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Upcoming Events!

April

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017- Emerging Leaders Webinar
Program: Leading a High-Performance Culture, 1:00 -
2:00 PM**

What's the role of leadership in building a strong culture?
In this webinar, we'll define what culture is, and discuss ways to measure a culture's quality. Learn about actions that leaders at all levels can take to build a collaborative, achievement-oriented culture that people feel happy to be a part of.

Speaker: Shveta Miglani, Global Leadership Development Leader, Palo Alto Networks.

Click [here](#) to register

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - Transportation Trivia Night,
Smithfield Hall, 138 W 25th St.,
NYC, 5:30 - 8:00 PM**

Transportation Trivia Night is a joint WTS/YPT/APA event that bring members from each organization together to form teams that compete against each other to answer transportation-related questions in a pub-quiz style gathering.

Click [here](#) for more information

**Thursday, April 20, 2017-
WTS-GNY/MTA Membership Drive - Lunch time Event at
MTA -12:30- 2:00PM Please register [here](#)**

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - Networking Your Network - A Professional Development Workshop with Jaclyn Libowitz, Executive Coach and Consultant, MTA, 2 Broadway, Room D2.10AB NYC, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Networking workshop with refreshments. Please bring photo id for entrance
Click [here](#) for more information

May

May 17-19 - WTS International Annual Conference NYC
[Registration](#) now open!

June

Thursday, June 15, 2017 - NJ Program, Rats Restaurant, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ \$10.
More information TBA

July

Saturday, July 15, 2017 - WTS Young Professionals: Cardboard Kayak Race, NJDOT HQ, Governors Island - Kayak Hill near Pier 101, 11:30 AM- 4PM
Click [here](#) for more information

Coming Soon in 2017

Summer Learn from a Leader NY/NJ Series
Summer Membership Appreciation Event
Fall Dinner NY/NJ Program
WTS-GNY Annual Gala
YP Trending Topics
Holiday Party

Members in the News:

Congratulations to Our WTS GNY Chapter Members:

T.J. Martell Foundation to Honor *Anita Miller* at the 5th Annual Women of Influence Luncheon on Friday, May 12th at The Plaza in NYC .

Marine Tiger Technologies Inc. welcomes *Doreen Bartoldus* as a Senior Consultant. She will mobilize business development efforts focused on Program and Construction Management. Bartoldus brings 35-plus years of design and construction management (CM) experience to the firm.



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WTS International Annual Conference NYC

Registration Open!

WTS International will host its annual conference in New York City, May 17 - 19, 2017! The 24/7 New York area transportation network, serving as the backdrop to the conference, is the largest in North America. With its complex systems, multi-state linkage, and service for passengers and freight, it is vital for residents, visitors, and the nation's economy. During this interactive, three-day session, transportation leaders will exchange ideas and learn about the latest developments in the industry. More than More than 700 corporate and governmental transportation leaders worldwide will be in attendance and a multitude of topics will be covered.

Past conferences were completely sold out, so see what's new and register now!

[WTS-GNY Website](#)

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the premiere multi-modal conference of the year!

Highlights include:

- 19 optional technical tours of some of the nation's most impressive transportation hubs and iconic infrastructure and landmarks.
- Spectacular networking events and insightful programs.
- 2 optional professional development intensives: *Authentic Influence and Understanding and Growing Your Personal Brand*.
- Keynote address by Arianna Huffington, of *The Huffington Post*.
- A special 40th Anniversary Celebration, included with your conference registration!
- Much, much more!

In Memoriam:

Sandra J. Forte, NY Vice President, WTS GNY

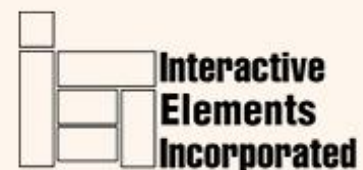
Sandra J. Forte, 52, on March 18, 2017. Beloved wife of Christopher. Loving mother of Shaylyn and Tyler. Adored daughter of Frank and the late Patricia Rauch and daughter-in-law of Carole and the late Carl Forte. Dear sister of Stephen Rauch, Janet Dwyer and sister-in-law of Jacqueline Rauch, Michael Dwyer, Steven & Joan Forte, Douglas & Jessie Forte and Michael & Kristen Forte. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Sandra's memory to either The Cancer Support Community



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Four MTA Employees Join Women's WTS - GNY Popular Mentoring Program



Patricia Lodge, Lisa Schreibman, Kat Lawrence, Eve Michel

Four MTA employees have been tapped to participate in the annual mentoring program run by the Greater New York Chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS-GNY).

Three of the MTA participants were chosen as mentors, and the fourth is an apprentice.

The yearlong program matches female leaders in transportation with up-and-coming professionals. The pairs meet independently every month to discuss career goals and development, and they also attend monthly evening group meetings to develop professional skills and learn from diverse speakers and from each other.

