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## February 25<sup>th</sup> Leadership Lunch & Learn

Boise Airport Director, Rebecca Hupp, provided a leadership presentation at the Riverside Hotel on February 25th. We had 40 people in attendance.

Highlights from Rebecca's presentation included the qualities of a leader, including a Leader:

- Has Vision
- Sets the Example
- Inspires
- Is Technically Competent
- Builds strong teams (Internally & Externally)
- Makes decisions
- Serves Others



Rebecca gave a great overview of goings on at the Boise Airport, including a new 130,000 square foot hangar that will provide 50 to 100 new jobs, other capital improvements, and a Vision of making Boise the most livable city in the nation.

### Upcoming WTS Treasure Valley Chapter events include:

April 26 Amy Moll, Dean of Engineering

May 2016 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa

June 2016 Gowen Field Tour

## Adopt-a-Highway

Our next Adopt-a-Highway event is taking place on Saturday April 23. Watch your emails for an invitation from Dave Butzier. Come and join this fun group do something great for our community and the environment!



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## WTS 2015 Annual Gala

The 2015 Gala set a record with 109 people in attendance. The event was held at the Zion's Bank Building, 17th Floor. The Treasure Valley Chapter recognized the following awards:

Member of the Year—Robyn Kennedy

Woman of the Year—Rebecca Hupp

Employer of the Year—Ada County Highway District

WTS Secretary Ray LaHood Award—ACHD Director Bruce S.Wong

Innovative Transportation Solutions—Joan Meitl

Partner of the Year—HDR

2016 Honorary Member—Amy Revis, P.E.

Congratulations to all the 2015 award winners.



The theme for this year's event was Lady Luck and we were entertained by magician Kipp Sherry, Kipp Sherry Magic & Marketing. A special thanks to Gardner Company and Zion's Bank for sponsoring the venue and the Gala Planning Committee Carrie Applegate, Stephanie Borders, Andy Bowen, Eva Crane, Karie Davidson, Tracy Ellwein, Kelli Fairless, Kathy Godfrey, Rhonda Jalbert, Victoria Jewell-Guerra, Robyn Kennedy, Stacey Spencer, and Nicole Stern.

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## 2015 Scholarship Winners



Sukriti Panthi is the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship winner. Sukriti submitted a very touching application discussing her future aspirations of being an Engineer to contribute to growth in her birthplace, Nepal. She describes how women are typically not encouraged to pursue an education or work outside of the home. Sukriti's independence and ability to thrive in a male-dominated culture is a prime example of WTS' goal of advancing women in STEM fields. Sukriti is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Idaho State University.

Caryn Wendt is the Sharon D. Banks Scholarship winner. WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field. Caryn is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a Minor in Business at Idaho State University and intends in pursuing her Master's degree in Structural Engineering.



## Announcing New Board Members

WTS Treasure Valley Chapter would like to welcome Kathleen Godfrey, ACHD and Andy Bowen, P.E., WH Pacific as our new Awards Co-Chairs and Donn Carnahan, P.E., Keller Associates as our new Sponsor Chair. We'd also like to thank Tracy Ellwein, P.E., HDR and Stephanie Borders, HDR for their dedication and years of service supporting the WTS Treasure Valley Chapter. Tracy is staying on the board as the Northwest Region Council Representative.



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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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## January 16th U of I Ecohydraulics Lab Tour



The Treasure Valley Transportation YOU program attended a tour of the University of Idaho's Center for Ecohydraulics Research on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Ten girls, and their parents, joined Transportation YOU committee members on a tour of the facilities located on Myrtle Street, downtown. The attendees learned about the different kinds of work environmental and water engineers do and the importance of their work for the environment. Professor Daniele Tonina, along with Lab Engineer Bob Basham, showed the girls how they use the giant flume in their lab for different research projects benefitting areas all over the state. They used their smaller, educational flume to show how sediment and river flow are affected by changing river bed areas and obstructing objects. It was a great event and we are so fortunate to have an innovative research center like that here in our city.



## Upcoming Transportation YOU event!

**What:** STEM Day with the Girl Scouts

**When:** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 3:00 pm

**Needed:** Volunteers to come help put on an activity for the girls!

**What:** E Girls with Boise State University

**When:** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – Noon

**Needed:** Volunteers to come help put on an activity for the girls!

**Please contact Karie Davidson at [KarieD@Horrocks.com](mailto:KarieD@Horrocks.com) if you are interested in helping out with one of these events! Last year, we had enough volunteers at STEM Day for 2 hour shifts that worked really well!**

Join the WTS Treasure Valley Chapter group on LinkedIn

### Northwest Region News

On February 2, the WTS Northwest Region hosted a luncheon in Spokane Washington to help kick start a new WTS chapter. Over 75 guests attended to hear a panel discussion from transportation leaders, Lynn Peterson (WASDOT); E. Susan Meyer (Spokane Transit) and Katy Allen (City of Liberty Lake). WTS President, Marcia Ferranto was also in attendance.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Northwest Region is planning a mini-conference in Seattle on September 29-30. Details to follow.



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## March 29th Lunch and Learn

Treasure Valley WTS met Tuesday, March 29th at The Riverside Hotel for March's monthly program. Maureen Gresham with ACHD Commuteride gave an update on May in Motion, which is coming up fast. Commuteride has its highest enrollment for May in Motion, which is an alternative transportation program, but they are always looking to help new companies know their smarter transportation options. Check out the program here: <http://www.commuteride.com/may-in-motion/>.



The group also got an update on the Broadway Bridge project. Dave Butzier presented on the project's progress since it got underway at the beginning of January. The old bridge has been completely removed and they have almost completed placing all the girders for the new bridge. Dave also shared some interesting extras, like how the stained glass from Christ Chapel was removed by a contractor from Portland and taken back to Portland to be restored during the bridge construction. The program attendees also learned that at the beginning of construction the river was flowing at about 200 cubic feet per second (CFS), but with all the winter moisture, the flow is increasing by 500 CFS per day and will eventually reach 6000 CFS. So, the girder placement is wrapping up at just the right time. Construction should almost be complete by September 2016. just in time for the first Manolo Blahnik pumps BSU home game. Check out <http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/broadwaybridge/default.html> for more information and cool time lapse photos of the project.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH WTS

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.