

WTS-GNY ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter



DEAR VALUED MEMBERS



Beth DeAngelo

2015 was a year of tremendous growth for WTS-GNY, which regained prominence as the largest WTS chapter. In this second year of its term, the Board presented a range of programs and

networking events to our members and other industry professionals. The Board continued to focus on:

- Offering opportunities for leadership and career development
- Delivering programs and events for professionals at all stages of their careers
- Presenting a variety of event forums and topics to target the varying needs of our members
- Providing high-caliber speakers to

attract broad event attendance

- Visiting industry firms and agencies to introduce WTS to employees
- Demonstrating the value of membership

After a snowstorm pre-empted our typical January annual meeting, the program was held in March and honored members' contributions to the chapter, and to diversity and innovation in the workplace. Dr. Michael Horodniceanu, president of MTA Capital Construction, was the featured speaker. At this sold out event, the annual W/M/S/DBE Expo offered much networking between our small business corporate partners and industry professionals.

In June, a panel of accomplished women, Polly Trottenberg (NYCDOT), Mary K. Murphy (NJTPA) and Marilyn Shazor (FTA), shared their insights about capital plan development and implemen-

tation. Then in November, the chapter awarded its first Legacy Award to Maxine Finklestein during the 35th WTS-GNY anniversary celebration to recognize her efforts as a founding member and the inaugural president. The program also featured Meera Joshi, commissioner of the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission, who imparted knowledge about the quickly evolving taxicabs and for-hire vehicles business in the City.

The chapter concentrated on expanding and improving our Mentoring program, the Transportation YOU Committee and Scholarship initiatives. Efforts are underway to expand Transportation YOU programming into New Jersey. With a focus on young professionals, two Trending Topics events, with a variety of short talks by panelists, explored falling in love with one's career

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AWARDS

Woman of the Year

Polly Trottenberg was sworn in by Mayor Bill de Blasio as Commissioner of the



Polly Trottenberg

NYC Department of Transportation on January 27, 2014.

Trottenberg's 22 years of government experience include over four years at the U.S. Department of

Transportation, most recently as the under secretary of Transportation for Policy, where she developed key initiatives for the Obama administration including the groundbreaking TIGER discretionary grant program. In 2008, Trottenberg was named as the first executive director of Building America's Future, a non-profit organization that advocates for increased investment in infrastructure and major transportation policy reform.

During her 12 years on Capitol Hill, Trottenberg worked with U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Barbara Boxer. Prior to her work in Congress, she served at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Trottenberg also serves on the MTA Board. She holds a B.A. in History from Barnard College and a Master's in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Member of the Year

Polina Knaster's diverse career in transportation has spanned both the private and public sectors. She participated in, and was responsible for, transportation projects totaling over \$500 million in construction costs. During her tenure at NJDOT, she served as a project manager of Capital Projects, as well as a program manager for ROW Acquisition and Access Management. After her distinguished NJDOT career, Knaster joined HDR as senior project manager and New Jersey

client manager. At HDR, she has been involved in a number of high-profile projects such as the Bayonne Bridge and



Polina Knaster

several design-build initiatives nationwide.

Knaster has served in many professional organizations throughout her career, often in myriad leadership roles. She has been a WTS member since 2010. During that time, she served as co-chair and chair of the New Jersey Programs Committee and in 2014 and 2015 was WTS-GNY vice president for New Jersey. Promoting the organization and its continued success has always been one of her priorities. She facilitated a "Meet-and-Greet" event at NJDOT; arranged several technical presentations in New Jersey; and also has been responsible for organizing technical tours and professional development events.

Knaster graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute of New York with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and holds a Master's in Engineering Management from NJIT. She is a professional engineer and a certified project manager professional (PMP).