Donna Tafro, assistant director of Data Center Operation Administration in the MTA's IT Department and secretary of WTS, told MTA Today that the employees are:

Kat Lawrence, an analyst with Strategic Initiatives, part of the Office of the Executive Vice President at New York City Transit.

Lawrence is one of 10 apprentices in the program;

Lisa Schreibman, director of strategic planning in the Operations Planning Department at NYCT;

Patricia Lodge, vice president of human resources at NYCT; and
Eve Michel, program executive, senior vice president and chief architect at MTA Capital Construction.

The program, which began in 2001, is oversubscribed, turning away both potential apprentices as well as mentors, Tafro said. "People want to be part of it once they know about it," she noted. Apprentice applicants are required to have at least five years of

professional experience.

Mentors are selected either through an online application or by recommendation of someone within WTS. "We look for women professionals with a substantial part of their career spent in transportation and with management experience," Tafro said. She added: "Mentors find the experience as rewarding as the mentees."

Two MTA participants - a mentor and an apprentice - discussed the program with MTA Today.

"It was a really great experience, and I recommend it to others," said Carmen Oleksinski, an associate analyst in NYCT's Strategic Initiatives Group, who participated as an apprentice in 2015. "And I'm not alone in feeling that way. Towards the end of the year, I helped set up a survey to find out how people felt about the program. Over three quarters of them said they highly recommended it."

Malinda Foy, director of research and communication at Bridges and Tunnels, is a former mentor.

"The program attracts a competitive, impressive set of apprentices," Foy said. "They have seized on the opportunity to focus on their careers, their goals and to do great things. That's the biggest benefit - it's an opportunity to get to know yourself and focus on what is important to you."

Noted Oleksinski: "All of us were interested in making deliberate choices about our careers rather than waiting for things to happen for us. We were excited to define our paths forward."

Coaches from outside the program are brought in for professional training twice during the mentorship, and there's also a social event in August. Participants attend a "graduation" where the WTS-GNY Woman of the Year (honored at the WTS-GNY annual gala) is available for one-on-one conversation with mentors and apprentices.

The program continues informally for many participants even after it officially ends.

"Many mentors and apprentices stay in touch after the program has ended," Foy said, while Oleksinski noted: "A group of about five of us get together informally every few months. And we know we can approach each other for help if a specific issue arises."

[Visit the WTS-GNY website](#) for more information on this and other programs.

Courtesy of MTA Today

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

The [American Public Transportation Foundation \(APTF\)](#) is now accepting applications for 2017.

In furthering our mission to increase and retain the number of individuals choosing the transit field as a career, the APTF will award a minimum of twenty scholarships, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 each, to college students or transit professionals who



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are interested in pursuing or advancing in a career in the public transportation industry.

Awards cover the academic year, beginning in the fall 2017 semester, and assist with tuition costs or other educational expenses. All applicants must be sponsored by an APTA member.

Deadline:

Complete applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM ET, Friday, June 16, 2017.**

For more information on the scholarship, please visit [the APTF website](#) or contact Lindsey Robertson at lrobertson@apta.com.

WTS GNY - Volunteer Opportunities:

2017 Annual Conference:

Please join for an exciting opportunity to help prepare for the WTS 2017 Annual Conference in NYC!
Contact Alexa Gangemi at Alexa.Gangemi@ch2m.com for more information

Communications Committee:

A great opportunity to get involved with WTS GNY! We need writers, editors, and social media transportation-savvy volunteers. If you can write, edit, and have time to volunteer and contribute monthly news, featured articles, social media messages, tag lines, please contact us immediately at wtsignycommunications@gmail.com

Glass Ceiling Committee: -

The Glass Ceiling Committee (GCC) is seeking volunteers, preferably from the public sector, to help with conducting and analyzing results of an industry-wide survey, the first of its kind in the New York/New Jersey market, to be administered in early 2017. This survey endeavors to baseline and raise awareness of the level of engagement of women at senior and executive ranks in and public sector organizations. This committee focuses on glass ceiling issues that could be impeding the growth of women in the transportation industry. Those involved are currently in the process of conducting research and working on recommendations for programs and policies to be led by WTS-GNY to further its mission of advancing women in transportation.

If interested in being part of this ground-breaking effort, contact Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, WTS GNY GCC Chair at ylopezdiaz@HNTB.com.

Transportation You Committee:

The NJ Chapter of the Committee is looking for new mentors



and committee members for 2017-2018. Our mentoring program inspires young women (14-18) to pursue careers in STEM and Transportation. Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers girls an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. WTS members work to make a difference in the lives of high school girls in Newark, NJ, by offering site tours, professional development and group activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation. We also seek to encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

To find out how you can get involved, please contact Sutapa Bhattacharjee (sbhattacharjee@njtpa.org)

WTS-GNY Deadline for May Buzz:
April 28, 2017
email wtsghy@gmail.com



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