

September 2013 Issue

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The logo for AECOM features the letters 'AECOM' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'E' is stylized with a horizontal line through it, and the 'O' is a solid black circle.

Upcoming Events

WTS Greater D/FW Professional Development Seminar North Central Texas Council of Governments October 17, 2013

WTS is proud to have Froswa' Booker-Drew conducting the WTS 2013 Professional Development Seminar! As professionals, we continue to realize the value of increasing our social capital by working on our relationships, associations and networks. As women, we tend to build relationships with those who are similar instead of bridging relationships with those who are different. In this workshop, participants will learn more about social capital and how to leverage networks that can increase both your network and your net worth.

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

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 more details on this event!](#)

WTS Corporate Partner Member Reception



GOLD LEVEL



**Marriott Hotel North DFW Airport
November 7, 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 7, 2013 from 6-7:30 p.m.
MORE DETAILS TO COME ON 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 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.

**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 D/FW, Austin (Heart of Texas), Houston, and San Antonio Chapters of WTS all provide great value to members in the multi-modal transportation industry. Each of the Chapters benefits from a strong collaborative effort between each.



SILVER LEVEL



GOLD LEVEL



BRONZE LEVEL



One such effort is our annual Leadership Conference, in which the chapters come together and share ideas to better serve their members. Our third annual Leadership Conference was held in Houston this month, and as usual, our Leadership team came back with ideas to improve and expand our chapter.

If you are ever in one of the cities where there is a WTS Chapter, look them up and if the timing is right, attend an event. Let them know you are from the D/FW Chapter. Not only will you be welcomed like family, you will instantly expand your network.

Nikki Simon, P.E.
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 11th Annual Golf Tournament

The WTS Greater D/FW chapter held its 11th Annual Golf Tournament which was held on September 19th at the beautiful Iron Horse Golf Course.

The spectacular event included lunch, 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament, dinner, prizes and an awards reception. New to this year's event was a "Basics of Golf Clinic" which was very helpful in providing valuable hands-on instruction to registrants at any skill level, who were either beginners wanting to learn the rules of the game, or a more experienced golfer getting some quick and easy tips for brushing up or improving their skills on the green.



The "1st Place Team" of the tournament was awarded to **Gorronдона & Associates**



The "Closest to the Pin" Award went to

Henry Coronado



The "Longest Drive" Award went to **Donnie Thompson**

Websites and Links:

[WTS National Website](#)

[WTS D/FW Website](#)

[WTS International Conference](#)

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

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We are Social!!



The volunteers, participants and all the festivities made for a fantastic day of great fun, networking and golf, however, none of this would be possible without the support of our sponsors. A big thank you to all of the ever-accommodating and incomparable volunteers, skillful participants and wonderful sponsors, and of course, a very special thank you goes out to **Audrey Saldana** who coordinated this successful event. We hope next year's event will be even better.



Again, a BIG thank you to all the tournament sponsors of the WTS D/FW 11th Annual Golf Tournament listed below! Your support has been tremendous, and we greatly appreciate all that you do for us!

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WTS D/FW Member Spotlight Darla Payberah, P.E., CFM

Name: Darla Payberah, P.E., CFM

Job Title/Firm: Project Manager, HNTB

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Years employed with Firm: 5 years

City/Town in which you reside: Heath, Texas

Hometown: Royse City, Texas

College Affiliation: University of Texas at Arlington

Children: 1 daughter - Roya Jan, Age 12

Organizations you belong to: WTS, TFMA, ASCE, Toastmasters International



Favorite Quote: "If you don't take care of your body, where are you going to live?" ~Unknown

Hobbies: Running, exercise, doing activities with my daughter.

Favorite Food: Any single dish with no more than 5 ingredients total.

Favorite Vacation Spot: The Beach!

Something my colleagues might be surprised to learn about me: I'm an excellent trumpet player!

What super-power would you most like to have, and why: Super-human endurance to keep up with my family, job, household, exercise and social activities.

How do I contribute to WTS: WTS Newsletter Editor - Send me your news - dpayberah@hntb.com

Scholarship Committee Volunteers Needed

We are once again gearing up for the scholarship process. This includes updating contact information at universities, community colleges and high schools; distributing scholarship information; and evaluating the applications. Volunteers are needed in the upcoming weeks to assist with updating the contacts database that will allow us to reach out to students.

In addition, because we would anticipate a large number of scholarship applications again this fall, we will need several members to evaluate those applications (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 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



For nearly a century, HNTB has exceeded client expectations in the delivery of infrastructure. With client relationships spanning decades, we understand infrastructure life cycles and have the perspective to solve technical challenges with clarity and imagination. We see and help address far-reaching issues of financing, legislation, planning, design, construction, community outreach and ongoing operations. As employee-owners committed to the highest levels of performance, we enable clients to achieve their goals and inspiring visions.

History

Founded in 1914 as a railroad bridge design firm, HNTB has developed a reputation for excellence and innovation in the infrastructure industry. In our earliest days, HNTB designed the first modern turnpike and a significant portion of the Interstate Highway System

Through the decades, HNTB has grown and diversified in both markets and in services provided to clients. Today, with more than 60 offices and more than 3600 employees around the nation, HNTB strives to exceed client expectations in the delivery of infrastructure in the markets of transportation, buildings and federal.

And for nearly 100 years, HNTB has remained true to the tenets of the firm: acting with integrity and technical excellence always.

HNTB consistently ranks among Engineering News-Record's top design firms. Our projects have won numerous awards, including three Grand Conceptor Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies.

For more information, visit www.hntb.com.

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.

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.

Within the upcoming week, you should receive a ballot to determine our WTS Chapter Leadership team members for the 2014-2015 term.

For those of you who have not expressed an interest in serving on the Board or as a committee chair, now is the time to speak up!

We are especially seeking an individual who would like to serve as Secretary for the chapter. Those duties include sending monthly meeting notices, compiling committee reports and taking minutes of meetings.

Committee opportunities include Communications Co-Chair, Mentoring, Scholarships, Appointments, Job Bank, Publicity, and Archivist.

So quick! Pick up the phone to call me at 214-749-3751 or shoot me an email at wschafer@dart.org to express your interest before you are drafted. I look forward to hearing from you!

**Please send WTS Greater D/FW Chapter news items to
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