Employer of the Year

Jacobs is one of the largest professional services firms in the world, with over 200 offices in more than 25 countries. Jacobs consistently ranks among the top firms in the engineering industry, however these statistics only hint at the diverse talent that its more than 75,000 professionals possess. In the New York and New Jersey offices, approximately 20 percent of its employees are women. Fifty percent of the women in the two offices are professionally registered (PE, RA, AICP, AIA, CCM) and many serve as senior-level managers. In addition, each summer Jacobs hires interns from area colleges. Over the past several summers a large portion of these

interns in the New York and New Jersey region have been women. The firm also maintains Co-Op students who work in



Employees of Jacobs

its offices performing engineering assignments. For several semesters, its electrical and structural engineering Co-Op students have been female.

Employee talent is the cornerstone of the firm's success. At Jacobs, every employee contributes to value-added performance and the firm values the safety and well-being of each and every one. Jacobs strives to offer personnel a positive, caring environment that respects each individual and promotes well-being, safe-keeping and opportunity for everyone.

WTS plays a large role in the professional development of Jacobs employees. Jacobs is proud to be a Guardian level international sponsor and a Diamond corporate partner of the Greater New York Chapter. Jacobs also actively participates in the Transportation YOU program. The firm's home-grown Professional Women's Development Network also helps to advance women in the diverse workforce. The network's goal is to provide women and men with the opportunity to build multinational networks; develop leadership and technical skills; and enhance their careers. Meanwhile, the Jacobs Future Network helps to develop future leaders throughout the organization via professional development activities and networking opportunities. ■

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The programs in 2015 focused on the transportation industry's need to adapt to a changing world and to confront the major problems facing the nation: a transportation funding shortfall, the lingering impacts of the recession, population growth, traffic congestion, global warming and hardening of infrastructure against future natural disasters. Sustainability was a recurrent

theme. Also, to meet members' needs, WTS-GNY offered several jobs skills and entrepreneurial workshops.

WTS-GNY also continued its efforts to increase its New Jersey presence by holding several meetings in the state.

The following is a summary of the variety of topics and fascinating speakers at our 2015 programs.

MARCH

35th Annual Awards Program and 18th Annual M/W/DBE Expo

Keynote Speaker

Michael Horodniceanu, MTA, Capital Construction President



From left: WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); 2015 Member of the Year Polina Knaster (HDR) and WTS-GNY Vice President (NY) Julia Kerson (NYC Mayor's Office of Capital Project Development).



From left: WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Rena Barta (Jacobs) who accepted the Employer of the Year Award; and Julie Cowing (AKRF).



From left: WTS-GNY Advisory Board Chair Felice Farber (General Contractors Association of NY); Susan L. Kupferman Scholarship Winner Diane Xiao; and WTS-GNY Scholarship Chair Keri Cibelli (AKRF).

FEBRUARY

Trending Topics Series: "How To Love Your Career"

Speakers

Marsha Anderson Bomar, Stantec, Senior Transportation Principal
Eileen Dalton, PANY&NJ, Human Resources Dept. Assistant Director
Emily Gallo, NYCDOT, Chief of Staff

Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series: "The Language of Leadership"

Speaker

Jo Miller, Leadership Coaching Inc., CEO



MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu served as the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting.



From left: MTA Bridges & Tunnels' Credit Card Pilot Project won the Innovative Transport Solutions Award. The project team, from left: Svetlana Genesin; Bill McCann; MTA Bridges & Tunnels President Jim Ferrara; Elizabeth Paul; Malinda Foy; Tim Baker; Alice Hamilton-Young; Joe Gugliero.

APRIL

6th Annual Transportation Trivia Night

TransConOpps Session at TransAction Conference

Speakers

Steve Santoro, NJ Transit, Assistant Executive Director

Michael Venuto, Delaware River Port Authority, Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer

Dave Lambert, NJDOT, Engineer and Director of Project Management

Ron Monaco, PANY&NJ, Assistant Director for Cost Management

Michael Venuto, Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO Director of Engineering, Chief Engineer

Rob Fischer, NJ Turnpike Authority, Chief Engineer

Brad Heigel, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Chief Engineer



From left: Marsha Anderson Bomar, Stantec; Eileen Dalton, PANY&NJ; and Emily Gallo, NYCDOT, at the Trending Topics event in February.



