The GNY Chapter saw many successes in 2006 thanks to the dedication of our member volunteers. Surpassing our past accomplishments, our volunteers organized a wide variety of new programs.

- We have greatly expanded chapter activities in Northern and Central New Jersey.
- We have endowed the first $1,000 of the Annual WTS Scholarship Program.
- We have increased the member benefits by establishing members’ only events, such as: a diversity and professional development conference; professional tours of the South Ferry station subway construction and the Brooklyn Bridge with NYCDOT Chief Engineer Henry Perahia; a holiday party; and a summer boat ride.
- The GNY Chapter continues to offer its widely acclaimed mentoring program to members only.
- The GNY Chapter continues to discover, encourage and reward the talent of tomorrow through our Scholarship program.
- We have increased our Corporate Partner relationships, which enable us to expand our programs and scholarships.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chapter President during this exciting time. As always, I remain grateful to the numerous volunteers and Corporate Partners, without whose hard work and commitment these programs and events would not be possible.

I look forward to a bright 2007.

Sincerely,
Felice Farber, President
www.wtsinternational.org

Dear Valued Members:

The Greater New York Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank all the companies, agencies and individuals who have generously contributed to our chapter and supported our programs and services. We look forward to your continued support of the Greater New York Chapter in 2007.

GNY Chapter’s 2006 Corporate Partners

Ocean Liner
DMJM Harris
Michael Baker Corporation
PB
Siemens Transportation Systems

Motor Boat
AKRF, Inc.
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STV Incorporated
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Yacht
CH2M Hill
Gilbert Tweed Associates Associates Inc.
PBS&J

Sailboat
Ammann & Whitney
ARCADIS
Cambridge Systematics
NY Building Congress
Sam Schwartz PLLC
New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Cover Photos

The photos represent some of our corporate sponsors’ projects. Clockwise from upper left:

- West End Pedestrian Bridge – Ammann & Whitney
- LIRR-GCT Connection Project (photo by Andy Ryan) – DMJM Harris
- JFK Airport AirTrain – STV Incorporated
- No. 7 Line Subway Extension – PB
- Bayonne Bridge Inspection – Michael Baker Corporation
- Millau Viaduct, France – ARCADIS
- Proposed Traffic Management Center – New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- Automatic Train Supervision Control Center – Siemens Transportation Systems, Inc.
- Florida Turnpike Enterprise Program – PBS&J
- Brooklyn Bridge Approach Planning and Engineering – URS Corporation
- Mets Stadium Comprehensive Transportation Plan – Sam Schwartz PLLC
- Route 9 Bikeway – AKRF, Inc.
- Golden Ears Bridge – CH2M Hill
**Woman of the Year**

Jane Chmielinski, president and COO of DMJM Harris, an AECOM Technology Corporation company, was honored as 2006 Woman of the Year at the Annual Awards Dinner in New York in October. She directs all technical and management activities for the firm and oversees all projects in the Transit/Rail, Highway/Bridge, Marine, Airport, Planning, Design/Construct, Program and Construction Management fields. She also serves on AECOM’s core management group. Prior to joining DMJM Harris, Jane managed the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s Environmental Affairs unit, where she led the environmental permitting and compliance efforts on more than $5 billion worth of construction projects.

In her acceptance speech, Jane stressed that it is vital to the success of the nation to make the industry grow, and pointed out that WTS is a wonderful avenue to accomplish this goal. It is a thread that binds members together. Understanding the responsibility of corporate stewardship, Jane is actively involved in several professional organizations aside from WTS.

**Member of the Year**

Gail Spears, a project associate with the Empire State Development Corporation, received the 2006 Member of the Year award. Since joining WTS in 1999, Gail has committed her time and considerable talent to the organization. Her involvement began with volunteering for the WTS Annual Conference held in New York in 2000, and continued with Membership Co-Chair from 2000 to 2002, and as Corporate Relations Co-Chair for 2002-2005. As co-chair of the Corporate Relations Committee, she was instrumental in launching the chapter’s corporate partner program. As co-chair of the 2005 Dinner Awards program, Gail’s attention to detail ensured the success of this major undertaking. Gail is currently the chapter’s vice president.

**Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award**

Dédì Gongà and Gregory Bradley tied for the award in 2006.

