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October 6, 2011

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Greetings from WTS International! On behalf of the WTS International Board of Directors, I extend enthusiastic congratulations on another magnificent year for WTS Greater New York.

The past year has seen some remarkable WTS initiatives – initiatives that are breaking ground in serving WTS members, chapters and women throughout the transportation industry. Led by US DOT Secretary Ray LaHood, WTS launched Transportation YOU, a program designed to encourage girls aged 13-18 to pursue careers in transportation. WTS Greater New York was on the leading edge, providing valuable examples and demonstrations of existing programs as Transportation YOU was developed and launched.

The scholarship, education and research arm of WTS, WTS Foundation, initiated a benchmarking and best practices study, the MOVE Project, to understand where women are in the leadership pipeline and how to cultivate them as technical and business leaders. The objective of the project is to assess the status of women employees in the transportation industry and to detail best and proven practices as outlined by the trademarked MOVE criteria (money, opportunity, vital supports and entrepreneurship).

The 2011 WTS Annual Conference in San Francisco was one of the most successful events in WTS history, breaking attendance records and attracting transportation leaders at the highest levels.

The importance of the role that our corporate and public sector partners play in WTS’s successes cannot be overstated. That support enables WTS to provide important programs and services to its members – supporting growth and advances in the industry – and is deserving of a special “thank you,” to all WTS sponsors at the international, local and program levels.
2011 Woman of the Year Joan McDonald

McDonald serves as a key member of Governor Cuomo’s cabinet and brings her vision for a safe, effective and efficient transportation system to the State of New York.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner McDonald served as the commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development for the State of Connecticut and chair of Connecticut Innovations, an authority providing venture capital to high-tech start-up companies. From 2003-2007, she was the senior vice president of Transportation for the New York City Economic Development Corporation. Her private-sector experience includes five years as the vice president in charge of New York and New Jersey at Jacobs Engineering.

Commissioner McDonald was deputy commissioner for Planning & Traffic Operations for the New York City Department of Transportation from 1995-1998 and served as the director of Capital and Long Range Planning for MTA Metro-North Railroad for the three years prior to that. She served as special assistant to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly from 1991-1992. She began her career in public service in the New York State Assembly in 1978, serving in various capacities on the Ways and Means and House Operations committees, including deputy budget director and assistant director of Research. Ms. McDonald received her undergraduate degree in English at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY; she has a masters degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

WTS-GNY WOMEN OF THE YEAR

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2007 Susan Kupferman
2006 Jane Chmielinski
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2003 Barbara Spencer
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Introduction by *Mary Ann Crotty*

*MARY ANN CROTTY* established the firm Macro Associates LLC and has worked on a variety of transportation projects around the world. Macro Associates advises public and private clients on infrastructure project implementation and finance. She served as a senior advisor on the transition teams for Governor Eliot Spitzer and Governor Andrew Cuomo on infrastructure policy issues and project implementation. She is on the Board of the Nelson A. Rockefeller School of Public Policy.

Prior to the successful development of her own business, Mary Ann worked for over ten years in numerous leadership positions for Parsons Brinckerhoff, a global infrastructure firm. During her tenure she was based in London and New York. She began as a senior advisor to the chairman and chief executive officer and then served as a director and project manager for the company’s European, Middle East and African subsidiary. In that role she worked on numerous projects including the European Union funding for a rail project in Bulgaria, an airport link from Dublin Airport to the city and the management of the newly privatized contractors for the London Underground. In her role with PB Consult she is undertook numerous public policy projects for global clients with a focus on implementation of complex and often controversial projects.

Before assuming her private sector role, Mary Ann served in a variety of increasingly responsible leadership positions in both the legislative and executive branches of New York State government. In her last position she was the senior policy advisor to Governor Mario M. Cuomo and served as director of State Operations and Policy Management.

Mary Ann received a bachelor of science degree in Economics and a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Public Finance from the State University of New York at Albany. She has served on numerous boards and commissions including the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
2011 Scholarship Recipients:  
*Esther Dornhelm and Kwan Hui*

**SUSAN MISZKOWICZ MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**ESTHER DORNHELM**  
is a junior at the Grove School of Engineering at The City College of New York. As an honors student, she is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, specializing in Transportation.