Transportation Trivia Night in April. The winning team was called "The Bridge," from left: Josh Schneider, MTA Bridges & Tunnels; Steve Michejda, MTA Bridges & Tunnels; Alex Cohen, NYCT; Jennifer Swartz, MTA; Adam Hartke, MTA Bridges & Tunnels; Ian Hardouin, MTA Bridges & Tunnels.

MAY

General Membership Meeting
Transportation YOU “Effective Communications Workshop”

JUNE

4th Annual Summer Solstice Celebration
“Getting It Done: Capital Plan Development and Implementation” Panel Discussion

Speakers

Stephen Dilts, HNTB, Vice President
Polly Trottenberg, NYCDOT Commissioner
Marilyn Shazor, FTA, Region 2 Administrator
Mary K. Murphy, NJTPA, Executive Director

JULY

5th Annual “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”
Membership Appreciation Night

AUGUST

Brown Bag Presentation at LIRR
Speaker
Patrick Nowakowski, LIRR President

SUMMER

Learn From A Leader Roundtables

Speakers

Lamis Malak, NJ Turnpike Authority, Senior Engineer
Sally Librera, NYCT, Vice President for Subway Operations Support
Domenica Stasiak, CH2M Ports & Maritime Group, Project Manager and Structural Engineer,
Priscilla Cheung, MTA, IT Strategy and Program Management Office
Audrey Dagnachew, PANY&NJ, Program Manager, LaGuardia Airport Physical Plant & Redevelopment
Patty Clark, PANY&NJ Senior Advisor of Aviation Policy
Zenobia Fields, NJTPA, Dept. of Planning Director
Elisa Speranza, CH2M, Chief Communications Officer & Corporate Director
Lamis Malak, NJTPA, Acting Supervising Engineer
Marie Corrado, NYSDOT, Director of Major Projects Office



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2015 TransConOpps session speakers from left: Steve Santoro, assistant executive director NJ Transit; Michael Venuto, director of Engineering/chief engineer, Delaware River Port Authority; Dave Lambert, state transportation engineer and director of Project Management, NJDOT; Ron Monaco, assistant director for Cost Management, PANY&NJ; Rob Fischer, chief engineer, NJ Turnpike Authority; and Brad Heigel, chief engineer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.



The June Capital Plan panel discussion. From left: WTS-GNY Vice President (NY) Julia Kerson (NYC Mayor's Office of Capital Projects Development); WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); Stephen Dilts, HNTB; NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg; FTA Region 2 Administrator Marilyn Shazor; NJTPA Executive Director and WTS-GNY Immediate Past President Mary K. Murphy.



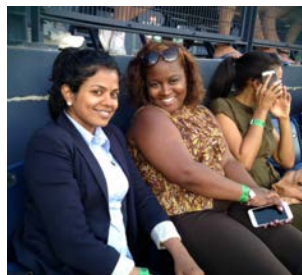
The June Summer Solstice celebration. From left: Sam Knaster, Ammann & Whitney, and WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff).



From left: WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Co-Chair Colleen Connolly (Malick & Scherer); Lynn Middleton, NJDOT; Tam Sillick, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff; WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Polina Knaster (HDR); Veronica Murphy, NJDOT at the Summer Solstice celebration..



From left: WTS-GNY Young Professionals Co-Chair Aimee Jefferson (NJTPA); Meghan Myers, Arora & Associates; Carolyn Trueman, USDOT at the Summer Solstice celebration.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame event in July. From left: Manasvi Menon and Crystal Cummings both of Parsons Brinckerhoff.