Dédì Gongà is a senior director at MTA New York City Transit. A longtime member of WTS, she has served in various capacities, including WTS 2000 Annual Conference Committee Chair, Chapter Vice President (2001-2002), Chapter President (2002-2004), and International Director (2004-present).

Gregory Bradley serves as vice president of Human Resources and Diversity at MTA Metro-North Railroad. Greg has been an active participant in the WTS Mentoring Program, first serving as a Mentor and later as an Advisor. Greg has been a supporter in helping WTS members advance in their careers.

**Employer of the Year**

Michael Baker Corporation, a WTS corporate sponsor, received the Employer of the Year award for its demonstrated commitment to excellence and quality, achievement on affirmative action, and support of WTS and its professional development of women in the transportation industry.

Founded in 1940, Michael Baker Corporation has more than 40 offices across the globe and was ranked number 30 in ENR’s Top 500 Design Firms. Baker provides engineering, operations and maintenance expertise for public and private sector clients worldwide, focusing on transportation, environmental facilities, water and other engineering disciplines.

Baker actively seeks to hire planning and engineering professionals of diverse genders, races and ethnic backgrounds. The firm sponsors the continuing education of its employees through degree programs, individual courses, training sessions and mentoring committees. Baker contributes to the education of students interested in the transportation engineering field and endows scholarships. Baker encourages its employees to serve on the boards and committees of WTS and other professional organizations.
The programs in 2006 focused on trends in the transportation industry, such as public-private partnerships, and future development in the Greater New York Region highlighted through major projects like the Trans-Hudson Express (THE) Tunnel and the extension of the No. 7 subway line, as well as the redevelopment effort at the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan. The Chapter took great pride in its growing New Jersey presence and acknowledged the fact by holding several meetings in the state.

The following is a summary of the variety of topics and fascinating speakers at our 2006 programs.

**JANUARY**

Annual Awards Meeting and WBE/MBE Expo
“Crossing the Rivers: Current Plans for MTA Bridges & Tunnels”

**Speaker**

Martha Walther, Executive Vice President, MTA Bridges & Tunnels

**FEBRUARY**

Reception to meet New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn

**MARCH**

First Annual Diversity and Professional Development Conference

**WTS President Greater New York Chapter**
Felice Farber with City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.
APRIL

Joint Program with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) “What’s Ahead for Transportation in New Jersey?”

Speaker
Stephen Dills, NJDOT Deputy Commissioner

JUNE

3rd Annual Golf Outing

Joint Program with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) “Exciting New York City Rail Projects Overview”

Speaker
Mysore Nagaraja, President, MTA Capital Construction

JULY

“Public Private Partnerships in New York and New Jersey”

Speakers
Michael Lapolla, Executive Director, NJ Turnpike Authority
Robert Zerrillo, Director of Policy and Performance, New York State DOT
Ann Warner, Vice President and Manager of Government Programs, Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation
Frank Mahoney, Managing Director of Public Finance for the Northeast Region, Lehman Brothers

Getting into the swing of things are: from left, Susan Walter, Denise Carter, Joan McDonald, and Debbie Chase. The Golf Outing raised $6,452.65 for the scholarship fund.

The winning foursome: from left, John Santamaria, Martha Walther, Christine Stoddart, and Tom Kropoc.

April 18th at Princeton University’s Prospect House: Armando Lepore, ITE-Met Section Vice President; Stephen Dills, NJDOT Deputy Commissioner; and Felice Farber, WTS Greater New York Chapter President.

June 21st at the Newark Club: Felice Farber, WTS Greater New York Chapter President; Mysore Nagaraja, President, MTA Capital Construction; and Larry Lennon, ITE, MET Section President.
AUGUST
Annual Boat Ride

SEPTEMBER
Tour of the South Ferry Station Structural Box
“A Winning Combination: Capital & Human Investment at Metro-North Railroad”
Speaker
Peter Cannito, President, MTA Metro-North Railroad

OCTOBER
Annual Awards Dinner
Brooklyn Bridge Tour

NOVEMBER
“New Jersey Turnpike Authority Traffic Management Center”
Speakers
Mary K. Murphy, NJTA Deputy Executive Director and project staff

THE (Trans-Hudson Express) Tunnel
Speaker
Richard Sarles, Assistant Executive Director, NJ Transit

DECEMBER
Holiday Party at Trinity Place in Lower Manhattan

WTS-GNY Vice President Gail Spears and member Marie DeLucia at the welcome desk.

