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Welcome to the WTS Greater New York Chapter
2012 Annual Gala Cocktail Reception

October 18, 2012

PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks                  Mary K. Murphy, President
                                      WTS-GNY Chapter

2012 Scholarship Recipients        Ellen Zielinski, Chair
                                      GNY Scholarship Committee
                                      Winners Marissa Peragine and Staci Haber

Special Guest Host                  Joan McDonald, Commissioner
                                      New York State Department of Transportation

2012 Woman of the Year             Susan Baer, Director of Aviation
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Introduced by                      Patrick Foye, Executive Director
                                      Port Authority of NY & NJ

Lifetime Achievement Award          Linda Kleinbaum (retired), Deputy Executive
                                      Director, Administration, MTA

Silent Auction                      Auction Winners Announced

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MENU SELECTIONS

Butlered Hors d’oeuvres
~ Chef’s Selection of Six ~

Harvest Table
A Selection of Raw and Slightly Steamed Vegetables
Served with Herb Sauces

Assorted Young and Aged Cheeses
Accompanied with Baskets of Grilled Breads, Crisps, and Herbed Crostini

Olives Marinated with Fennel Seed and Citrus Zests

Platters of Dried and Fresh Whole Fruits

Pistachios

Bowls of Assorted Vegetable Purees and Compotes
Roasted Eggplant and Garlic

Panzanella Salad of Tomato, Basil, Mozzarella

Black Bean and Cilantro

Tomato, Basil, Shallot

Carving of Assorted Meats

Grilled New York Strip Steak with Spice Crust
Horseradish Blue Cheese Sauce
Garlic Breadsticks

Whole Roasted Salmon
Buttered Leeks and Mushrooms

Fusilli with Broccoli Rabe,
Sun-dried Tomatoes, Roasted Garlic

Penne with Gulf Shrimp, Ricotta Salata, and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Farfalle with Wild Mushrooms, Garlic and Thyme
Finished with a Mushroom Stock and Cream

Homemade Foccacia
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Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our WTS-GNY members, our Board of Directors, our Advisory Board and all of the people who keep our organization moving forward. We especially want to recognize the generosity and vision of our corporate partners. Thank you to those who have renewed and welcome to those of you who have recently joined. We couldn’t do this without you! Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who donated to our Silent Auction this year. All proceeds from the auction will go toward our scholarship program – so please bid generously to support our future leaders in transportation.

Thank you all and have a great evening! ■

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Cheers from WTS International and congratulations on another fabulous WTS Greater New York year!

In the past two years, WTS has experienced 22 percent growth of its membership. This is an incredible accomplishment. Most associations are not experiencing this kind of success during these economic times. All around the country you will find WTS chapters working hard to advance our mission and connecting our members to the highest ranking leaders in the industry. We are attracting more students to the industry every year through our Transportation YOU program and we are ready to embark on new research that will help the overall industry retain the very women that it is preparing to advance.

And we’re not stopping there – WTS is going global. An expansion program is underway, and by the end of 2013 you will see WTS with a greater global presence.

None of this would be possible if it were not for chapters like Greater New York. Greater New York continues to raise the bar for all chapters. We look forward to reading about your new programs, meeting your scholarship winners, and learning from your Transportation YOU program.

Thank you, Greater New York, for your commitment to WTS. We look forward to watching your continued success in 2013. ■
2012 Woman of the Year **Susan M. Baer**

**SUSAN M. BAER** is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the world’s busiest airport system – John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty International, LaGuardia, Teterboro and Stewart International airports. She oversees a staff of over 950 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) employees, more than 3,500 contract staff, a $2.2 billion operating budget, and a $452 million capital budget.

A 36-year PANYNJ veteran, Baer began her career as a management analyst. In 1985, she was promoted from manager of the Public Services Division of the Tunnels, Bridges and Terminals Department to manager of the Lincoln Tunnel – the first woman to hold that job. The following year, she became manager of the Midtown Manhattan Port Authority Bus Terminal – the first woman

promoted to that position as well. In 1988, she moved from buses to planes, joining the Aviation Department as general manager of Aviation Customer and Marketing Services. Baer is the first person in the agency’s history to manage all of its major airports. She was named deputy director/chief operating officer of the Aviation Department in 2008 and became director of Aviation on September 25, 2009.

Baer serves on the Board of Vaughn College of Aeronautics and the Newark Museum. In addition, she was one of only three airport representatives among the 19 members of the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee created by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. She is a member of the NextGen Advisory Committee – one of just two airport operators on this advisory panel to the Federal Aviation Administration.

She has been honored by the New Jersey AFL-CIO; the Newark International Airport Airline Managers Association; the Newark Regional Business Partnership; Barnard College; the YWCA of New York; the Boy Scouts, and the Aviation Institute, among others.

