



## *Advancing Women in Transportation* Greater New York Chapter

October 2019

### Upcoming Events

#### October 2019

##### **WTS-GNY 2019 Annual Gala**

*Oct. 7th, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM*

We look forward to seeing you tonight! Pre-registration is closed, on-site registration will be available.

##### **TransportationCamp NYC 2019**

*Oct. 12th, 9:00 PM-5:00 PM*

The WTS Young Professionals Committee is partnering with TransportationCamp NYC and invites you to be part of the conversation on all topics mobility! TransportationCamp is an unconference - every session is planned, proposed, and led by attendees like you. It's the perfect opportunity to share your transportation passion with a diverse gathering of fellow enthusiasts. Keep an eye out for a session on Women in Transportation...

Register [here](#).

##### **APTA & WTS WEDNESDAY WAKE UP BREAKFAST:**

##### **TRANSformational Influence-Women and Power**

*Oct. 16th, 7:00-9:15 AM*

This general session brings together some of the most powerful women in the transit industry to discuss their journeys to the top and how you can follow their lead. Last day to register is October 7th.

Register [here](#).



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## **Book Club Meeting No. 2 with Patty Clark**

New Date & Time: Oct. 24th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Come join us for our second book club meeting, this time with Patty Clark, chief strategy officer, Aviation Department at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey! We will discuss the book *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates. Register [here](#).

## **Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series-6 Ways to develop a Change Leader Mindset**

*Oct. 29th, 1:00-2:00 PM*

Whether it's a large-scale disruption or an everyday adjustment to the status quo, becoming a transformational change leader starts with managing yourself and then, leading others. Acquire self-management tools to fearlessly navigate change, and coaching skills to guide and inspire others as they adapt. Speaker: Selena Rezvani, Vice President of Consulting and Research, Be Leaderly.

Register [here](#)

## **WTS-GNY Chapter Survey #7: TransportationYOU NY Programs**

WTS Greater New York Chapter is conducting a series of surveys to give us insight into how we as an organization better can serve our members and the transportation industry. This survey is on behalf of the TransportationYOU NY Committee.

We value your opinion. All responses are optional and anonymous.

Everyone who completes the survey by October 31st will have a chance to enter to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Your contact information will be kept separate from your survey responses. Thanks for your participation!

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

## **Last Day for WTS Members to Register for WAKE UP BREAKFAST: TRANSformational Influence-Women and Power**



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**APTA's 2019  
TRANSform  
CONFERENCE**

A reimagined APTA Annual Meeting  
OCTOBER 13-16 / MARRIOTT MARQUIS / NEW YORK, NY

JOIN APTA IN CONJUNCTION WITH WTS

**WEDNESDAY WAKE UP BREAKFAST:**  
**TRANSformational Influence - Women and Power**  
FEATURED SPEAKERS:  
**NURIA I FERNANDEZ / VERONIQUE HAKIM**  
**POLLY TROTTERBERG / JANE WILLIAMS**

**October 16, Wednesday**  
**7:30-9:15 in the morning**  
Tickets Required (\$95 for WTS members)

REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT:  
[HTTP://OW.LY/FT8G50WREBQ](http://ow.ly/FT8G50WREBQ)

The Greater New York Chapter (GNY) of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) has partnered with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) for the TRANSform Conference, A Reimagined Annual Meeting. The Conference is taking place from October 13th through October 16th at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. APTA and WTS have partnered to offer a Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast Program starting at 7:30AM. WTS members are eligible to register for the breakfast program alone.

Last day to register is Monday, October 7, 2019. Please email the form to register for the breakfast to Kwakuita Spence at [\(202-496-4845\).](mailto:Kspence@apta.com)

#### Presiding Officer

- **Nuria I. Fernandez**, Vice Chair, APTA; Chair, Conference Planning Committee; Chair, Rail Transit CEOs Committee; Chair, Rail Transit Committee; 2nd Vice Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Council; General Manager/CEO, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Jose, CA

#### Greetings

- **Maggie Walsh**, Chair, WTS International; Vice President, HDR, Chicago, IL

#### Sponsor Recognition

- **Ryan Popple**, CEO, Proterra Inc., Burlingame, CA

#### 2020 Annual Meeting & EXPO Welcome

- Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County

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## Featured Speakers

- **Veronique Hakim**, Member, APTA Board of Directors; Managing Director, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, NY
- **Polly Trottenberg**, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation, New York, NY
- **Hon. K. Jane Williams**, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Washington, DC

[Click here for more information about the APTA Transform Conference program.](#)

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## 2019 Leadership Program

From October 1st through 5th, 2019, the WTS signature Leadership Program was offered to mid-level managers and executives in transportation. The event offered knowledge sharing, networking, and meaningful guidance on how to boost your career. The training was offered by Denise Rabius, President of Rabius Consulting, a firm which creates unique organizational development programs by working closely with each client to design custom training that enables organizations to develop their leadership and transform their culture.