From left: Catherine Chardon, RATP Dev; WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Linda Travis (NY Life); WTS-GNY Advisory Board Member Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies); Michael Robinson, a guest, at the Take Me Out to the Ballgame event.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER

Annual Gala Cocktail Reception

Technical Tour of the NJ State Transportation Management Center

Speakers

Ruth Rodrigues, Floor Manager
Henry (Chip) Eibel, Director of Operations

Alfonso Voza, NJ Turnpike Authority, Electrical Engineer and ITS Specialist

Technical Tour of the George Washington Bridge

Speakers

Enrique Ramirez, PANY&NJ, Deputy General Manager
Bob Kearney, PANY&NJ, Resident Engineer
Kristen Derewecki, PANY&NJ, Engineer
Daniel Rondon, PANY&NJ, Engineer



The October Technical Tour of the NJ State Transportation Management Center.



George Washington Bridge Tour in October.

35th Anniversary in November. From left: Janis Bietzer, a WTS-GNY past president; Victoria Cross Kelly; WTS-GNY Advisory Board Members Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies) and Jenny Kapelyan (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); WTS-GNY Immediate Past President Mary K. Murphy (NJTPA); Maxine Finkelstein, Interactive Elements; WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); Carl Selinger, Carl Selinger Services.



NOVEMBER

WTS-GNY 35th Anniversary Celebration & NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) Presentation

Speakers

Meera Joshi, TLC Commissioner
Maxine Finkelstein, Interactive Elements, Inc., Principal

Trending Topics Series: "The Driverless Car"

Speakers

Stephen Dilts, HNTB, Vice President
Solomon Caviness, NJTPA, Planning and Operations Special Projects Manager
James Lynch, Insurance Information Institute, Chief Actuary and Director of Information Services



WTS-GNY Young Professionals Committee Member Tiffany Carson (Stantec) and panelists James Lynch (Insurance Information Institute), Steve Dilts (HNTB), Solomon Caviness (NJTPA) at the November Trending Topics event.



The Holiday Party in December. From left: Paul Gessner, Gessner Transportation Consulting; WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Co-Chair Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig); WTS Scholarship Committee Chair Keri Cibelli (AKRF).

DECEMBER

Holiday Party at Morton's Grille in the Flatiron District



WTS-GNY Newsletter Subcommittee Chair Daniella Bennett (STV) signed copies of her newly released mystery novel at the holiday party.



From left: WTS-GNY Young Professionals Committee Co-Chair Portia Henry (PANY&NJ); Young Professionals Committee Member Megan Veregge (PANY&NJ); Ece Hoch, AECOM, at the holiday party.



WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff) flanked by Columbia University graduate students Janelle Mills and Laura Ripley at the holiday party.

2015 ANNUAL GALA

Experienced trailblazers and a new generation of bold, innovative thinkers. These are the individuals that the transportation industry needs, and whom WTS-GNY holds in high esteem and seeks to venerate at its prestigious Annual Gala, which was held this year on October 7th at the elegant Battery Gardens Restaurant in Lower Manhattan.

With a murmur of music in the background and breathtaking views of New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty and Governors Island to feast their eyes upon, New York-New Jersey transportation leaders gathered to honor NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg as the 2015 Woman of the Year and the chapter's six scholarship winners.

WTS-GNY was pleased to welcome National Infrastructure Advisory Council Member Joan McDonald, a former NYSDOT commissioner who was the 2011 Woman of the Year, and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANY&NJ) COO Stephanie Dawson as special guest speakers. WTS International Chairwoman Beverly Swaim-Staley and International Director Paula Hammond also were on hand to extend their congratulations to Trottenberg. (Dawson is an International board member as well.) Also in attendance were MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast, MTA Vice Chairman Fernando Ferrer, MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu, Metro-North Railroad President Joseph Giulletti, LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski, Acting NYCT President Jim Ferrara, New York Building Congress President Richard Anderson and New Jersey Transit Executive Director Veronique Hakim. ■

WTS would like to thank the Special Events Committee overseen by WTS-GNY Board Liaison Ella McLeod; Director-At-Large Linda Travis served as advisor; co-chairs Jing Du (MTA Bridges & Tunnels), Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig & Associates) and Lisa Pompei (Garden State Engineering, Surveying and Planning); and members Laura Azze-Singh (MTA-NYCT); Daniella Bernett (STV); Wilhemina Brown (MTA-NYCT); Lian Duan (ARUP); Desiree Gazzo (B. Thayer Associates); Nina Harvey (ARUP); Amy Kaufman (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); Juliet Williams (MTA-NYCT); and Jacqueline Woodley (MTA-NYCT). Our thanks also go out to all those who donated items to the Silent Auction, which raised \$3,745 for the Scholarship Fund.