After graduating in Spring 2013, she plans to attain a master’s degree in the same field, focusing on rail and freight systems design. Growing up with the New York City subway system helped spring a passion in the design of elaborate rail systems.

To supplement her education, Esther has undertaken several tasks that apply her knowledge to real life situations. She participated in research involving satellite imaging, and has begun research in the transportation field this fall. She also spent four months this past year working in a full-time internship with Moffatt and Nichol, a civil and coastal engineering firm. Among her projects, she assembled transportation cost models for freight rail development in the U.S., and optimized the location and attributes of future maritime loading docks. On campus, Esther is an active member of the CCNY Concrete Canoe club.

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**LEONARD BRAUN MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**KWAN HUI** grew up in Hong Kong, Philadelphia, and for most of her life in Williamstown, New Jersey. In 2008, she earned her BA in Political Science and Urban Studies at Rutgers University.

She completed her masters in Public Policy and Administration at the same institution with a focus on Public Management in May 2010. Afterwards, Kwan spent the past year in Hong Kong studying Transport Policy and Planning at The University of Hong Kong with a special focus on community engagement in the development process of the high-speed regional Express Rail Link (XRL). She has now returned to complete her Masters in City and Regional Planning program at the Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning concentrating in Housing, Transportation, and Environmental planning. After graduation, Kwan plans to begin her career as a transit planner while continuing her active involvement with Rotary and Rotaract clubs.
WTS-GNY Event Photos

WTS-GNY ANNUAL MEETING
January 19, 2011

From left: WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Linda Travis and Member of the Year Daniella Bernett.

From left: WTS International Board Member Maria Garcia presented the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award to Ella McLeod.

From left: Greg Kelly, National Director for Transportation at Parsons Brinckerhoff, presented the Employer of the Year Award to Anita Miller, Vice President of Labor Relations at NYCT.

The Innovative Transport Solutions Award was given to the joint venture of HDR, Urbahn Architects and NYCT for the Rehabilitation of the West 96th Street Station. Second from left, Lori Ardito, the first deputy commissioner at NYCDOT, bestowed the honor on Neil Porto of HDR and Natale Baranco of Urbahn (right) and (far left) Frederick E. Smith, senior vice president and chief engineer at NYCT.

SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY PROJECT BREAKFAST FORUM
March 8, 2011

From left: Speakers Jaidev Sankar, AECOM Associate Vice President, and Gillian Blake, Arup Associate Principal.
**TRANSPORTATION TRIVIA NIGHT II**

March 10, 2011

From left: WTS-GNY Professional Development Co-Chair Jignasa Ray; WTS-GNY Young Professional Committee members Beth Zall and Gretchen Minneman; and Joseph Erlich (Port Authority of New York and New Jersey) and Andrew Harm (NYC Taxi and Limo Commission) getting ready for the next round.

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**DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**

March 18, 2011

From left: Keynote Speaker Ann Tardy; WTS-GNY Diversity Committee Co-Chairs Wendy Wark and Hollie Wells; Cheryl Stephney; Majella Payne and Andrea Nunez.

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**NJ PROGRAM ON ENHANCING YOUR PRESENTATION**

March 24, 2011

Standing, from left: Joanne Stokes, Stokes Creative Group; Chelsea Napolitano, Stokes Creative Group; Kirstin Leiendecker, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Nevin Garabaglu, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Polina Knaster, NJDOT; and Tam Sillick, Parsons Brinckerhoff. Seated, from left: Susan Boone, Legerity Consultants and Kashfia Billah, WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ).

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**OSHA SAFETY ACCREDITATION EVENT**

March 31, 2011

William Rodwick, P.E., MTA New York City Transit’s Division Engineer for Professional and Technical Training, gave an overview of OSHA.

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**NJ TRANSACTION**

April 7, 2011

Seated, from left: NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy and Samuel L. Donelson, SJTA deputy executive director/director of Engineering and Operations. Standing, from left: Liza Betts, special assistant to the director, Department of Parks & Community Renewal of Union County, NJ, and Andrea Ward, Esq., director, NJTA Purchasing Department.
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM
April 21, 2011

From left: NYCDEP Deputy Commissioner Kathryn Mallon; WTS-GNY President Marcia Shapiro and David Bragdon, director of the Mayor’s Office of Long Term Planning & Sustainability.