WTS-GNY members from the Mid-Career Leadership cohort.



*WTS-GNY members from HNTB at the Leadership training.*

## **Learn from a Leader Series: Maxine Hill**

*By Adrienne Zicklin Kanter*

On Tuesday, August 27th, WSP New York Area Manager and Senior Vice President Maxine Hill was the featured speaker at the WTS-GNY final Learn from a Leader program of the summer. A civil engineer with a lengthy and varied bicontinental career, Ms. Hill's accomplishments have spanned a range of roles in the field as well as high profile projects. It was a rewarding evening as she reflected on these with warmth, humor and candor, as well as the wisdom she has gained along the way.

Having grown up in a mining area of South Wales, Ms. Hill opened her talk by recounting her early years first choosing a university program from the limited options available to a young woman with an interest in physics in that region in the 1980s, and then her grappling with the decision once she had committed to a civil engineering program. After her first year, her father arranged a summer job in construction with which she fell in love, casting away all her second thoughts.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## **Learn from a Leader with Karen Franz, P.E.**

*By Karina Vangani*

On July 31st, WTS-GNY held its second Learn from a Leader session of the season at the AKRF NYC office with AKRF Chief Executive Officer Karen Franz as the featured speaker. She exuded an aura of confidence

combined with utmost humility as she described her journey from her education to different professional positions and what led her to her current role as the CEO of AKRF.

Learn from a Leader is a program designed to provide an informal forum for women in the transportation industry to hear leaders in the field share experiences about their professional lives, providing insight into their exciting work and the lessons learned in arriving at their current positions.

To read the full article click [here](#).

## Member in the News: Leticia Caviness



In August of 2019, Leticia Caviness was named the **deputy chief of staff, Office of Diversity & Inclusion** at The Port Authority of NY & NJ. In her new role, she will manage strategic agency initiatives focused on building capacity of small and growing firms, certification program, Civil Rights>Title VI compliance and workforce diversity. Previously, Lety served as a senior financial analyst for the Treasury Department and was responsible for supporting debt service operations to fund the agency's \$37 billion ten-year capital plan including providing inputs for financial modeling, calculating net present value savings, performing bond analytics, ensuring compliance with IRS Arbitrage Rebate rules, and preparing the division's \$1.5 billion annual debt service budget. She holds a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. We congratulate Lety on her new position!

## Guest Speakers Wanted for WTS Student Chapter: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

The WTS student chapter at RPI hosts bi-monthly seminars in which they invite women in the transportation field to share their experience to the students and encourage them to work in transportation. Guest speakers pick their topic among the following: story and career in transportation, views on the role of women in transportation, or a specific transportation topic related to their job or research. RPI seeks speakers from both academia and industry.

The talk series usually consists of a 1-hour talk that is open for all students, and a private meeting with the WTS chapter members for a Q&A session. If time allows, the speaker is invited to a lunch meeting. RPI may be able to sponsor travel expenses, if needed. For more information, please contact Sofia Perez-Guzman, Vice President of the WTS student chapter at [perezs@rpi.edu](mailto:perezs@rpi.edu).

## Volunteers Wanted and Appreciated!

**WTS-GNY** is always interested in volunteers to help the Chapter. Don't see anything of interest below, but want to help? Email us at [wtsgny@gmail.com](mailto:wtsgny@gmail.com) to find a committee that's right for you!

The **TransportationYOU New Jersey Committee** is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for high school students.

## Transportation Job Opportunities

WTS-GNY would like to be a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates. Visit our [Job Opportunities](#) page for latest updates!

If your firm would like to post a position, fill out our [job form](#). We will share your job opportunity on our LinkedIn Page and in our next Chapter News as well as our website.

More opportunities on the [WTS-GNY Jobs Page](#)!

Employer        VHB

Job Title        Transportation Intern

How to Apply    [Website](#)

Deadline        Open until vacancy filled

Employer        MTA

Job Title        Transportation Planner/Analyst Series

How to Apply    [Website](#)

Deadline        10/07/19

Employer        WSP USA - Newark, NJ

Job Title        System Integration Project Manager

How to Apply    [Website](#)

Deadline        Open until vacancy filled

Employer NJ Transit  
Job Title Transportation Geographic Information (GIS) Analyst  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

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