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You're Invited

Mardi Gras

WTS Awards Gala
Join us as we Recognize our Leaders in Transportation

Thursday, January 26, 2017
5:30 to 8:30 PM
Zions Bank Building 17th Floor

Ticket Prices
Member: \$40
Non-Member: \$50
Table for 6 (member & non-member): \$228
Copy and paste this link to purchase tickets:
<https://goo.gl/lXl1ek>
(Registration closes on Friday, Jan., 20th)

✦ Heavy Appetizers & Dessert provided by Life's Kitchen
✦ No Host Bar
✦ \$5 Parking Pass will be provided
✦ Musical Entertainment provided by Matt Short Quartet

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2016 WTS SW Idaho Chapter Scholarship Winners by Heidi Carter

We received nine applications this year from students attending BSU, ISU, and U of I. Congratulations to Sarah Knue, BSU, who won the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship & Julia Reese, U of I, who won the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship.

Both scholarships were for \$1,500. The winners of the 2016 WTS SW Idaho Chapter scholarships have had their applications submitted to the national scholarship competition for their respective categories, with an opportunity to receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

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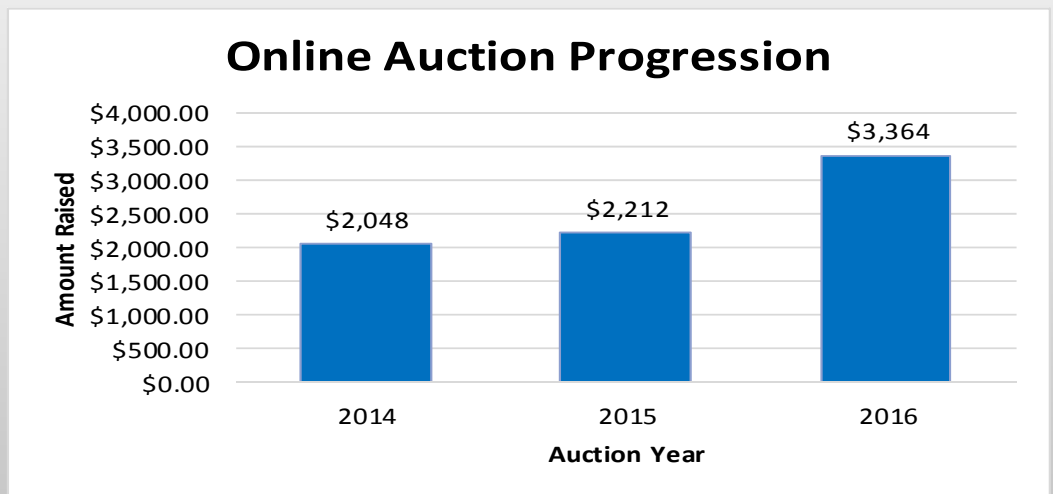
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WTS Scholarship Auction Results by Karie Davidson

The final numbers are in! This year's online auction raised \$3,364! That's more than \$1,000 over what was raised last year! Here are some summary stats:

- There were 65 items donated, and all of them were sold!
- There were 31 unique winners – two more than last year
- Highest paid for item was the 2-Night Weekend in Garden Valley Cabin for \$275 (which is actually \$5 more than the 3-night weekend at the same cabin)

The auction results keep improving each year, which is great news! Hopefully we can continue to increase funds raised in the upcoming years, which will allow us to also increase our scholarship amounts. We are making great progress.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated an item, participated in the bidding, or donated monetarily! Be sure to check out the scholarship winners, who benefitted from your involvement in the WTS auction! A special thank you to Andy Daleiden and Kittelson and Associates, Inc. for creating and running the auction website. Their donated time and resources allow us to put all proceeds towards our scholarship funds.

If you would like to get involved in next year's auction, or make a monetary donation towards our scholarships, please email us at treasure.valley.wts@gmail.com and include Scholarships in the subject line.

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WTS Northwest Region Conference Success *by Melissa Hennessy*



The WTS Northwest Region Conference took place in late September in Seattle and was a huge success. The conference was attended by more than 180 transportation professionals from all levels and modes of transportation. Tracy Ellwein, Melissa Hennessy, and Neil Handyside from our local SW Idaho Chapter attended the conference. Tracy Ellwein was one of the five main planners of the conference as part of the Northwest Region Council. The Council put together an excellent program that featured many high-level speakers.

Christine Gregoire, Former Governor of Washington, spoke at the opening reception. The general presentation was on Challenge Seattle, which is a private sector organization led by many of the Seattle region's CEOs working to address the issues that will determine the future of the region. One of the key initiatives is to develop world leading infrastructure that drives the future growth and vitality and improves the quality of life. Breakout sessions included topics on smart cities, creating healthy communities and the link to transportation, creating leaders for tomorrow, and climate readiness. The luncheon featured a panel of the authors and contributors to the book *Boots on the Ground, Flats in the Boardroom*, who were very open about their experiences over the years as women in transportation. High level speakers at the conference included Roger Millar, Washington State DOT Secretary; as well as current and past WTS Board members: Paula Hammond, Susan Martinovich, Dorri Raposa, Dana Hook, Grace Crunican, and Beverly Scott.

The next NW Region Conference is being planned for 2018!



Tracy Ellwein (left) organized and led the breakout session on climate readiness.



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2016 WTS Chapter Leadership Training by Dyan Bevins

Founded in 1977, WTS is an international organization of over 5,000 members whose mission is to “transform transportation through the advancement of women.”

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Every year WTS International and a local chapter host this event. This training is for current and incoming chapter leaders. Presidents and Vice Presidents strongly encouraged to attend. The training provides professional development, networking opportunities with other chapters, and learning about chapter and WTS International programs.

This year the training was held in St. Louis, MO and I had the chance to attend for our chapter. It was a great event with lots of opportunity to learn more about what other chapters are doing that I hope to incorporate into our chapter.



I was excited to learn that we are not the smallest chapter, we are doing better than most chapters with Transportation YOU and we have some things going on and practices that other chapters were very interested in. Keep up the great work SW Idaho!

WTS SW Idaho 2017-2018 Board

A total of 22 members voted in this year’s board election. The votes were unanimous for the four nominees identified below. The WTS SW Idaho 2017-2018 Board you selected includes:

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The WTS newsletter is published quarterly. The newsletter focuses on the people, organizations, and events that are helping WTS “Advance Women in Transportation” in the Treasure Valley and beyond.

WTS SW Idaho Chapter—Event Stipend Program

WTS SW Idaho Chapter is proud to announce the Event Stipend Program. This unique program extends an opportunity for event participation to those in transportation careers who would not otherwise be able to attend WTS programs and events, while increasing the chapter’s volunteer base. WTS will provide recipients with an opportunity to enhance their networking and career skills while learning more about transportation in the Treasure Valley. This program is targeted to increase participation among professionals in the transportation industry who would like to attend local programs and events, but whose employers do not provide reimbursement for program fees. The number of stipends available is limited and recipients will be selected by the WTS SW Idaho Board.

Selected WTS SW Idaho Event Stipend Program recipients will receive the following during 2017:

- Free attendance at 4 lunch meetings/meet and greets
- Half-price attendance at the Annual Awards Gala

The Event Stipend Program has a one year commitment. During this period, recipients are asked to take an active role by participating on one of the chapter’s committees or on the board. The committees include Scholarship, Transportation YOU, Communications, Membership, Corporation Partnership, and Programs.

The application is available on our website at http://www.wtsinternational.org/treasure_valley//documents/ Applications are due by the end of January 2017.