AVIATION FUTURES WORKSHOP
May 10-11, 2011

The entire group of students from St. Genevieve’s School posed with WTS-GNY, PANY&NJ and Continental Airlines leaders.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
May 11, 2011

From left: WTS-GNY Programs Committee (NY) Co-Chair Stephanie Camay and Committee Member Sharron Smith; Membership Committee Chair Emma Chapman; and Programs Committee member Sara Olson.

EAST SIDE ACCESS TOUR
June 8, 2011

WTS members learned about one of the largest public works projects ever undertaken.
From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee member Nina Harvey; Programs Committee Chair (NJ) Polina Knaster; Special Events Committee members Wilhemina Brown and Jamielyn LoBello; Director-At-Large Linda Travis; President Marcia Shapiro; WTS-GNY Past President L. Dédi Gonga; Special Events Co-Chair Ella McLeod; Newsletter Committee Chair Daniella Bernet; Diversity Co-Chair Hollie Wells.

From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee member Sonia Corredor and Corporate Relations Chair Kimberly Wagner Patterson.

From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee member Jamielyn LoBello and Sonia Corredor with one of the lucky raffle winners.

From left: Anita Miller, MTA NYCT; WTS-GNY President Marcia Shapiro; WTS-GNY Mentoring Co-Chair Malinda Foy; and WTS-GNY Past President L. Dédi Gonga.

WTS members on a tour along the Battery Park waterfront promenade.

From left: Cheryl Black, Amtrak, and WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Kashfiya Billah.

From left: WTS-GNY Corporate Relations Committee member Nevin Garabaglu and Tam Sillick, Parsons Brinckerhoff.

From left: WTS-GNY Newsletter Committee Chair Daniella Bernet; Jennifer Strasser, Cambridge Systematics; and Leila Weisssling, Jacobs.
Each year, at the annual meeting, WTS-GNY sponsors a W/M/DBE EXPO. If you are interested in meeting potential project partners, please make sure to clear your calendar, and get to meet and see the work of our exhibitors at this winter event. If you are a W/M/DBE firm in the transportation industry, this is a great way to meet potential clients, with many agencies and project prime contractors in attendance. The date for EXPO 2012 will be announced in the fall. To make sure you are on the invitation list, please send an email attention to Wendy Wark (Wark@MNR.org) and Hollie Wells (Hollie.Wells@nyct.com).

The month of July was momentous for the fact that two of the region’s prominent transportation leaders, Harry Tom and Pippa Woods, decided to retire. Although they left the industry, we are fortunate because they still remain active members of our WTS family.

**HARRY TOM**, a longtime WTS member and mentor, retired on July 14th after 38 years with New York City Transit (NYCT). He served as the chief systems engineering officer, Facilities and Systems Engineering/Commissioning Services.

**PIPPA WOODS**, WTS Foundation president and a past WTS-GNY president, retired after many years of dedicated public service to the State of New Jersey.

**Congratulations Harry and Pippa!**
This fall we recognize the 10th anniversary of the founding of the GNY Mentor Program, which has helped many Apprentices advance their careers. The seed for the program was sown by WTS-GNY Board Member Inga Barry, after participating in the International Leadership Conference in 2000. Once the event was over Inga, with the help of Co-Chair Claire Spielberg, WTS-GNY President Saundra Lautenberg, and future chapter President Felice Farber, started planning the Mentor program. The format they created is still in use today and includes 10 pairs of mentors and apprentices, monthly meetings, and guest speakers candidly discussing their careers. The “30-second elevator pitch,” the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and other group/individual exercises have been recently added to the program. Also, Apprentices are expected to actively engage speakers.

The WTS-GNY Mentor Program moves into its second decade as the best value for young WTS members!

BY CARL SELINGER, MEMBER AND WTS-GNY MENTOR
The author has been a mentor with WTS-GNY for all 10 years of the program. He has been assigned as a mentor to 14 apprentices and informally mentored a least half of the other 86!

WTS is now soliciting both mentors and apprentices for 2012. Please check the website and contact Co-Chair Malinda Foy (Malinda.Foy@nyct.com) for more information.
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