WTS members relaxing on deck.

The intrepid group poses for a photo, before taking the tour of the South Ferry Station structural box.

WTS-GNY President Felice Farber with Peter Cannito, president of MTA Metro-North Railroad.
On a cool, clear night in early October, WTS Greater New York Chapter members and industry leaders gathered at Bridgewaters in Lower Manhattan for the annual awards dinner. Jane Chmielinski was honored as the 2006 Woman of the Year. In addition, Li Chen and Irina Kavalera were the recipients of the 2006 scholarships. WTS International President Ann Koby was on hand to recognize this year’s scholarship winners and NYCDOT Commissioner Iris Weinshall gave the keynote address.

WTS would like to thank the Dinner Planning Committee chaired by Sue Labouvie and Amy Kaufman, and committee members and volunteers Gail Spears, Stacey Hodge, Betsi Nemeth, Andrea Nunez, Anna Rodriguez, Barbara Thayer and Suzanne Houston. We would also like to thank everyone who donated items to the Silent Auction, which raised $2,881 for the scholarship program.

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Our sincere thanks to the following companies who provided in-kind services for the 2006 awards dinner:

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From left: Scholarship winners Irina Kavalera and Li Chen with WTS 2006 Woman of the Year Jane Chmielinski.

From left: WTS-GNY President Felice Farber, NYC Department of Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall and Toulla Constantinou, CEO North America of Cemusa.

From left: Kathleen Massarelli of URS, MTA-New York City Transit Chief Engineer Connie Crawford, Pippa Woods, WTS-GHY Immediate Past President, and Ann Koby, WTS-International President.
Mentoring Program

Conceived in the spring of 2001, the GNY Chapter Mentoring Program has been a resounding success with each passing year. In fact, it has been so successful that other chapters across the country have used it as a model to start their own programs. The mentoring program is based on a two-tiered approach: apprentices have one-on-one sessions with their assigned mentor, an established professional, and attend bi-monthly seminars to gather information from leaders in the transportation industry.

The apprentices and mentors share ideas and create concepts together with the goal towards professional and personal growth. The apprentices gain skills in resume writing and interviewing, public speaking, networking, career planning, and time management. The program focuses on people, friendships and relationship-building.

The mentoring program recruits quality people that are committed to being involved with the program for the year and, hopefully, who will continue to stay involved in other capacities. Linda Travis, the Mentoring Committee chair, is a founding member.

Left to right, front row: Brenda McIntosh, Maria DeLucia, Barbara Spencer, Linda Travis, Marcia Shapiro, Mary Gennuso, Christine Adidjaja, Maria Miranda. Left to right, back row: Sharon Barnes, Sylvia Isabel, Catherine Hess, Joe Izzo, Mike Arrow, Debbie English, Yvonne Prioleau, Alexandra Gagliotta, Darlene Rivera, Virginia Ramos.

2006 Mentoring Program

**Apprentices**
- Catherine Hess
- Eng-Wong Taub
- Marie DeLucia
- URS Corporation
- Maria Miranda
- Weidlinger Associates, Inc.
- Liza Betz
- NJ Union County EDC
- Virginia Ramos
- PB Consult Inc.
- Joanne Boiano
- MTA New York City Transit
- Betsy Nemeth
- AKRF, Inc.
- Laura Ventre
- DMJM Harris

**Mentors**
- Joseph Izzo
  - HDR, Inc.
- Charles Manning
  - DMJM Harris
- Bobbie Athey
  - MTA Bridges & Tunnels
- George James
  - MTA New York City Transit
- Carl Selinger
  - Carl Selinger Associates
- Marcia Shapiro
  - Independent Contractor
- Maxine Finkelstein
  - Interactive Elements

