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# Women's Transportation Seminar Dallas/Fort Worth Express

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## Message from the President

In September 2007, three members of the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth WTS Chapter attended the WTS International Gala in Washington, D.C. celebrating our organization's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Monique Pegues, Gloria Dixon, and Christie Jestis attended the daytime event, including a summit on global climate change, energy, and transportation and a lunch on Capitol Hill in the XX Senate Building. That evening, they attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, and had a chance to dress up and network with other WTS members from across the country.

WTS awarded U.S. Transportation Secretary, Mary Peters, a lifetime achievement award. We were excited to participate in this evening event with Ms. Pe-

ters and former Transportation Secretary, Norman Mineta. A rather nostalgic facet of the event was that it was held in the same location in which the very first WTS luncheon was held – at Union Station in Washington, D.C. in 1977. After a bit of reminiscing about the last 30 years, Ann Koby, Ms. Peters, and several of the international organization's past president's discussed the future of WTS.

I hope you are a part of that future as well. We are initiating officer elections for the 2008-2009 term. If you are interested in getting more involved with our local chapter, now is the time. With nine officer positions, and 17 committee chair positions, there are many ways in which any member can get more



**Christie Jestis**

involved...from one-time annual events to monthly or bi-monthly commitments, we have a position to fit any interested member. Please contact me if you would like more information about available board or committee chair positions ([cjestis@nctcog.org](mailto:cjestis@nctcog.org)). Let's work toward the next 30 year anniversary!



Christie Jestis & Monique Pegues enjoying the WTS 30th Anniversary Gala in Washington D.C.



## Chapter News: Board Nominations & Elections

Every two years, the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth WTS membership elects a new Board of Directors to lead our Chapter, and it's time to identify the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Serving on the Board, as a Committee Chair, or as a Committee Member is the best way to get involved in WTS. Active Chapter members have the opportunity to meet many people from across the region and in all segments of the transportation field. They also have the ability to influence the activities and events hosted by our Chapter. In addition, Chapter lead-

ership opens the door to additional opportunities at the National and International levels within WTS. Every member is strongly encouraged to increase their participation in the Chapter by serving as an Officer, Director, or Committee Chair.

Nominations are being accepted through Friday, October 26, 2007. Completed nomination forms should be turned into Christie Jestis at [cjestis@nctcog.org](mailto:cjestis@nctcog.org) or faxed to 817.640.3028.

Once nominations are received, a ballot will be sent out

to all members via email. Then, members will be asked to vote on the slate of officers in the early November 2007 time-frame. If you have any questions about specific positions or the nomination/election process, please contact Christie Jestis.



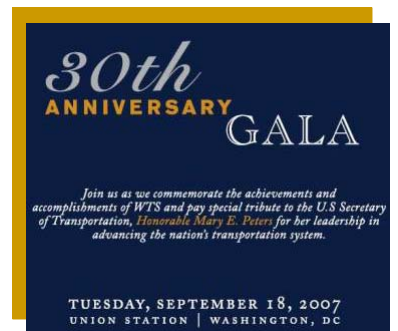
## International News: Celebrating Our 30th Year

Founded in 1977, the Women's Transportation Seminar is celebrating its 30th year, and there is a lot to be excited about. WTS was created through the efforts of 40 women involved in transportation in the Washington, DC, area who recognized that a mechanism was needed to enhance professional and personal advancement and to develop industry and govern-

ment recognition of the increasing involvement of women in the field of transportation. Now in its 30th year, WTS is now an international organization of more than 4,000 transportation professionals - both women and men - with 42 chapters representing cities and states in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

September 18th, 2007 WTS

members from across the country gathered to celebrate the past and to plan for the future of the Women's Transportation Seminar. Here's to 30 more great years...CHEERS!



## Get Involved!

There are a number of ways you can get involved in the Chapter. WTS offers a number of professional development activities, networking

opportunities and other fun events! Check your in-box for our monthly E-News for all the latest information. We also have several committee

positions that need filled. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jenny Danieau at [jdanieau@nctcog.org](mailto:jdanieau@nctcog.org).

## Member Spotlight: Monique Pegues

Monique Pegues is a Grants/DBE Administrator at the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T), where she has been a dedicated employee since 1999. She has been a member of WTS since 2003. As a member of WTS Ms. Pegues has served as the Job Bank Committee Chair, Professional Development Director and has been involved in a number of other activities. In addition to WTS, she has served as Vice President of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Past President of T-Toasters Toastmaster's Club and North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency Board Secretary. Ms. Pegues believes that if one works hard, has a collaborative spirit and is willing to adapt to meet challenges they can be successful in today's ever-evolving work environment. She also believes that no man is an island, so reaching out to help and learn from others is key.

Ms. Pegues attended the University

of North Texas and received a BBA in Marketing and Management. She also has a Transit Management Certification from the Southwest Transit Association. Ms. Pegues transportation career has followed a circuitous route and she is always looking forward to the next bend in the road. At The T, she began as an Employer Transportation Representative, and then became a Marketing Community Outreach Liaison, she then moved to her current position. Each position helped her develop new skills that she uses to impact transit in the community.

In her spare time Ms. Pegues is involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, where she has been a Big Sister for over three years. She is also a Meals on Wheels volunteer, former board member of the Volunteer Center of Fort Worth, Leadership Fort Worth and is an active member First Saint John Church in Fort Worth.

Ms. Pegues lives in Haltom City

with her husband of 12 years, Calvin. She has two sons Cortlin, age 6 and Colin, 14 months. Ms. Pegues believes on of the greatest gifts is watching her two young boys on their journey to becoming great men. In addition to her many other activities she enjoys coordinating events and traveling.

