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Save the Date
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

Nomination forms are forthcoming

- ✦ Member of the Year
- ✦ Woman of the Year
- ✦ Employer of the Year
- ✦ WTS Secretary Ray Lahood Award
- ✦ Innovative Transportation Solutions
- ✦ Partner of the Year
- ✦ 2017 Honorary Member



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WTS Scholarship Auction

Join WTS Treasure Valley on Facebook. "Like" our page to keep up to date on upcoming events, networking, and volunteer opportunities.

It's time for the 4th annual WTS online auction!

This year's auction is not only raising money for scholarships for girls pursuing education and careers in STEM, but also for educational activities for Transportation YOU participants. Transportation YOU works with girls 13-18 who are interested in STEM. Starting early with girls is key to encouraging their interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

We are currently collecting donated items for the auction. Items of all sizes are appreciated. The more diversity we have the more fun it will be! It would also be a huge help to the committee if you take a stab at writing the item description and give us an estimated value to start the bidding.

There are three spots to drop off your donated items. Donated items must be dropped off at one of these locations by Monday, October 24:

HDR, 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd. Suite 100, Boise, ID

ACHD Commuteride, 3775 Adams St. Garden City, Idaho 83714 and

VRT/COMPASS, 700 NE 2nd St., Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642

The actual bidding will be open October 29th through November 9th. The auction will end on the 9th at 8:00 pm so there will be plenty of time to end any last minute bidding wars!

After the auction is over, items will be available for pickup at VRT/COMPASS.

This is a great way to get ahead on some Christmas shopping, or maybe even find something for yourself!

Thank you for everyone's continual participation, especially Kittleson for donating the use of their online auction site every year. We couldn't have such successful auctions each year with out you!

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Transportation YOU! Events

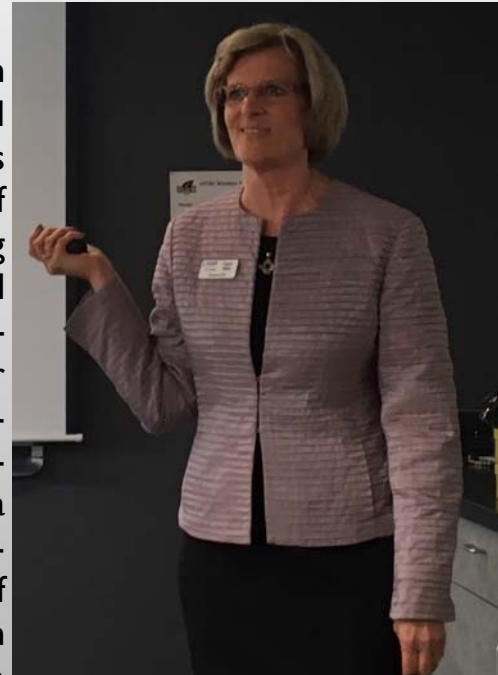


Transportation YOU has an upcoming STEM event for girls! ACHD has been kind enough to host this Transportation YOU event and is taking the participants on a tour of some of their facility. The girls will be able to view the goings on of the Traffic Management Center and learn some behind the scenes info.

Participants will also get to spend some time in the Materials Lab where they can get to get their hands dirty. Lastly, the girls will get a demo of the equipment and will even get to operate some of the heavy machinery! This will be a fun event open to girls ages 13-18. Parents are welcome to join too! The tour will be held on Friday, October 7th from 10:00 am to noon. Please contact Karie Davidson at KarieD@Horrocks.com if anyone would like to attend as a volunteer, or if you have a daughter that would like to participate.

September 21st Lunch-and-Learn

We had 35 attendees at this lunch and learn event. Connie Miller, President/CEO of ICON Credit Union, was our presenter for this leadership training. She has a background of 20+ years of executive level experience along with her passion to build strong leaders and strong cultures in the workplace while continuing to give back to the community in her "free" time. The presentation covered successful business culture examples and highlighted the considerations necessary for a positive culture. Connie discussed how culture boils down to the values and norms of the organization. A couple of presentation takeaways include identifying the "drama



zone" and tips on how to handle those that are in it and the differences between missional vs outcomes based leadership and the positives of being a missional leader. Thanks Connie for the enlightening presentation!

Join the WTS Treasure Valley Chapter group on LinkedIn



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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.”

HDR Strategic Partner Highlight

HDR has partnered with clients to shape communities and create infrastructure that moves people, provides economic benefit and protects the environment since 1917. We specialize in engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services. With nearly 10,000 employees in more than 225 locations around the world, including over 100 employees in Idaho, we think global and act local.



We believe that the way we work can add meaning and value to the clients we serve and the work we do. We are proud of our contributions to the transportation infrastructure across the State of Idaho including new and improved roads, bridges, transit facilities and planning efforts.

