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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

1986 has been a year of stability for WTS-Washington. Our focus was on sustaining the viability of the Chapter as we faced a declining membership and the need to conserve our financial resources. As we talked with former WTS members, we found many had retired, changed jobs or careers, or moved from the area. New members did not completely fill the void left by our former members. WTS will need to continue to look at the membership issue in the future. The Chapter's financial position improved as we stayed within budget.

A wide variety of programs from mass transit to airline safety brought outstanding speakers before our members. Attention was also focused on local transportation issues. Over 100 members and friends came to hear Vivian E. Watts, Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Chapter's most successful activity was the Annual Congressional Reception. WTS member Senator Nancy L. Kassebaum was the honoree for 1986. Members of Congress joined with the Chapter as we saluted the Senator for her outstanding achievements in the field of transportation. The Reception was also a financial success.

The Board would like to recognize and thank the many WTS members for their continued support not only during the past year, but during the past nine years. These people are the strength of WTS and we are very appreciative of their dedication and involvement. That strength was recognized in January as three WTS members received the Chapter's highest honors. Joan Bauerlein, Federal Aviation Administration, was presented the Achievement Award for 1985 for her consistently outstanding performance within the U.S. Department of Transportation and her work with WTS on the local and national level. The Member of the Year Award was presented to Cynthia (Cindy) Burbank and Judy Meade for the many hours they devoted to numerous chapter activities.

Our members also contribute their time and hard work to WTS National. Jean Kerr, Immediate Past President, and Judy Kaplan Wener, Secretary, serve on the National Board of Directors. National committee chairs include Laurel Kent, Anne Smith, Lisa Harrington, and Judy Meade. WTS-Washington is proud of the accomplishments of these members.

On behalf of the 1986 Executive Board, I would like to express our gratitude to all the members and friends who gave of their time and resources to make this past year a very challenging and fruitful one for WTS-Washington.

Sincerely,
SHERRI Y. ALSTON
President
WTS-Washington

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Change in Financial Position
December 1, 1985 - November 30, 1986
Cash Basis

BEGINNING BALANCE

Checking	1,731
Savings	<u>6,502</u>
TOTAL	8,233

INCOME

Membership Dues	5,433
Luncheons	4,528
Anniversary Party	765
1985 Congressional Reception	500
1986 Congressional Reception	3,938
Sale of Mugs	70
Reception for National Officers	125
Net Interest	<u>387</u>
Subtotal	15,746

EXPENSES

Luncheons	4,465
Anniversary Party	2,861
Congressional Reception	1,678
Newsletter	5,273
Annual Report	499
Recognitions	552
American Professional Services	578
Reception for WTS National Board Members	192
WTS-Washington Mugs	365
Nametags	105
Election for 1986 Officers	133
1985 Annual Business Meeting	81
Other Administrative Expenses	<u>117</u>
Subtotal	16,899

ENDING BALANCE

Checking	2,764
Savings	<u>4,316</u>
TOTAL	7,080

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE—1986

The following is a recap of the activities planned and orchestrated by this year's Program Committee, which, not incidentally, consisted of Cindy Burbank, Patricia Cass, Jane Holt, Sally Liff and Susan Perry. The Committee tried to bring you interesting, informative and entertaining programs. In chronological order, the following are the Committee's offerings:

February, 1986 — Ralph Stanley, Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, was the guest luncheon speaker. Ralph spoke about the emphasis of this Administration on private involvement in the provision of transportation services. 50 members and guests attended.

March, 1986 — Walter G. Wohleking, Principle, Advanced Marine Systems Associates, was the guest luncheon speaker. Walter described the Congressionally-mandated study on *High Speed Waterborne Transportation Services*, an awfully pretentious title for a very amusing talk. 34 members and guests attended.

April, 1986 — Patricia Goldman, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, was the guest luncheon speaker. Pat talked about airline safety and the Board's role in preventing accidents and monitoring safety in the Nation's transportation systems. 77 members and guests attended.

May, 1986 — The Committee arranged as luncheon speakers three local transportation professionals to describe some innovative activities in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Unfortunately, not enough people registered in advance to cover the cost of the luncheon, so it was cancelled. One of the Committee's basic precepts was that it would not be involved in any activity that did not at least break even or, hopefully, make money. We hope the membership will be cognizant of this and sign up for luncheons sufficiently in advance so there will be no need to cancel in the future.

June, 1986 — At the Annual Congressional Reception the Honorable Nancy L. Kassebaum was honored for her dedication to transportation in general, safety in aviation in particular, and for human and women's rights. This Reception was attended by at least 100 members and guests.

July, 1986 — Peter G. Koltnow, Consultant to the Transportation Research Board and Counselor to the President of the American Trucking Associations, entertained the members and guests of WTS-Washington at the monthly luncheon with his lively presentation of *Screw the Pedestrian*. Peter developed this presentation for the Washington Road Gang and has been on the "road" ever since, alerting the public to the dangers of walking on our urban streets and sidewalks. 40 members and guests attended.

August, 1986 — Being a slow month, the WTS-Washington Program Committee was particularly pleased when the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility invited WTS-Washington members to lunch. Mr. Lester P. Lamm, President, HUFSA, invited members to a roundtable luncheon and discussion of the "trust" fund and the myriad activities for which it provides. 35 members and guests attended.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT (cont.)

September, 1986 — One of the highlights of the year for WTS-Washington members is the *Meet the Members* luncheon. And, this luncheon meeting was no exception. Jean Kerr, then Director of Accounting at the Maritime Administration; Susan Perry, Vice President, Congressional Affairs, American Bus Association; and, Susan Sheets, President, Transportation Studies, were the guest speakers. Our three member "speakers" were sensational and the luncheon was an unqualified success. 45 members and guests attended.

October, 1986 — The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety for the Commonwealth of Virginia, honored WTS-Washington at this monthly luncheon. The Secretary enthusiastically described, what seemed to this writer, the dozens of programs for which she is responsible in the Commonwealth. This luncheon was attended by 100 members and guests.

December, 1986 — And here we are at the Annual, "by-law", Business Meeting. We thank Deloitte, Haskins & Sells for hosting this meeting.

COMING UP

January 27, 1987 — WTS-WASHINGTON 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY. Look for more on this Party and you'll come.

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