From left: WTS International President Beverly Swaim-Staley; NJ Transit Executive Director Veronique Hakim; WTS-GNY President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff); Woman of the Year Polly Trottenberg; National Infrastructure Advisory Council Member Joan McDonald; WTS International Board Member & PANY&NJ COO Stephanie Dawson.



From left: NJ Transit Executive Director Veronique Hakim; MTA Board Member Susan Metzger; Metro-North Railroad President Joseph Giulletti.



Woman of the Year Polly Trottenberg (center) with the 2015 scholarship winners.



From left: LIRR President Patrick Nowakowski; MTA Vice Chairman Fernando Ferrer; MTA Capital Construction President Michael Horodniceanu; MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast; New York Building Congress President Richard Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mentoring Program

The WTS-GNY Mentoring Committee, under the direction of Co-Chairs Nicole Bucich and Sarah Steib with guidance from Board Liaison Lisa DiTaranti, embarked on a traditional mentor program in 2015. However, the committee also made several significant changes, such as arranging for a professional motivational speaker and extending the program into January to make it a full year.

The apprentices found their mentors in January through a speed-matching exercise, which allowed them to efficiently determine shared goals. The 10 apprentice-mentor pairs met monthly to participate in official sessions focused on a wide range of topics including work-life balance; the importance of networking; managing up/down; balancing priorities; social media in the professional world; and presentation skills. Each pair also met on their own to track goals; discuss personal issues; and handle career challenges. The program concluded with the graduation in January at which the featured speaker was 2015 Woman of the Year Polly Trottenberg, the NYCDOT commissioner. The mentor program graduates are strengthening the transportation community in Greater New York. Congratulations to this year's apprentices and grateful thanks to those who have so generously mentored.

2015 Mentoring Program

Apprentices

Margariita Calbitaza
Lian Duan
Blythe Eaman
Sandra Forte
Rumana Haque
Kahina Lasfer
Carmen Oleksinski
Anne Patrone
Elizabeth Paul
Becky Traylor

Mentors

Vicky Kelly
Deborah Chin
Sarah Rios
Julie D'Orazio
Sandra Persaud
Debra Moolin
Maria Grazia Bruschi
Lois Goldman
Monica DaCosta
Maxinne Leighton

Young Professionals

2015 marked the second year of the revitalized Young Professionals Committee. The committee, led by Co-Chairs Portia Henry and Aimee Jefferson, as well as Board Liaison Liz Hynes, based the year's programming largely off the successes on the previous year. The group's annual calendar included monthly committee meetings, the "Trending Topics" speaker series at a midtown bar; a Transportation Trivia night jointly hosted by American Planning Association-WTS-Young Professionals

Transportation; and a fall tour of the iconic George Washington Bridge. The committee also programmed its first volunteer event at the Newark Bike Exchange and assisted in coordinating cross-committee networking socials prior to scheduled WTS-GNY chapter events.

In addition, Young Professionals' leadership represented the committee at several larger WTS-GNY programs, including the Membership Committee Workshop and a Transportation YOU meeting. The Young Professionals Committee also helped to facilitate local partnerships, including identifying a speaker and attending the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy's Women's Leadership Conference in New Brunswick,

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee would like to take the opportunity to shed the spotlight on this year's winners. It is rewarding for WTS to see that our scholarship awards are providing the financial support to advance women in transportation.

