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Upcoming Events!

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**Tuesday, August 8th, NJ Learn From A Leader Series:
12:30PM - 1:30PM, Vivian Baker, Director, Intermodal
and Interagency Coordination, NJ Transit**
Click [here](#) for more information.



**Tuesday, August 9, NY Learn From A Leader Series:
5:30PM - 7:30PM, Clarelle DeGraffe, Deputy Director,
PATH**
Click [here](#) for more information.



**Tuesday, August 22, NY Learn From A Leader Series:
Cancelled, Cheryl Mckissack, CEO**



**Tuesday, August 29 - Emerging Leaders On-Site
Training Series: A Purpose-Driven Leadership Brand
Engineer, Transportation Systems Management**
Click [here](#) for more information.



WTS GNY Membership Appreciation Cruise:

After the threat of bad weather, skies were clear on the evening of Monday, July 24th, as 110 members boarded a Hornblower cruise ship at Pier 40 for the WTS GNY membership appreciation event. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, mingling, catching up with friends and colleagues, not to mention eating, dancing, all while admiring the sites of NYC and the sunset from the river.



WTS GNY - NJ Programs Summer Kick-off Event - July 6, 2017 at Rats Restaurant in Hamilton



WTS-GNY NJ Programs successfully hosted their annual Summer Kickoff Event at Rats restaurant in Hamilton, New Jersey on July 6. As always, this event was a hit with both current and prospective members of WTS-GNY. Attendees



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had the opportunity to network with their fellow transportation professionals, learn about WTS, and enjoy good food in a beautiful, intimate setting. The 15 attendees started off with a BINGO icebreaker. Participants received a bingo card with questions in each box which players were to ask each other to find someone who could answer "yes." Some questions related to interesting or unique life events, while others were geared toward WTS-specific experiences. Players were limited to using each person only once on their bingo card, which increased the chances for mingling. The first two individuals who completed a row of "yes" answers each received a prize.

Volunteers included: Meghan Myers, Tam Sillick, Janet Keiser, Patty Egan, Aimee Jefferson



Members in the News:

Congratulations to Our WTS GNY Chapter Members:

Nicole Pace, Marketing and Communications Director at Stokes Creative Group, Inc., chosen to receive NJBIZ "Forty Under 40" Award.

Good Luck in Montreal, Canada! **Alyssa Pichardo**, WTS GNY Transportation You Committee Chair. You will be missed!

Save the Date!

We hope you will join us to present the Woman of the Year Award at our Annual Gala on

October 4, 2017 at Battery Gardens

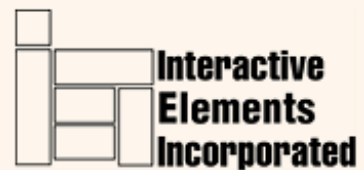
The Woman of the Year Award honors Mary K. Murphy, a leader in transportation who has distinguished herself through her professional achievements and support of women in the industry.



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Congratulations!



Sandra Forte Memorial Membership Award for Emerging Professionals

This award honors the memory of Sandra Forte, an amazing woman and long-standing member of the WTS

Greater New York (GNY) Chapter. Prior to serving as our Chapter's Vice President in 2016, Sandra shined as our Membership Committee Chairperson. The award's objective is to continue Sandra's efforts to strengthen the GNY Chapter's membership and encourage entry-level female professionals to participate in WTS. WTS-GNY recognizes the importance of supporting emerging professionals as a means of sustaining the long-term viability of our Chapter, as well as assisting in the development of our future leaders.

The recipient of the *Sandra Forte Memorial Membership Award for Emerging Professionals* will receive a one-year paid membership, sponsored by the WTS-GNY Chapter, with all member benefits. In addition, the Chapter will pay event fees for the recipient during the period of sponsorship for regular monthly events hosted by the Chapter.

Eligible applicants must work in a transportation-related career and not be eligible to receive reimbursement from their employer for WTS membership expenses.

Applicants should have **no more than 5 years** of full-time post-graduate professional experience in the transportation field.

Please return the completed [application](#) via email as a compiled PDF with **Sandra Forte** in the subject line to: wtsgnyspecial@gmail.com

Applications must be received no later than 5PM on Friday,



WTS GNY - Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteer for a Committee:

A great opportunity to get involved with WTS GNY! We need transportation-savvy volunteers. If you want to get involved, have time to volunteer and contribute, please contact us immediately! Contact [Keri Cibelli](#) our Volunteer Champion today!

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 Bandyopadhyay at sband@njtpa.org.

Request from Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, Chair of the Glass Ceiling Committee:

The Glass Ceiling Committee is pursuing research and development of a study to benchmark transportation industry women's leadership roles in the New York metropolitan area. The study also will identify whether the glass ceiling is a barrier to their growth and success. The results of this study will identify potential policies and/or programs to support the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in the field. Part of the committee's work involves surveying companies, both public and private.



Your help in promoting the survey is very much needed and appreciated. For the survey to get to the right HR professional, we need your help in identifying the HR

representative at your place of employment. Please forward his/her contact information (email, phone, and address) to the address below.

For any additional questions or to express your interest in being part of this ground-breaking effort, you also can contact me at the email below.

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WTS-GNY Deadline for September News:

August 29, 2017

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