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Message From the President

Dear WTS Members and Friends,

Your HOT leadership has been working steadily this fall to get activities lined up and/or finalized for 2008.

- ♦ The board approved the slate of programs developed by the Programs Committee from the feedback obtained in the member survey.
- ♦ All speakers have been secured for the ½-day January 23rd seminar: Progress in Alternative Transportation: Pedestrian, Bicycle and Rail.
- ♦ A draft 2008 operating budget and updated bylaws were reviewed by the board at a planning meeting on November 8.



Mark your calendar for our annual business meeting on January 31, 2008 at Thistle Café's downtown location. This meeting will be a "members only" dinner meeting where we will highlight the chapter's accomplishments in 2007, present our Member of the Year award, and outline our upcoming year.

December can be hectic with holiday parties, school activities, shopping (and shopping and shopping) and baking. Recognizing your other commitments, we will continue our tradition of a Holiday Happy Hour at Jason's in the Domain on Monday, December 10 instead of a monthly meeting. For the third consecutive year, we will collect items for charity. Craft items for both children and adults will be donated to the Perinatal Unit at Breckenridge Hospital.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season,

- Tina

Our 30th Anniversary Celebration

September 18, 2007 – Washington, DC

WTS celebrated our 30th anniversary in a BIG way! Over 260 people convened at Washington, DC's Union Station. Highlighting the evening dinner program was the presentation of the inaugural WTS Lifetime Achievement Award to the Hon. Mary Peters, U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Past president Liz Smith and President Tina Walker attended the 30th Anniversary Gala at Union Station in Washington, DC on September 18.



From left - Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from WTS President, Ann Koby.



Welcome New HOT WTS Members!

Rebecca Bray, Wilbur Smith Associates
Kristen Carney, Half Associates, Inc.
Tom Clemons, Bentley
Kerri Collins, Pape-Dawson
Engineers, Inc.
Kimberley Daily, Carter & Burgess
Melissa Hurst, Central Texas Regional
Mobility Authority (CTRMA)
Gretchen Nagy, CTRMA
Angelique Samuels Haseley, CTRMA
Beverly Silas, Concept Development &
Planning, LLC

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www.wtsinternational.org

Member News

Each quarter we will publish information about what's going on with WTS members. If you have changed jobs, been promoted or are working on a new and exciting project, please send us your news! Address your emails to the WTS Media Relations Chair: Joanna Alvord at joanna.alvord@hdrinc.com.

WTS MEMBER STATS

We are growing!
**We now have 89 members in the
Heart of Texas Chapter!**

Ashley McLain, AICP, of the Heart of Texas chapter, is joining long-time business associate Larry Cox in opening a new environmental consulting practice, Cox | McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc. Previously serving as a Senior Project Manager and Principal at a major environmental company in Austin, Ashley has been a National Environmental Policy Act practitioner for 10 years.



Kerri Collins, PTOE, joined Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. as a Senior Project Manager in the Transportation Dept.



Ms. Collins has over 23 years of transportation planning and traffic engineering experience acquired within the public and private sectors. She has completed detailed studies identifying traffic impacts, safety deficiencies, and capacity needs for a wide array of projects serving both public agency and private sector

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From left - Sima Sadoughi (Bentley), Tom Clemons (Bentley) and Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters.



From left - Tina Walker (URS), Liz Smith (Terracon) and Joni Powell (Kleinfelder).

The all-day policy seminar on global change and transportation was attended by 200 members from around the country. Several charter members of the original chapter were in attendance. ★

WTS Luncheon Updates

September 21, 2007 – “How Development Affects Transportation”

The transportation industry affects every aspect of our lives, including the development that our cities experience. Planning is vital to projects and can also either foster or hinder growth. On September 21st, the Heart of Texas Chapter heard from three industry professional regarding different perspectives on the effects that development has on transportation. Latra Szal, Attorney and Escrow Officer for Gracy Title, William Foster II from Keller Williams Realty, and Jill Rowe from Rowe Investments, presented some of the many different elements that further highlight the interdependency of transportation and development. Influencing factors, including title issues, politics, commercial and residential development needs are all subjects that are generally specialized within professions but effect the overall outcome of project. ★



From left - Will Foster (Keller Williams Realty), Tina Walker (URS), and Jill Rowe (Rowe Investments).

October 19, 2007—Luncheon with Sally Victor: “Historians and Highways - Are these two Hs related?”

Historically significant sites located in the paths of transportation projects have continued to gain attention since the passing of National Historic Preservation Act in 1966. Sally Victor, Senior Historian from HNTB Corporation (and founding member of WTS Heart of Texas Chapter), presented "Historians and Highways -

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Please feel free to post this newsletter in your lunchrooms or forward it to your colleagues in transportation (yes, men too!). We appreciate all of our members - new, old, and future!