Ms. Pegues would like people to know, "I am spiritually motivated and firmly believe that the choices and decisions we make impact future generations. If we all were to contemplate on the generations following us, I often wonder would we all make the same choices daily or in life. I also believe that we can choose to make the best of any situation, the choice is always ours."



Monique Pegues

### WTS Tidbits

#### WTS Website

WTS International's website has a new look and feel! Be sure to check it out for the latest WTS information from around the world!

[www.wtsinternational.org](http://www.wtsinternational.org)



#### Job Bank

Employees...Looking for new and exciting challenges? Employers...Looking for a way to find highly qualified individuals to join your team? Visit the WTS DFW-Chapter Job Bank for the latest on job openings around the Metroplex!

[www.wtsinternational.org/JobBank.aspx?chapterID=12](http://www.wtsinternational.org/JobBank.aspx?chapterID=12)

#### Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program is **STILL** seeking at least two more people to participate in this great program as protégés. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in this very fulfilling program. If interested please contact Monique Pegues **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**

mpegues@the-t.com or 817.215.8730

## 2007 Golf Tournament

The 2007 annual golf tournament was held Thursday September 6th at the Bear Creek Golf Course. The first place winners were from The Solis Group, which included Milton Price, Garner Mahan, Scott Ketchum and Gene Blalock. Second place went to the URS team, which included Keith Jones, Joe Hart, Gregg Dur-

ham and John Tipton. Third place went to Clean Energy and included Jimmy Ramsey, Reagan Noll, Billy Glenn and Al David. **Congratulations teams!**

WTS Dallas-Fort Worth would like to thank Jodi Hunt-Hausenfluke and Nancy Johnson for their hard work on

this event. Also, the Chapter would like to thank everyone else that helped make this event a huge success...**THANK YOU 'FORE' EVERYTHING!**



Snapshots from around the 2007 Golf Tournament

## Members On the Move

WTS Dallas-Fort Worth Member of the Year, Cheri Bush, has recently taken a position as Senior Transportation Planner with Wilbur Smith Associates. Cheri brings 15+ years of transit experience to her new position. Cheri will be working on transit projects throughout the U.S. **Congratulations Cheri!**

WTS Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter's Director of Recognitions, Jodi Hunt-Hausenfluke, recently joined Halff Associates as the Proposal Manager in the Marketing Department. Jodi will oversee the proposal process for winning new work. **Congratulations Jodi!**

**Do you have a recent accomplishment you're proud of?**

**Let us know!**

Elizabeth Whitaker at [ewhitaker@nctcog.org](mailto:ewhitaker@nctcog.org)



## Corporate Spotlight: Freese and Nichols, Inc.



Freese and Nichols Inc., provides engineering, planning, architectural, program management and environmental science services throughout Texas. Dedicated to the mission of "Innovative approaches ... practical results ... outstanding service," the firm, founded in 1894, employs 375 people in offices across the state. Local offices include Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, McKinney and, as of September 1, Sefko Planning, located on White Rock Trail.

Typical of Freese and Nichols, the company's comprehensive transportation services are aimed at a core group of clients who rely on the firm's expertise, consistency and extraordinary customer service. A key component of that service is focusing on client goals.

For example, the city of Rowlett turned to Freese and Nichols

for its downtown revitalization project. In helping the city prepare for arrival of both DART rail and the George Bush Tollway, Freese and Nichols has delivered program management, planning, engineering, design, Web site and public involvement services for street improvements, historic district walkways, a new roundabout and infrastructure enhancements including water mains, sewer mains, and storm drains. When the project is completed and projected commercial development occurs, Rowlett will have achieved a stunning transformation in both aesthetics and efficient movement. The project matches the benefits of light rail and highway access to a progressive mix of sustainable infrastructure.

In a different arena, Freese and Nichols has played a major role in aviation and general transportation projects at DFW International Airport, from the initial design through the recently completed Capital Development Program (CDP). Approximately 30 Freese and Nichols staff were involved in two large CDP pro-

jects: the SkyLink Automated People Mover (APM) and the International Terminal D. The company also has provided a host of other design and construction services for DFW Airport projects, including runways, taxiways, roadways and the 180-acre consolidated rental car center.

At Freese and Nichols, WTS member Trish Hatley manages the transportation and infrastructure group in Dallas. Other WTS members include Morgan McDermott, Barbara Nickerson and Morgan Mellwain. This year has been a dynamic one for Freese and Nichols. The company expanded to larger offices in San Antonio, opened a new office in Corpus Christi and acquired Sefko Planning. Freese and Nichols became the first engineering/architecture firm to receive the Quality Texas Foundation's Texas Award for Performance Excellence, and in September, the firm received the American Business Ethics Award.



### In Other Corporate News...

#### Civil Associates, Inc. has moved!

Civil Associates, Inc. has relocating into a larger space in Garland that will allow them to continue to grow. Their new location will be up and running Monday, July 30, 2007.

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If you are interested in having your company featured in our Corporate Spotlight, please contact Lane Wheatley at [lmw@freese.com](mailto:lmw@freese.com) or 214.217.2250 for information on becoming a corporate sponsor.



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**Why Join WTS?**

*WTS provides Monthly Programs, Newsletters, Professional Development, Leadership Training Program, Job Bank, Annual Conferences, National Membership Directory, Scholarships*

**D/FW Chapter Mission Statement**

The Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of WTS provides opportunities for networking, professional development and leadership for women in all fields of transportation. WTS fosters the exchange of ideas among transportation professionals, and education in local, regional, state and national transportation issues in an effort to put our members on the forefront of industry change.

Do you have something you would like to share? Maybe an idea for an article? Or perhaps a question or comment about the newsletter?

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