Baer holds a bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies and Anthropology from Barnard College and a master’s degree in Business Administration from New York University.
Patrick Foye

PATRICK FOYE became executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANY&NJ) on November 1, 2011. Prior to joining PANY&NJ, he served as deputy secretary for Economic Development for Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Foye was a mergers and acquisitions partner at Skadden Arps and managing partner of the firm’s Brussels, Budapest and Moscow offices. He was executive vice president of AIMCO, a real estate investment trust and a component of the S&P 500, and served as president and CEO of the United Way of Long Island.

Linda Kleinbaum

LINDA KLEINBAUM recently retired after 30 years in public service. For the last 22 years, she served at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. She retired from the position of deputy executive director of Administration and was responsible for Capital Program Management, Capital Program Funding and the Office of Construction Oversight. This position was charged with re-engineering all aspects of the capital program to maximize its efficiency and effectiveness. Prior to this position, in addition to the capital program, Linda also oversaw Real Estate, Procurement, Facilities Operation, Enterprise Information Technologies Group, Operations Support, and Shared Services. Linda started her career at MTA as MTA’s Director of Policy.

Prior to the MTA, Linda held senior positions in New York City government, including chief of staff to the First Deputy Mayor of the City of New York, director of contracts for the Mayor’s Office of Operations and director of management support for the New York City Fire Department’s Bureau of Fire Prevention.
Special Guest Host Joan McDonald

Joan McDonald was nominated by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on January 14, 2011 to serve as the 11th Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, and was unanimously confirmed by the New York State Senate on March 8, 2011. An expert on transportation, infrastructure, economic development, policy and planning, McDonald serves as a key member of Governor Cuomo’s cabinet.

Commissioner McDonald’s vision for NYSDOT focuses on two core components: (1) operating and maintaining New York’s transportation system safely and efficiently; and (2) delivering a world-class capital program on time and on budget. During her first year, Commissioner McDonald launched the department’s new Capital Asset Management-Capital Investment (CAM-CI) program. This innovative program focuses on preservation, looking at New York’s transportation system in a sustainable way. She has received high marks for bringing transparency to NYSDOT and for her collaboration with the design and construction industry.

Commissioner McDonald serves as chair of the Northeast Corridor Commission; chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Program Review Board; co-chair of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. She is a member of the Governor’s Upstate Storm and Flooding Recovery Task Force; the Governor’s Smart Growth Cabinet and the Governor’s MWBE Enterprise Team. McDonald served on the Governor’s Regional Economic Development Councils Review Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), as well as the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO). She was recently appointed to the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee.

Prior to her appointment, she 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.

McDonald was deputy commissioner for Planning & Traffic Operations for the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) from 1995-1998 and served as the Director of Capital and Long Range Planning for the 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 with 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. She received her undergraduate degree in English at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY and she has a masters degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Commissioner McDonald was honored as the WTS-Greater New York chapter’s 2011 Woman of the Year. She is also the recipient of the New York March of Dimes’ Public Sector-Service to Humanity Award (2011), the Hartford Business Journal’s Remarkable Woman in Business Award (2009), and the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Woman of Merit Award.
2012 Scholarship Recipients

Marissa Peragine and Staci Haber

SUSAN MISZKOWICZ MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

MARISSA PERAGINE is a Civil Engineering student at Manhattan College. She has maintained a very high GPA and is active in various campus organizations. Marissa was chosen to be a member of the Chi Epsilon National Civil Engineering Honor Society and the Tau Beta Phi National Engineering Honor Society. She is currently working as a Construction Intern at Gilbane Building Company and she plans to pursue a career in Transportation Engineering.

LEONARD BRAUN MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

STACI HABER received her bachelor of arts in Urban Studies from the New College of Florida, the Honors College of the State University system. Staci completed an Honor’s thesis, which researched the feasibility of suburban transit and reducing automotive dependency in the United States. She is currently enrolled in NYU Wagner’s Master of Urban Planning program, specializing in Environment, Infrastructure, and Transportation. Staci also participated in the Leadership and International Fellowship Experience (LIFE), a leadership program through which she interned in Israel and India, focusing on the relationship between social justice and transport. At LEA Associates South Asia Pvt Ltd, one of India’s top civil engineering firms, she promoted accessibility and equity as part of the City of Hyderabad’s Comprehensive Transportation Study.
**WTS-GNY Event Photos**

**WTS-GNY ANNUAL MEETING**
January 31, 2012

From left: Member of the Year Malinda Foy and WTS-GNY Newsletter Subcommittee Chair Daniella Bernett.

From left: Lakeysha “Mae” Freeman accepted the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership award from WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Ella McLeod on behalf of Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW).

From left: Outgoing president Marcia Shapiro was presented with a special award from WTS-GNY President Mary K. Murphy in recognition of her service to the organization.

WTS-GNY President Mary K. Murphy and WTS-GNY Immediate Past President Marcia Shapiro with employees of CH2M Hill, which received the Employer of the Year Award.

MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TOUR
March 23, 2012

WTS-GNY members received a private tour of The Greatest Grid exhibition, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Commissioners’ Plan of 1811, the document that established Manhattan’s street grid.
Front Row, from left: Ann Freeman (PANY&NJ), Joanne Stokes (Stokes Creative Group) and Susan Boone (Legerity Consultants). Back Row, from left: Jean Laird (NJTA), Sam Donelson (SJTA), Denise Berger (PANY&NJ), Liza Betz (County of Union, NJ).

From left: EDC Assistant Vice President Adam Zaranko; Hudson River Park Trust President and CEO Madelyn Wils; WTS-GNY President Mary K. Murphy; NJT Senior Planner Tom Schulze; and Adam Wiley-Schwartz, NYCDOT.

From left: WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Chair Polina Knaster; Sandra Brillhart, FHWA NJ Planning, Environment and Research team leader; Ernie Blais, FHWA NJ Division administrator; Paul Schneider, NJDOT, manager, Project Management Office; and WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Beth DeAngelo.

Trivia Planning Committee, from left: Manasvi Menon (WTS & Young Professionals in Transportation (YPt), Emma Chapman (WTS & YPT), Kate Ward (WTS), Grace Baird (WTS), Jennifer Terry (WTS & APA Transportation Committee), Elizabeth Thompson (WTS), and Lewis Thorwaldson (APA)

WTS-GNY members learned how to keep one’s emotions in check to make wise decisions, and ultimately get ahead.
WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH FORT MONMOUTH, EXIT 105 INTERCHANGE & MONMOUTH COUNTY UTILITY PROJECTS?
June 6, 2012

From left: David E. Nuse, Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority director, Real Estate Development; WTS-GNY President Mary K. Murphy; Bruce Steadman, Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority executive director; PWC President Karen Tuveson; and Rick Harrison, Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority director, Facilities Planning.

SUMMER SOLSTICE HAPPY HOUR
June 28, 2012

From left: WTS-GNY President Mary K. Murphy; Laura Simons, planning engineer, NJ American Water; and PWC President Karen Tuveson.

From left: Judy Bowen, Greenman Pedersen, Cheryl Black, Amtrak; Richard Jaffe, NJDOT; Naomi Barnes, Michael Baker; and Tam Sillick, Parsons Brinckerhoff.

From left: Abdul Muqtadir, NYCT; Stewart Gordon, Parsons Brinckerhoff; WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Chair Polina Knaster; Judy Bowen, Greenman Pedersen.
SPRING FLING
June 13, 2012

From left: Members of the Special Events and Programs committees: Harry Tom; Jignasa Ray; Nikki Judan; Giselle Fernandez; Beth Zall; Programs Co-Chair Elizabeth Federico; Natasha Peterson; Shajira Mason; Vice President (NY) Linda Travis; Sheila Blanc; Special Events Co-Chair Amy Verel; Stephanie Margeson; Newsletter Chair Daniella Bernet; Nina Harvey; Special Events Co-Chair Lisa Pompei; Karen Lee; Director-At-Large Ella McLeod; Yvette Janniere-Houlder; and Wilhemina Brown.

From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee member Stephanie Margeson and lucky raffle winner Samantha Safara, Envision.

From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Co-Chair Amy Verel and Adrianne Weremchuck, AECOM.

From left: Susan Walters, Stantec; WTS-GNY Vice President (NY) Linda Travis; Deborah Siegel Baker, NYCDOT; Erica Wong, Stantec.

From left: James Brown, HDR, and WTS-GNY Transportation YOU Committee Co-Chair Nicole Bucich.

From left: Cesar Sanchez; WTS-GNY Communications Committee member Lindsay Maguire; and Phil Carter, all of Arup.

WTS members on a tour along the Battery Park waterfront promenade.
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 2013 will be announced in the fall. For further details, visit the WTS-GNY website: www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork
Transportation YOU

The WTS New York Chapter Transportation YOU Committee is busy “kicking off” the second year of the program to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) transportation careers for girls ages 13-18. We take advantage of our chapter’s geographic span by engaging girls in both New York City and New Jersey. The first program is Transportation You Mentoring, which exposes high school girls to role models in the transportation industry. We will continue this year to work with City Polytechnic High School in Downtown Brooklyn. The WTS mentors meet monthly with the students. We have many exciting events/tours scheduled for this school year: George Washington Bridge; “Shadow Your Mentor Day”; Grand Central Terminal; La Guardia Airport; and the end-of-year party at the Transit Museum. Suggestions for future tours/events are always welcome!

The second program is the Aviation Futures workshop at Newark International Airport, which exposes middle-school girls to aviation transportation careers. Four New Jersey schools will participate in the program this fall. Since the first Aviation Futures event in May 2011 was so successful, we will run the same two-day program, including a terminal design project and air/landside tours. Many thanks to the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey for hosting this terrific learning experience!

If you have any questions about the Transportation YOU program or would like to join our committee, please contact Co-Chairs Deborah Hyman (Deborah.Hyman@nyct.com) or Nicole Bucich (Bucichna@pbworld.com).
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