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Ms. Collins was active in the WTS Greater New York Chapter and had served as Chapter Vice President and Membership Chair.

Ms. Collins, a native of Michigan, holds Bachelor of Science Degrees in both Civil Engineering and Architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She recently relocated to San Antonio from Long Island, New York where she was registered as a Professional Engineer. She is currently in the process of obtaining her PE license in Texas.

Amy Smith, PE, stepped down from the WTS Treasurer's position in October 2007. Our chapter would like to extend words of gratitude for all of the hard work she has put in while in this position. Stephanie Messerlli, PE, will resume this role. Thank you for stepping up, Stephanie.

Terri Asendorf, of Halff and Associates, joined the Heart of Texas Program Committee. Terri graduated with a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from UT Austin. She worked at the City of Austin Historic Preservation Office then moved to Halff Associates, Inc., where she works as an architectural historian.



Angie Farrell, of Capital Metro, joined the Heart of Texas Programs Committee. She graduated, cum laude, from Texas State University with a BS in Urban Planning and Land Use Development and a Minor in Practices in Agricultural Conservation. She has worked for the city of Austin in the urban transportation dept., and is now the transit stop specialist for the strategic planning and development department of CMTA. She hopes to return to school to get masters in construction management. ★



Mark Your Calendars

December 10, 2007—WTS Happy Hour at Jasper's in the Domain's President's Corner; Donations to the Perinatal Unit at Breckenridge Hospital.

January 23, 2008—WTS Professional Day - Progress in Alternative Transportation - La Frontera Marriott.

January 31, 2008—WTS Award Dinner/2008 Business Dinner- Thistle Café Downtown.

February 15, 2008—Programs Luncheon - Appointments.

March 5, 2008—March Happy Hour - Raffle Items needed for WTSS.

March 21, 2008—WTS Programs Lunch - Joe McWilliams on the Seattle Monorail Project.

April 18, 2008—Emergency Management Systems (EMS) and the Mayor's Green Program/Green Transportation.

May 1, 2008—4th Transportation Gala at the Hilton Airport Hotel. If you would like to assist with the event, contact Lori Cole at 314-1751.

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Are these two Hs related?" on October 19th. Sally gave the audience a brief overview of the laws and regulations surrounding historical preservation in the field of Transportation. Through some very interesting storytelling, she was able to show how the implementation of this law can be realized on an actual transportation project and the implications that can occur. ★

November 16, 2007—Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDA's) and the Right of Way Process

Don Toner, SR/WA, Director—Turnpike Right of Way, educated a us on the very timely topic of Comprehensive Development Agreements. Don presently oversees the real estate acquisition and utility adjustment programs for the Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDAs). TxDOT is "Open for Business" and the CDA program is one way of funding which allows private sector investment participation in the Texas transportation system. As new funding sources are continually needed to provide revenue for our transportation solutions, it is important that as professionals we are up to date on current issues for our companies as well as for personal development. ★



From left - Tina Walker (URS), Don Toner (TxDOT- TTA), and Mitzi Bowman (PB).

TEXAS TURNPIKE CLASSIC OPEN—CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 9, 2007



Several of our WTS Heart of Texas members participated in the Texas Turnpike Charity Classic. It is not only a great occasion to network with your transportation friends but also a great opportunity to support our local charities.

Top left: Rory Meza (TxDOT), Amy Smith (Lopez Garcia), Tina Brown (S&B Infrastructure) and Katherine Holtz (Delcan). Top right: from left Evie Worsham (HDR) and Mitzi Bowman (PB). Bottom left: Asia Alvord (HDR) and Evie Worsham (HDR).



Mark Your Calendars

May 16, 2008—WTS Programs Lunch - Sexual Harassment protecting oneself against a Complaint.

June 19, 2008—Happy Hour - Raffle Items Needed for WTSS.

September 19, 2008—WTS Programs Lunch - TBD -Geology, Archeology.

October 17, 2008—Programs Lunch - Flood Plain Management in Central Texas.

November 21, 2008—WTS Programs Lunch (one or two) Wellness / Exercise / Personal Safety.

December 10, 2008—WTS Happy Hour - Donations to a Charity.

For more information contact Programs Chair, Evie Worsham, at eworsham@hdrinc.com.

WTS Scholarship Update

We are very pleased to be offering four scholarships this year. The Helene M. Overly Memorial and Ann Koby Legacy are graduate level scholarships worth \$2000 each. The Sharon D. Banks Memorial and Ann Irwin Leadership are under-graduate level scholarships worth \$1000 each.

