Board, the Committee will develop a recommended list of appointees for WTS International Board review and action.

Completed Nominations Forms (WTS Board) or Statements of Interest (Foundation Board) must be emailed to wtsinfo@wtsinternational.org by 8 p.m. eastern time on Monday, November 18, 2013. For details regarding the WTS Nominations and Elections Policy, the WTS Board Nominations Form, the Foundation Board Request for Interest, and position descriptions for board directors and officers, please click [here](#).

Serving as a board member provides opportunities to contribute to the transportation industry in a meaningful way. We are seeking individuals with proven leadership skills and ability, connections to the industry, and high-level, strategic perspectives.

WTS Race to Recruit!

Membership Incentive Campaign
September - October 2013

As we approach the last few months of 2013, all WTS chapters are encouraged to finish the year with strong membership numbers. To support you during September and October, WTS is launching a chapter membership challenge called the "Race to Recruit!"

The chapters with the highest two-month average increase in primary membership numbers from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, will win recognition and prizes.

The following opportunities are being launched to boost membership:

- Fees Waived
- Member Get a Member Contest
- New Membership Type - WTS Public Sector
- New Membership Type - WTS Educator

[Click HERE for more info on the RACE TO RECRUIT!](#)

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.](#)



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

Corporate Sponsor Spotlight

DGR
Consultants



DGR Consultants LLC is an 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 construction projects (rail & facility) with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

This experience includes the award winning \$1B DART Green Line - the longest light rail project under construction at the time and DART's first Construction Manager/General Consultant; the first platinum Leeds certified publicly owned historic structure DART Police Headquarter renovation; and the Trinity Rail Express (TRE) double track bridge linking Fort Worth and Dallas.

The DGR construction management team has extensive experience in Partnering and Contract Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, and has a record of closing out projects claims free. In fact, Diane was the South Central Dispute Resolution Foundation Representative for five years.

DGR Consultants services include program management oversight, USACE safety assurance reviews, constructability reviews, value engineering, alternative project delivery support, contract management, conflict avoidance/dispute resolution, project controls, cost estimating, schedule reviews, change management, quality control and assurance.

Their current agency clients include: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), DART, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, and Denton County Transit Authority.

The company is D/W/SBE, HUB and EWOSB certified, and based in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. The firm is also TxDOT pre-certified in construction management (roadway and bridges).

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/.

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.

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 Appointments and Job Bank Chairs. 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, Membership Director at laura.weis@aecom.com.

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