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Upcoming Events

July 23, 2020

WTS SC & WTS NC Triangle

Joint Virtual Luncheon

Bio-Asphalt Innovations

[Register Here](#)

August 20, 2020

Members Only Virtual

Luncheon

Exploring Unconscious Bias

September 15, 2020

Virtual Leadership Luncheon

Aviation Industry: Before,

During and After COVID-19

October 2020

TBA - Virtual Leadership

Meeting and Annual

Membership Meeting

December 2020

TBA - Membership Holiday

Event

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A Note from the President

First and foremost, I hope this message finds you well!

It is with great excitement that I write this note for our first WTS South Carolina Chapter newsletter. This would not be possible without an incredible board of directors, supportive members and generous corporate sponsors. THANK YOU!



Although all of the programs and events we had scheduled for the first half of the year did not pan out as we had originally planned, we have had some fun along the way. Some of the highlights from the first half of the year are included below in the Programs Committee and Membership Committee updates.

As we continue to adjust to life during a pandemic, I want you to know that WTS South Carolina is here to support you. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to help you as an organization or individual.

The WTS South Carolina Board is working hard to provide opportunities for meaningful connections, have some fun, and grow personally and professionally during these unprecedented times. Please be on the lookout for upcoming virtual events. I look forward to connecting with you all soon!

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WTS South Carolina President

WTS SC supports the WTS International Diversity and Inclusion Initiative



As an organization devoted to the professional development of women, WTS SC is committed to attaining equity and access for all. Our Board is offering training to members on both conscious and unconscious bias to ensure we are building a welcoming, inclusive, diverse and dynamic space for all people.

Click [here](#) to learn more

WTS SC PROGRAM UPDATE



Our Leadership Breakfast in Charleston on February 25, 2020 featuring SC Ports Authority's COO, Barbara Melvin.

Pictured (L to R):
Jesica Mackey, Katelyn Love, Raven Gambrell,
Erin Slayton, Barbara Melvin, Joy Riley, Elissa
Carron and Jennifer Mustar

The Program Committee began the year intending to host one program each quarter. Our first Leadership Breakfast program held in Charleston featured Barbara Melvin, SC Ports Authority's Chief Operations Officer; with over 40 people in attendance.

Due to COVID-19, the second quarter program was cancelled. Our **third quarter program will be held on Tuesday, September 15**. This virtual Leadership Luncheon will feature Dave Edwards, CEO of Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Join us over lunch to discuss the aviation industry in our state post-COVID-19. This program is open to members and non-members. Program details will be emailed to our mailing list and posted on our social media pages in early August.

Please join our [email list](#) to receive updates on future programs. Or follow WTS South Carolina on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

WTS SC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

What events and opportunities would you like to see for members this year? (Select one below)

Virtual Trivia Nights/Happy Hour

Select

Personal/Career Development

Select

PDH Opportunities

Select

The Membership Committee hosted several events the first half of 2020 including:

- January - Hops and Headshots/Margaritas and Mugshots events in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville
- February - Coffee and Conversation in Columbia featuring Erin Slayton, Project Manager with HDR and WTS SC Board Member
- March/April - Effective Leadership During a Pandemic. A three-part webinar series in partnership with ACEC-SC, ASCE SC, SCSPE, and SCSPLS
- May - Virtual Happy Hour and 90's Trivia Night
- On-going Small Group Connections

Upcoming Member Events:

- August 20, 2020 - Virtual Luncheon *Exploring Unconscious Bias* (Invitation will be sent via email to all members)
- October 2020 - Annual Membership Meeting

WTS International Recognition

WTS SC is Recognized

In addition to these events, our chapter was recognized for outstanding membership growth. WTS South Carolina started the year with 38 members, and by the end of May had grown to 70 members strong! Our Chapter won the 2020 Member Challenge in the small size division with an incredible 65% increase in membership. This award gave our chapter recognition



on the international level and is providing resources to continue our growth. Congratulations and thank you for your membership!

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