HDR was the WTS International and Treasure Valley Chapter Employer of the Year in 2013. We have been a longstanding partner with WTS for more than a decade and proudly support 165 women and men of HDR who are members in WTS. Locally, there are three HDR employees currently serving key positions on the WTS Treasure Valley Board.

We are proud to serve as a Trailblazer Partner for WTS International as well as a 2016 Strategic Partner for the Treasure Valley Chapter.

STRATA Champion Highlight

STRATA has steadily grown from a materials testing and geotechnical engineering partnership established in 1974. Since then, our company continues to flourish and expand services and professional alliances built on four decades of client-focused service. STRATA provides quality, value-based, geotechnical engineering, environmental consulting, geological and material testing services through our network of thirteen regional offices located throughout the intermountain west. Each office is invested in their respective local communities’ success. STRATA has supported WTS Treasure Valley Chapter for several years and has employees who actively participate in WTS events. Additionally, a STRATA employee has acted as the Communications Chair for the past four years. Our goal is to serve our clients and protect their investments. We accomplish this by establishing long-term, professional relationships with the clients we work for and the communities in which we live. Our success is based on three primary commitments:

- Add value to each project.
- Offer innovative solutions.
- Build long-term relationships.



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GeoEngineers Champion Highlight



Over the past 35 years, GeoEngineers has shown what can be accomplished when a consulting firm puts people first. Our employees drive our work forward in 14 offices throughout the country, and no place is more representative of the quality of our staff and our work than the Treasure Valley region.

We stake our reputation on our professionalism, integrity and strong client relationships. We have made good on our founders' vision, earning a reputation as creative thinkers and trusted advisors who work in partnership with our clients on their most challenging projects. As an employee-owned firm, GeoEngineers' ownership is incredibly broad—more than half of our 330+ employees share in profits and decision-making. This gives us an edge when it comes to including and elevating diverse viewpoints and talents.

Our talented team in Boise has been responsible for a number of high-profile transportation projects in the region, among them the recently-completed I-84 Meridian Interchange. As a member of the Parametrix/ITD team, GeoEngineers performed geotechnical investigations, prepared ITD Materials Phase Reports to support earthwork, and contributed foundation, retaining wall, seismic and pavement designs.

In the Treasure Valley and throughout the country, GeoEngineers promotes higher standards of professional excellence through our talented and diverse staff. This talent, combined with broad employee ownership and deeply held values of respect and trust, result in a truly remarkable team. If you don't know us yet, we'd love to introduce ourselves.

Upcoming WTS Treasure Valley Chapter Events

Our chapter has some great events coming up in the next few months!

October 18th – Multi-Modal Center Tour

November—Meet and Greet—House and Senate Transportation Committee Members (**Sorry, but this event is for members only. Contact Monica Crider or Neil Handyside if you are interested in joining our chapter.**)

November—Sponsorship Luncheon

December—Mixer with ISPE, ITD, ACSE, ULI, and ITE

January 26, 2017—Annual Gala



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www.wtsinternational.org/](http://www.wtsinternational.org/)

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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.



Be the first to find the unusual phrase and you'll win a free WTS luncheon! Email the phrase, the page number, and the article title where you found the phrase to treasure.valley.wts@gmail.com.

WTS Treasure Valley Chapter—Event Stipend Program

WTS Treasure Valley 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.

Selected WTS Treasure Valley 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 will be available on our website at http://www.wtsinternational.org/treasure_valley/documents/ in early October.

Applications for 2017 are due no later than November 30, 2016.

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WTS Northwest Region Conference

Washington Convention Center, Seattle, WA

The first WTS Northwest Region Conference is taking place this Friday, September 30. During the event, attendees will have the chance to network, hear from panels of local, regional and national transportation leaders, and learn about an exciting new public-private collaborative working to identify innovative mobility solutions.



WTS Adopt-A-Highway August 13th Litter Pickup



Here is our August 13th Litter pick up crew. From left to right: Dick Jacobson, CH2M; Donn Carnahan, Keller & Assoc.; Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS; Maire Dickens, (Liisa's daughter); Miia Dickens, (Liisa's daughter); Mac McOmer, AECOM; Dyan Bevins, ACHD; and Dave Butzier, AECOM. Not pictured is Dustin Bevins, Dyan's

husband.

The crew collected 11 bags of litter along Orchard Street, from Victory Road to Gowen Road. Next litter pick-up is scheduled for October 22nd from 9:00-11:00am. If you would like to join us pumpernickel pretzel for our next Litter Pickup please contact Dave Butzier at dave.butzier@aecom.com.

2016 WTS Treasure Valley Scholarships

WTS Treasure Valley Chapter will be awarding two \$1,500 scholarships this year. Scholarships are awarded to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field who demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and interest. Scholarship information will be forwarded to Idaho colleges and universities in the near future. Application information will also be made available on our website http://www.wtsinternational.org/treasure_valley//news/scholarships/