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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (2020)

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We hope you have stayed healthy and safe throughout this quarter. While many things have changed, WTS Indianapolis is excited to send you our 2nd quarter newsletter.

Are there additional topics you'd like to see in our future newsletters? If so, email us at wts.indianapolis@gmail.com. We are always happy to hear your thoughts!

RECAP

New Brand - Same Great Organization

Over the past few months, WTS International worked with Chapter Leaders all over the country to re-brand the society. The re-branding provides access to resources and more membership benefits. As part of this effort, WTS of Greater Indianapolis is being re-branded as **WTS Indianapolis**.

Although our name has changed, the Chapter still consists of the same Great People and Great Events. We hope this re-branding will help our membership base and events grow!

Keep a lookout for more details in the coming weeks! In the meantime, here is a link to WTS International's new website: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/>



Event Recap - Virtual Meet & Greet Happy Hour

On May 14th, WTS Indianapolis hosted our first virtual happy hour to provide our members with a chance to connect with their fellow colleagues, to build on existing relationships, to



see new ones evolve.

This event was a success and helped everyone feel less disconnected. Keep an eye out for future virtual happy hours - We can't wait to see you next time!

WTS Circle of Excellence Award - Gold Chapter

WTS International has announced that WTS Indianapolis is a 2020 Chapter Circle of Excellence Gold Winner!

The Chapter Circle of Excellence Awards honors outstanding WTS Chapters. The criteria for earning an award includes achieving benchmarks in:

- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Operations
- Communications and Events
- Professional Development Programs
- Chapter Size
- Compliance and Usage of WTS International Systems

Thank you for being a part of our success - Let's work toward having another great year!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Virtual PE Exam Prep

In June, we asked our members to complete a survey indicating if they would be interested in WTS Indianapolis implementing a PE Exam Study Group for the Indianapolis area with reduced pricing for PPI study courses.

Based on the feedback each of you provided, we have decided we **WILL** host a modified program in 2020, which will consist of the following items:

Study Material

Participants will have the option to purchase study materials at a discounted rate.

Contact Josshe' Palm to get the 15% off code and order details!

jpalm@structurepoint.com

How I Passed the PE Social - August 27

Mark your calendars! WTS is hosting an event with professional engineers who recently passed their exams to discuss best practices for studying and how to prepare the day before the exam and the day of the exam. watch for more information to hit your inbox next week.



TOPGOLF

3rd Annual Swings for Scholarships

Date: September 16, 2020 (Wednesday)

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Top Golf

9200 E 116th St.

Fishers, Indiana 46037

We are excited to announce that WTS Indianapolis will be hosting our 3rd Annual Swings for Scholarships event on **Wednesday, September 16th!** Join us in supporting the futures of female college students interested in transportation-related fields. If you registered for the spring date, your registration is still valid. We are coordinating with Topgolf and following national, state, and local regulations as they pertain to COVID-19. The health and safety of our members and guests is our #1 priority.

Due to social distancing accommodations, registration is limited and very few spots remain. Register today at <https://squareup.com/store/wts-of-greater-indianapolis> or via the link below!

Register to Play / Become a Sponsor

If you would like more information regarding the event and COVID-19 preparations, please contact Katie England (see below).

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CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Sponsor Spotlight

Celebrating our 40th anniversary this year, Lochmueller Group serves clients nationwide from



ten offices across the Midwest. We are committed to advancing women in transportation. Women make up 37% of our employee-owner workforce, and in the last 12 months women have made up 65% of our new hires. Lochmueller understands the value that WTS Indianapolis brings to the industry by supporting the advancement of women through professional development and mentorship.

A 100% employee-owned firm, we provide clients a comprehensive range of services for all their planning, engineering, and environmental needs. Listed on Engineering News Record's (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms and ENR Midwest Top Design Firms we are an Indiana Chamber of Commerce 2020 Best Place to Work. Shaped by the planning mentality of the firm's founders, Lochmueller's focus is meeting a client's overall goals rather than simply completing individual assignments. Our ability to move projects from the earliest planning stages through construction engineering allows us to better understand and appreciate how decisions made today can impact later stages of projects.



Member Highlight - Luella Beth Hillen

Luella Beth Hillen serves as Director of NEPA Services with Metric Environmental, LLC. She has over 30 years of experience working in the Cultural Resources and National Environmental Policy Act fields. She started her career as an archaeologist, working throughout the Midwest over the first 15 years of her career. Her passion for learning led her to expand her skills to learn all aspects of the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act process and then to learn the overall NEPA process, particularly as it pertains to transportation projects. In 2006, she and her family relocated to Indiana from Ohio to pursue greater opportunities managing the Indiana office of the small, woman-

owned environmental firm she was working for at the time. In 2012, she moved to a larger national firm to start a Cultural Resources practice. She directed the practice for five years, taking it from concept to a functioning practice with staff in multiple offices, working across a half dozen or so states. In 2018, Ms. Hillen accepted an opportunity with Metric, a small, minority-owned firm, to direct their NEPA services and start a Cultural Resources practice. She manages the NEPA, Natural Resources and Cultural Resources divisions. Beth and her husband, Jay, have been married for 30+ years and have two sons, Joe and Rob. In her spare time, Beth loves to cook, garden, can the produce from the garden, sew, and hike and camp, among many, many other things.

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