Leonard Braun Memorial Graduate Scholarship



Alexandra Gore is a Master of Science candidate in Transportation Planning and Engineering at the New York University Polytechnic School of Engineering. She received her B.S. in Civil Engineering from Cornell University in May 2012. Currently, Gore works full-time as a traffic engineer at WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff in New York City.

President's Legacy Graduate Scholarship



Mia Moffett is a Master of Urban Planning student at Hunter College focusing on transportation. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Moffett is currently pursuing her career in transportation planning as an intern in the pedestrian projects group at the New York City Department of Transportation.

TransitCenter Transit Policy Innovator Graduate Scholarship



Melissa Plaut is a third-semester Master of Urban Planning student at Hunter College, focusing on the relationships between innovative technologies and transportation. She first became interested in transportation and urban planning in 2004 when she was a New York City yellow taxi driver, an experience she documented in a

memoir. Since then, Plaut has lectured and published widely on taxi service in New York, including several op-eds in the New York Times. From 2012 to 2014, she was the director of Driver Operations at the on-demand taxi app Hailo.

Susan Miskowicz Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship



Ejona Hadziu is a Civil Engineering student at Syracuse University and will graduate in May 2016. Hadziu has been involved in such student organizations as Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers and U.S. Green Building Council Students Group. During the academic year, Hadziu works as a teaching assistant. Hadziu spent the summer of 2014 conducting research at Texas A&M University on the risks associated with cable-stayed bridges. This past summer, she worked as a technology analyst at JP Morgan in the Global Technology Infrastructure division.

Molitoris Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship



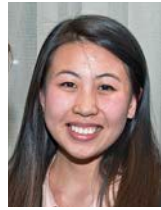
Jacqui Scibior is a senior at Clarkson University, studying Civil Engineering with a concentration in construction engineering management and a minor in Sustainable Solutions for the Developing World. Scibior's has performed internships at the New York State Department of Transportation and Alesia & Crewell Architects. This past summer, she worked in construction management for Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. Scibior is a member of the Concrete Canoe Team and is involved with Engineers Without Borders. She serves as secretary of the ASCE student chapter and the Alumni Relations chair for Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Transportation YOU High School Scholarship



Dominique Arno will be a freshman at Drexel University this fall and plans to major in Civil Engineering. She attended City Polytechnic High School in Brooklyn and graduated as the salutatorian. Arno excelled in several engineering courses and was chosen to collaborate at the Cornell University CURIE Academy engineering program. She also served as the captain of the first City Poly Robotics Female Team. As part of the WTS-GNY Transportation YOU program, Arno attended the Youth Summit in Washington, D.C., where she visited the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Susan L. Kupferman Scholarship



Diane Xiao graduated from Tottenville High School on Staten Island in 2012 with honors. Xiao is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering in Brooklyn and will graduate in May 2016. She is the vice president of Institute of Transportation (ITE) student chapter at her school, as well as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Xiao is proud to be the first generation of her family to attend college and plans to continue her studies in transportation engineering at the graduate level. ■

DEAR VALUED MEMBER

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and driverless cars. Our young professionals also participated in the Newark Boys and Girls Club bike exchange to give back to our communities, and toured the George Washington Bridge. What a view they had.

To appreciate our members, the fifth annual "Take Us Out to the Ballgame" offered perfect weather with a front row view of center field at Yankee Stadium. The Summer Membership Mixer attracted many new and prospective members. The December party was a festive affair, with members networking with an ice breaker and holiday treats for all to share. Our New Jersey winter and summer solstice networking events offered new members opportunities to learn about WTS-GNY. Our second summer of free member-exclusive "Learn from a Leader" programs, comprised of weekly roundtable discussions for 15 to 20 professionals, were hosted by successful women leaders.

My second year as president of the GNY chapter has been an overwhelmingly positive experience, with so many opportunities to promote the advancement of women. I feel privileged to have worked with a dedicated and impassioned Board of Directors, whose collective energy is unparalleled. I look forward to supporting Polina Knaster, the incoming president, as she leads the chapter forward and plans the best WTS International Conference ever, hosted by WTS-GNY in 2017.