The scholarship applications were due to our Heart of Texas Chapter on November 5th. The 2007-2008 Scholarship Committee members are busy underway with the scholarship application review process. We will be selecting our winners no later that December 3rd so that our local winners can be forwarded on to compete in the National Scholarship competition. In the national awards, the Helen M. Overly Memorial Scholarship is valued at \$6,000, the Ann Koby Legacy Scholarship and Sharon D. Banks Scholarship are valued at \$3,000. The Ann Irwin Leadership Scholarship will forward on to nationals as the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

Our local winners will be presented with their scholarships at the Spring 2008 Gala if they are able to attend. ★

Our chapter has lots of great members who respond to the ever present call of 'HELP!' One such member is Stephanie Messerli who stepped forward to fill the position of Scholarship Committee Chair vacated by Sally Victor due to work commitments. Many thanks to Sally for leading the committee for three years and for continuing support.

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8:15 - 9:00 am
9:00 - 10:15

Registration & Welcome

Panel 1 - Planning for Alternative Transportation
Moderator: *Michael Aulick*, CAMPO Exec. Director
Regional Vision for Alternative Transportation -
Greg Griffin, CAMPO

Status of Bike/Ped Planning in Austin - *Annick Beaudet*,
City Bike/Ped coordinator

Taking Trails to the Next Level - *Rick Atkins*, City
of Round Rock

Networking Break

Panel 2 - Work in Progress: Strides in Implementing
a New Community Vision for Enhancing Quality of Life
Moderator: *Sally Campbell*, Executive Director,
Envision Central Texas

Transportation Influences in Land Development -
Pix Howell, City of Leander

CM Allen - San Marcos River Corridor - *Mayor Susan
Clifford-Narvaiz*

Alternative Transportation at Mueller - *Matt Whelan*,
Catellus

Noon to 1:30

Networking Lunch w/Keynote Speaker

Capital Metro: Update on the All Systems Go! Plan
(rail, express bus, rapid bus)

Todd Hemingson, VP of Strategic Planning and
Development

Registration fees are \$50 for WTS members, \$60 for government employees, and \$90 for non-members. For sponsorships opportunities, contact Evie Worsham at 512-231-2209. ★

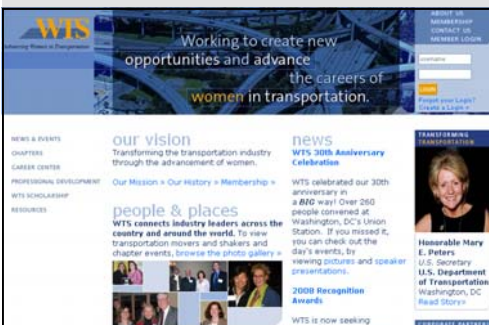


WTS Mission

Transforming the transportation industry through the advancement of women.

Luncheon Location Change!

One of the challenges of a growing chapter is finding an appropriate location for our lunch meetings. Beginning with the February 2008 meeting, our location will be **Dave & Buster's** located at the NW corner of **MoPac and US 183**. We will have buffet lunch in a private room that gives us a lot more elbow room! Since there is a room charge associated with our contract and a buffet layout based on the number of RSVP's, **the board voted to begin invoicing RSVP's that do not attend the meeting**. Our responsibility for chapter finances is at the core of this decision.



To visit our WTS website go to www.wtsinternational.org and from the drop-down menu select Heart of Texas Chapter.

WTS International News

New WTS Website

The new WTS International website is up and running. All members received an email with their new log-in ID and temporary password. Please take a few minutes and navigate around the improved website.

WTS Dues Increase

At the November International Board meeting, a 10% increase in dues was approved that will be effective with January 31, 2008 renewals. The dues increase was studied a number of different ways, with the final result being a split between the local chapters and International. As noted in the memo from the International Treasurer, dues will provide about 37% of the organization's 2008 revenue. A review of the proposed 2008 budget shows corporate sponsors will contribute 27% of the annual budget. While the annual conference generates about 25% of the revenue, it also represents about 24% of the expenses, yielding about \$10,000 for operating capital. If anyone would like more information about the overall budget, please contact Tina Walker at tina_walker@urscorp.com.

Membership Rates

A \$10 new member initiation fee is added to the base amount shown below.

US Membership Rates (USD)

Level	old	new	Chapter	Internl
Level I (\$0 to \$50K Salary)	\$85	\$95	\$30	\$65
Level II (\$50K to \$75K Salary)	\$120	\$135	\$40	\$95
Level III (\$75K to \$100K Salary)	\$160	\$180	\$60	\$120
Level IV (\$100K+ Salary)	\$200	\$225	\$70	\$155
Flat Rate member	\$200	\$225	\$70	\$155
Member at Large (no chapter affiliation)	\$140	\$155	\$0	\$155
Retired Member	\$90	\$100	\$35	\$65
Student	\$50	\$50	\$20	\$30
Student at Large (no chapter affiliation)	\$30	\$30	\$0	\$30
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