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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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OW! How did 2021 fly by when I'm still stuck in 2020? I hope this holiday season is a wonderful time for each of you to reconnect with family and friends. This fall has been a good opportunity for our Chapter to introduce a hybrid of in person and virtual events. We plan to keep this format moving into 2022 with more in person events but also opportunities for virtual events when needed or possible.

I'm happy that we are able to share details in this newsletter of the Recognition Awards (which will be awarded at an in person luncheon in February), the Scholarship Awards, and the Gala. We are also in the planning stages for an in person Membership Meeting early in 2022. These are all WTS Pittsburgh annual signature events and it makes us all happy to anticipate sharing them with you in person next year.

If you are looking for an opportunity to become more involved in our Chapter, 2022 is the year for you! We have immediate Chair Positions available for **Diversity and Inclusion**, **Student Outreach**, and **Newsletter**. Later in 2022, we will be hosting elections for Board positions.

Lastly, I would like to share an opportunity to help someone in our industry. You may know that the executive director of ACEC/PA, Leeann Sherman, lost her home and all of its contents in a house fire last week. This really hit home to me, especially with the timing of the holidays. Truly, our industry is a small one, built on relationships, and it is important for us to look out for each other. Keep Leeann and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you are willing and able to help financially, there is a GoFundMe account established by a friend of Leeann's which you can find [here](#).

We are always open to suggestions for improvement, feedback on past events, or fresh ideas for the future! Please reach out to wtspittsburghchapter@gmail.com or krigot@hwlochner.com if you need

anything.

Stay well! Happy Holidays!

Kelly

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS



WTS Pittsburgh Chapter 2022 Annual Scholarship Gala and Fundraiser

Thursday, March 24, 2022
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

at the
Sheraton Station Square
[300 W Station Square Drive](#)
[Pittsburgh, PA 15219](#)



You Say You Want To Get More Involved? NOW is the TIME!

The WTS Pittsburgh Chapter is looking for some new faces to step in and help chair a few of our committees. We have current openings for:

Student Outreach Committee
Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Committee
Newsletter

The committees are very active and present opportunities to engage with a dynamic group of professionals, all eager to support the new chairpeople. For ease of transition, the current chairs will work alongside and mentor the new chairs for

a short time to allow them to reach a comfort level in their new respective roles.

Any interested members should contact Kelly Rigot, Chapter President,
at Krigot@hwlochner.com.

Recognition Awards Nominations are now available for submission

Categories will be awarded at the local level and then submitted to WTS International for consideration.

Please submit your nominations to Linda Zug by
5 pm on January 7th, 2022. Nomination forms can be located at the following link: Scholarship & Awards Process - MyWTS Communities (wtsinternational.org)

Awards include:

WTS Member of the Year Award

This award acknowledges a WTS member who has made extraordinary contributions to the success of the organization.

WTS Woman of the Year Award

This category is designed to reach out beyond our membership to honor a woman who is an outstanding role model in transportation.

WTS Honorable Ray LaHood Award

This award acknowledges a man who is a leader in transportation who has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field.

WTS Employer of the Year Award

This award honors an organization (company, non-profit, association, or government agency) for recruiting, retaining, and advancing women.

WTS Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

This award recognizes either an organization(s) or individual(s).

WTS Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

This award salutes an innovative transportation project led by a woman.

If you or someone you know fits the criteria for any of the awards, nominate them

and they could be recognized locally and possibly again at the WTS International Conference in Seattle WA in May! Contact [Linda Zug](#) with any questions.

Thank you



For those of you who attended the virtual I-579 CAP Presentation, thank you! We had a record attendance. And for those of you who missed the presentation, click the link below to watch it.

[Click here for CAP Presentation Video](#)

CORPORATE SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT



Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.



Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) is an engineering and environmental consulting firm that provides innovative design solutions and integrated expertise in air quality, civil engineering, ecological sciences, environmental engineering and sciences, manufacturing infrastructure services, survey/geospatial, waste management, and water resources.

Our experts understand the transportation industry's unique challenges and collaborate as part of a multi-disciplined team to develop tailor-made, integrated solutions. Our transportation industry-related services include:

- Environmental Assessments
- Surveying
- ROW acquisition
- Environmental Documentation
- Ecological Services
- Traffic Engineering
- Transportation Planning
- Agency Coordination
- Roadway and Traffic Signal Design
- Stormwater Management

- Construction Engineering and Inspection

Dedication and Commitment to WTS and Women

CEC has been a champion and repeat sponsor of the WTS Pittsburgh Chapter and the organization as a whole, having recently helped to launch a chapter in West Virginia thanks to pioneers Linda Zug (Pittsburgh Chapter Awards Recognition Chair) and Hannah Costello (founding member and first Vice President of the West Virginia Chapter). CEC is proud to support its active WTS members and we consider it a great accomplishment that our employees have served and continue to serve in leadership positions within WTS. All of these women have played an integral role among the leadership that helps to shape WTS.

For CEC, *active* participation in industry and professional organizations is considered the only viable status, and, as such, employees are afforded the flexibility to be engaged on a deeper level within the organizations for which we are members. CEC believes you get out what you put in, and that is certainly true for our members' involvement with WTS. The experienced managers and principals at CEC are involved in the outreach and advocacy efforts of numerous industry and professional groups to stay in front of emerging issues.

Participation in WTS is emblematic of CEC's larger commitment to making sure all employees have opportunities to achieve professional growth and engage in leadership development activities. In addition, our CEC Women initiative has a mission to create and promote internal and external opportunities for all employees to realize professional growth. CEC supports other organizations and endeavors that place emphasis on advancing women, and a number of women within CEC have taken on leadership roles in related organizations.

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