2007 Mentoring Program

**Apprentices**
- Jing Du
  - MTA Bridges & Tunnels
- Ella McLeod
  - MTA New York City Transit
- Karen Rosenberger
  - New York State DOT
- Cassandra Gibbon
  - MTA Bridges & Tunnels
- Stacey Hodge
  - DMJM Harris
- Olivia Szabo
  - Earth Tech
- Cordelia Crockett
  - MTA New York City Transit
- Ivy Tzur
  - Parsons Transportation Group

**Mentors**
- Janice Li
  - Lea & Elliot Associates
- Albert DiBernardo
  - Weidlinger Associates, Inc.
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  - MTA New York City Transit
- George James
  - MTA New York City Transit
- Joseph Izzo
  - HDR, Inc.
- Carl Selinger
  - Carl Selinger Associates
- Darlene Rivera
  - MTA New York City Transit
- Robert Kaplan
  - Parsons Transportation Group
Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee diligently works to keep its database of past scholarship winners current. We also are interested in what career paths our previous winners have taken and we are pleased to highlight their ongoing achievements in transportation-related fields by publishing the “Where Are They Now” article in the Awards Dinner Journal. In this report, we’d like to take the opportunity to not only spotlight this year’s winners, but to also recognize the honors that continue to be bestowed on one of last year’s winners. It is rewarding for WTS to see that our scholarship awards are providing the financial support for Advancing Women in Transportation.

2006 Scholarship Winners

Li Chen is a Transportation Program doctoral student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the University Transportation Research Center Region II, City College of New York. She holds a B.S. in Transportation Management and a M.S. in Computer Science from Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics in China. She also holds a M.S. in Transportation Engineering from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Alabama.

Li was awarded the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council’s (NYMTC) prestigious September 11th Memorial Program Award in September 2005. She is an intern in the Traffic Planning Division of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and is working on the West Side Manhattan Transportation and Traffic Study. Li’s goal is to become an expert and educator in transportation policy and planning. She would like to work in the private sector for several years to gain first-hand experience in the practical world. Then, she will pursue a career in academia. Her ultimate dream is to work in (or even run) a research institute.

Irina Kavalera began her academic career in the Department of Civil Engineering at Riga Technical University in Riga, Latvia. Currently, Irina is an undergraduate in her junior year at the School of Engineering at the City College of New York. Her area of concentration is Transportation Engineering.

Irina is an intern at Bridge Technology Consulting in New York City, where she has worked on the Wurtz Street Suspension Bridge and the Republic National Airport Marriot Hotel project. Last August, she volunteered at the Bridge Engineering Association’s 5th International Cable-Supported Bridge Operators’ Conference on “Highway Bridge Design and Evaluation.” Irina is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Concrete Canoe Club and Steel Bridge Team. She is also a member of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-CCNY). Her goal is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people around the world through transportation engineering. In addition to the WTS scholarship, Irina received a $1,000 scholarship from the Urban Transportation Research Center.

Where Are They Now?

Dorothy Morallos received the Louise Moritz Molitoris Leadership Award for Undergraduates in October 2005 and this year she was one of the three recipients of the WTS national scholarships. Dorothy graduated in May 2006 from Rutgers University with a dual degree in Civil Engineering and Urban Studies.

She was hired for a summer job with the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, DC. In the fall, she moved to Atlanta to attend Georgia Tech, where she is pursuing Master of Science degrees in Transportation Engineering and Planning.

Irina Kavalera

Dorothy Morallos
This year, the WTS-GNY Board continued to build on the momentum of 2005, with the Corporate Partners program expanding from eleven partners to seventeen partners and more than doubling the WTS Scholarship fund account balance by successful fundraising of the October Silent Auction and the June Golf Outing. At the end of 2006, the board was able to endow the first $1000 for local scholarships and plans to build on this achievement over the long term.

The WTS-GNY Board continues to seek opportunities to reduce costs and improve member services and in 2006 the Board expanded its leadership with a specific focus on serving the program needs in the New Jersey area.

Below is a summary of the chapter revenues and expenses from 2003 to present. Please note that the 2006 revenues and expenses are in progress and have not been finalized.

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* 2006 total excludes November and December membership payments.

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| Net Revenue After Distributions | ($3,197.98) | $4,204.80 | $17,264.92 | $30,294.82 |

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WTS Scholarship Fund Balance (January 2006): $8,158.35
WTS Scholarship Fund Balance (October 2006): 22,693.59
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