

NEWSLETTER



Advancing Women in Transportation
Sacramento Chapter

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Coming Events:

- Mike McKeever, Executive Director of SACOG speaks at our March Meeting on March 24th at Ricci's, 705 J Street in downtown Sacramento (916.442.6741).
- April Event—*Introduction to the Mentor Program*. Date and time to be announced.

WTS ANNUAL EVENT 2004

The WTS Annual Event was held at the new Sacramento Embassy Suites Hotel Riverfront Promenade on November 10, 2004. The banquet room was filled with several esteemed members of the local and state level transportation community.

Many thoughtful and motivating words were shared by Andrea Leisy ESQ, from Remy, Thomas, Moose & Manley, who spoke on the impact of women in the transportation industry: past, present, and future.

Several women in the Sacramento region were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the transportation industry. These individuals conveyed humble and inspiring words while receiving public praise by their peers at the reception.

Recognition was given to City of Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge for 'Woman of the Year'; Mayor Sophia Schermann for the City of Elk Grove as 'Employer of the Year'; and former WTS



Kathryn Mathews (left) and Dr. Beverly Scott (center) celebrate Mayor Linda Budge as 'Woman of the Year' at the WTS Annual Event.

Sacramento Chapter President Beverly Mason as 'Member of the Year'.

WTS-Sacramento also awarded \$750 scholarships to two accomplished student members. Allison Nederveld, a UC Davis graduate student majoring in mechanical and
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Woman of the Year

Linda Budge, Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova

Employer of the Year

City of Elk Grove

WTS Member of the Year

Beverly Mason

WTS RECEPTION IN HONOR OF WILL KEMPTON

The Sacramento and Bay Area chapters of WTS held a reception in honor of Will Kempton as the new Director of Caltrans at the California State Capitol Rotunda on January 19, 2005. The hall was filled with various public and private sector representatives of

the transportation industry showing their support for Mr. Kempton's new role at the state.

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The event, which followed the CTC meeting, included several commissioners and attendees from local agencies and organizations such as Christine Monson, Executive Director of ACTIA; Tom Margro, General Manager of BART; Celia McAdam, Executive Director of PCTA; Jose Luis Moscovich, Executive Director SFCTA; Mike McKeever, Executive Director of SACOG; Dr. Beverly Scott, CEO of Regional Transit; Maria Ayerdi, Executive Director of Transbay JPA; John Roberts, President of PECO; and Greg Zeiss, President of ASCE-Sacramento.

Attendees received an impressive introduction of Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza with her firmly established career in public service. In turn, Assemblywoman Oropeza introduced Will Kempton at the reception held in honor of him.



Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza introduces Will Kempton at the WTS Reception



Will Kempton congratulated by Beverly Mason



Standing Room Only at the Will Kempton Reception

WTS PRESENTS A 'NEW' MENTOR PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

The Sacramento Chapter of WTS is starting up a new Mentor Program for members. This program envisions developing mentor-protégé relationships between people in the transportation industry. The program can only be successful through member participation. We hope you will

join us for what will be an exciting endeavor for all. If any members are interested in becoming either a mentor or protégé, look for coming details on our April Event—2005 Mentor Program Kick-Off. Date and time to be announced. If you have any

questions, please contact Katie Carr at k.carr@fehrandpeers.com.

MENTOR INITIATIVE:

"By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn."

DIVERSITY INITIATIVE:

To increase effectiveness and systemic change within individual organizations and the nonprofit sector by promoting cultural inclusion and organizational diversity.

DIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR WTS IS COMING

The transportation industry is a multi-faceted and evolving conglomeration of professions, modes, methods, infrastructure, demographics, etc. The WTS-Sacramento Chapter is in the process of developing a Diversity Program for the area members. At the national level, WTS supports the infusion of a Diversity Program in the local chapters.

The overall goal of the Diver-

sity Initiative is to help organizations achieve change.

If any members are interested in helping develop the Diversity Program, please contact Myriam Frausto at mfrausto@markthomas.com.

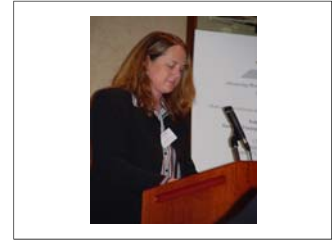
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 aeronautical engineering, received the Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship for her interest in transportation and alternative fuels. Ms. Nederveld received high praise from her department on her complex research topic for transportation applications.
 Amy Ha, a civil engineering undergraduate student at CSU-Sacramento, is the recipient of the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. Ms. Ha's study abroad to Sydney, Australia and her involvement in civil

engineering organizations have enlightened her interest in the field of transportation.



2004 WTS Annual Scholarship Recipients Allison Nederveld (left) and Amy Ha (right).



Featured speaker, Andrea Leisy



Mayor Sophia Schermann receives the 'Employer of the Year' award for the City of Elk Grove.



WTS Board Members (l to r): Katie Carr, Carol Saucedo, Katie Eastham, and Beverly Mason at the 2004 Annual Event.

NEWS AND EVENTS

If you have any projects, issues, or profiles that you would like to see featured in the WTS Newsletter, please contact Judy Matsui-Drury at jmatsui@ch2m.com.

TREASURY REPORT

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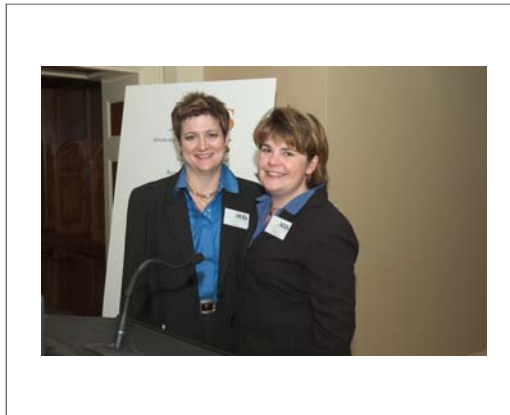
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the reception for Will Kempton. What a wonderful opportunity it was to meet so many fascinating transportation professionals from the Sacramento Region. Thanks also go out to the very nice State Capitol staffers who helped Beverly and I transport the three cases of wine through security. Talk about a new spin on goods movement!

At last month's WTS Leadership Training in Nashville, I met transportation professionals from across the US, Canada, and England and witnessed the installation of California's newest WTS chapter, Inland Empire. With 6 California chapters and nearly 40 chapters across the globe, WTS may have a chapter



Katie Eastham, Sacramento Chapter President (right), with Dina Potter, former president of the Bay Area Chapter(left) at the Will Kempton Reception.

where business travel takes you. Check the WTS National website site (www.wtsnational.org) for a listing of events hosted by WTS chapters at your destination. One of the benefits of membership is the ability to network locally, nationally,

and now internationally. Mark your calendars for the 2005 WTS National Conference, May 26-28, at the Fairmont Princess Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. Check the WTS website for details. And lastly, if you have any program ideas or suggestions, please contact me or anyone on the Chapter Board. We'd love to hear from you!

Katie Eastham
President
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