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Youth Transportation Academy Scholarship Fundraising Campaign Kicks-Off



College of Western Idaho President Bert Glandon speaking to WTS and the Youth Transportation Academy students.

WTS celebrated a successful first year for the Youth Transportation Academy and raised \$1,251.00 for a scholarship fund at a luncheon May 5. WTS plans to raise \$10,000 over the next two years with the goal of awarding scholarships in 2013 or 2014. WTS wants to award two \$2,000 scholarships each year to students pursuing post-high school careers in transportation. Students from Frank Church Academy worked with WTS members and Valley Regional Transit to find a solution to a lack of bus services for students attending Victory Academy and Frank Church High School. The students gave a presentation regarding their proposed Southwest Boise Route Plan at the May 5 luncheon. Special guests Maryanne Jordan from the Boise City Council; Bert Glandon, President, College of Western Idaho; and Nampa Mayor Tom Dale attended the event and provided encouraging words to the students.

The WTS Youth Transportation Academy is a signature service project developed by the Treasure Valley WTS Chapter to create mentoring connections between transportation professionals and secondary education students interested in learning about transportation careers. The mentoring is accomplished by engaging students in the planning and development of transportation projects that are relevant and meaningful to them. The Frank Church Academy is the first academy sponsored by WTS.

WTS is in the process of recruiting a school and project for next year. Brooke Green and Andy Dalieden are going to be the project managers for next years project. If you would like more information or to become a part of the academy contact WTS Scholarship Chair, Kelli Fairless at (208) 846-8547 or e-mail kfairless@valleyride.org.

WTS Members will Participate in Boise State University Engineering Girls (e-Girls) Event

Members of WTS will join 40 - 50 girls in the 9th and 10th grades at a free two-day engineering workshop hosted at Boise State University. The “e-Girls” will spend the night on the campus where all dinners, lunches and snacks will be provided. Their days will be spent exploring careers in the engineering and computer science fields where they will plan and perform hands-on activities that demonstrate engineering and math principles.

This is WTS’s first time participating in the e-Girls program. If you would like to participate contact WTS Secretary, Monica Crider at monica.crider@itd.id.us

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Treasure Valley Chapter

EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Our Energy Future

Russ Weeden
Idaho Power
June 15th
12:00 p.m.
Idaho Power Office
13th and Main Street
Boise, Idaho

JULY

Summer Break

Programs Chair Needed

If you are interested in becoming the chairperson of the Programs Committee please contact Tracy Olsen at tolsen@whpacific.com

Notes from WTS International

By Nadine Lee, WTS International Director, Region 6



Greetings, and welcome to Spring 2011!

Spring is traditionally a period of renewal – a time to cleanse and start anew, shaking off the blanket of dust collected over the winter. Fresh air and warm sunshine give us a healing energy, reminding us that the world is full of opportunities to make change and improve upon the past.

On a national level, the transportation industry is poised to act upon the next transportation reauthorization. Whether or not Congress will pass a reauthorization bill is yet to be seen, but one thing we do know is that the economy depends on jobs that can be created through such legislation. Right now, infrastructure investment is paramount to the stabilization of our economy and would

give American workers a fresh start.

As part of our own Spring cleaning, WTS International is developing an update to our strategic plan. The existing plan was completed in 2007 to facilitate an organizational transition with the establishment of an executive office. Since then, WTS has become a much stronger and more capable organization than ever before. With this strategic plan update, WTS will take the next steps to solidify our position as the leading organization in the transportation industry. Of course, making these strides will move us forward in our mission to “transform transportation through the advancement of women.” Be on the lookout for the rollout of the strategic plan update at the Annual Conference in San Francisco in May.

Speaking of the San Francisco, I always look forward to attending the Annual Conference, and this year is no exception. At the three-day event, we are sure to hear about leadership, trends in transportation and land use, innovative financing for transportation mega-projects, and much, much more. In addition, exposure to the movers and shakers in the industry will give each person new ideas for tackling the challenges waiting at home.

I hope that you, too, will find inspiration in the coming of Spring and that this energy will apply to your work in both WTS and in transportation!

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WTS Member Profile



Jennifer Bithell is a Project Engineer with H.W. Lochner. She attended the University of Utah where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Jennifer chose to work in transportation because she wanted to work in an industry that was going to be around a while but also was progressing with the changing times.

Jennifer has been a member of WTS since 2008 and was the Programs Chair until recently being temporarily relocated for work. Jennifer became a member of WTS to meet some local professionals in her industry.

“I was searching for the organization that fit me best when I attended my first WTS luncheon.” She said, “Two years later I volunteered for the Programs Chair. Part of what drew me to WTS was the board; you can see the love and dedication in each person.”

Jennifer grew up in Green River, Wyoming where her family vacations consisted of attaching the pop-up trailer to their Jeep and heading for the mountains. Those frequent trips gave Jennifer a “hearty appetite” for the great outdoors. Now she enjoys being in the fresh brisk air of nature with her two dogs Marley and Hula, where she can ski, camp, or backpack. Since moving to Boise four years ago, Jennifer has become an avid white water rafter.

Jennifer said she is “living the dream” which reflects her professional and personal life. “To me this means I’m living my life the way I want to. It’s my dream and I’m creating it as I go.”

WTS Adopt-a-Highway Crew Hard at Work

WTS Treasure Valley Chapter has it’s own little piece of roadway real estate, even if it is only “adopted” real estate.

Members have been cleaning up roadside litter along Orchard Street between Victory and Gowen roads (west side of the airport) since the beginning of the year. Dozens of bags of garbage, cigarette butts, packaging peanuts, and the occasional car muffler have been removed by our hard working crew. WTS will schedule a clean up every 3-4 months. It takes about two hours to clean up both sides of the roadway along the one-mile section.

WTS members have brought friends and family to join in on the fun. It’s a great way to get out in the fresh air, get some exercise, and participate in a worthwhile project. We are always looking for more participants to enjoy this satisfying community service effort.

WTS provides the stylish green vests, orange trash bags, refreshing water, and sun tans. So bring your gloves, sun screen, and engaging conversation and join us!

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