Sincerely,
Beth P. DeAngelo
President 2014-2015

BUDGET REPORT

A critical financial objective of 2015 was replenishing our scholarship fund, which had been dwindling gradually over the past several years. To this end, we dedicated the proceeds from last year's increased corporate partnership revenue to the scholarship account, which is separate from the chapter's operating and savings accounts. These monies, along with revenues from our annual Gala and silent auction scholarship fundraising efforts, allowed us to donate over \$37,000 to our scholarship account in 2015. Advancing the next generation of women in transportation has always been a core mission of WTS-GNY, and keeping our

scholarship account flush enables us to do just that.

We also continued to focus on growing and retaining our membership, as well as providing the robust programming the transportation community has come to expect from WTS-GNY. Aside from our dinner programs and other large events aimed at a more general audience, the rejuvenated Young Professionals Committee offered a slate of new and exciting activities. We will continue all of these efforts in 2016 while also fundraising for the additional money required to host the WTS International Conference in 2017, a great honor for our chapter. ■

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenues				
Membership Dues	\$12,674.50	\$15,535.00	\$12,130.00	\$13,440.00
Bank Interest	\$222.89	\$173.34	\$189.31	\$186.95
Monthly Programs and Workshops	\$17,343.00	\$21,898.47	\$28,180.84	\$22,268.36
Membership Events	—	—	\$2,705.00	\$2,616.76
Corporate Partners (fundraising)	\$79,500.00	\$65,250.00	\$96,900.00	\$80,175.00
Other Fundraising	\$25,610.50	\$29,988.00	\$31,841.05	\$70,936.00
Total Revenue	\$135,350.89	\$132,844.81	\$171,946.20	\$189,623.07
Expenses				
President	\$118.40	\$625.00	\$590.49	\$405.80
Board Training	\$10,028.76	\$5,516.32	\$9,830.85	\$12,233.44
Bank Fees	\$42.40	\$27.10	\$101.56	\$75.26
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$1,161.75	\$1,698.46	\$2,236.25	\$1,320.34
Programs and Workshops	\$32,582.80	\$36,590.93	\$43,333.32	\$38,776.77
Membership Events	\$13,389.72	\$5,444.30	\$8,283.66	\$9,242.24
Fundraising	\$36,653.57	\$49,256.23	\$41,447.73	\$40,913.86
Transportation YOU	\$6,284.87	\$6,352.74	\$6,815.86	\$7,649.49
Corporate Relations	\$248.89	\$183.33	\$89.78	\$58.70
Board Expenses*	\$4,326.48	\$4,487.24	\$7,034.14	\$6,399.70
Board Liability Insurance	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$909.00	\$877.00
Mentoring	\$2,672.38	\$2,928.60	\$2,602.01	\$4,510.68
Newsletter/Annual Report	\$266.09	\$401.13	\$268.55	—
Photography	\$2,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Young Professionals	\$1,122.86	\$1,279.47	\$917.58	\$1,519.85
Miscellaneous	—	—	\$100.14	\$137.19
International Conference Attendance Scholarships	\$2,942.15	\$2,303.23	\$3,914.75	\$3,690.22
Total Expenses	\$114,891.12	\$118,994.08	\$130,475.67	\$129,310.54
Money Raised for WTS Scholarship	\$2,823.00	\$4,712.00	\$1,850.00	\$37,050.00
Total Expenses including Deposit to Scholarship Account	\$117,714.12	\$123,706.08	\$132,325.67	\$166,360.54
Net Revenue After Distributions	\$17,636.77	\$9,138.73	\$39,620.53	\$23,262.53
WTS Scholarship Account Balance (December 2014)	\$26,141.47			
WTS Scholarship Account Balance (December 2015)		\$42,514.38		

* Board Expenses include food at board meetings, conference call line, communications tools, and supplies.

WTS-GNY Board of Directors 2014-2016

President

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