



*Advancing Women in Transportation*  
Greater New York Chapter



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### Upcoming Events!

#### September

Monday, September 18 -WTS GNY Young Professionals & NYC DOT Bicycle Program Autumn Bike Tour  
**New start location CitiBike Station, Chrytie & Rivington**  
Click [here](#) for more information.

#### October

Wednesday, October 4th - WTS GNY Annual Gala  
Click [here](#) for more information.

Monday, October 9th - WTS GNY Sandra Forte Memorial  
Membership Award Application Deadline  
Click [here](#) for application.

Tuesday, October 31st - Emerging Leaders On-Site  
Training Series: Lead From Where You Are  
Click [here](#) for more information.

#### November

Wednesday, November 15th - NY Fall Dinner, Club 101  
Speaker: Adam Giambrone  
Director - Brooklyn Queens Connector (BQX)  
Check our [event page](#) for more information

#### December

Monday, December 4th - WTS GNY Holiday Party  
Click [here](#) for more information.

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Tuesday, December 5th - Emerging Leaders On-Site  
Training Series: Leading Boldly  
Click [here](#) for more information.

## Save the Date!

Please join us to present the Woman of the  
Year Award at our Annual Gala

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.



**Congratulations!**

Click [here](#) for more information.

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### FAQ's

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*Thank you!*

*Courtesy of the WTS GNY Communications Committee*

## Captivating and Thought-Provoking, Another Successful Summer of Learn from a Leader

by Adrienne Zicklin Kanter

While it may have been summer, things didn't slow down for WTS GNY. Since 2014, the chapter has presented a robust summer roundtable series, Learn from a Leader, featuring women in senior positions in both the public and private sector. These events offer members an opportunity in an informal setting both to hear these women's insights about their own career paths and offer members a chance to discuss professional challenges and potential strategies for success.

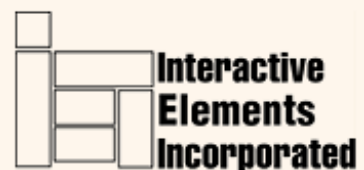
This summer, the chapter organized events that highlighted



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seven women in a broad array of areas within the field of transportation, including Jeevanjot, Singh, Principal Engineer in Transportation Systems Management at NJDOT; Beth DeAngelo, Deputy Area Manager of New York, WSP; Lois Goldman, Director of Regional Planning, NJTPA; Lorian Hoffman, Vice President of Talent and Organization Development, NYCT; Vivian Baker, Director of Intermodal and Interagency, NJT; and Clarelle DeGraffe, Deputy Director of PATH, PANYNJ.

With dynamic, thoughtful speakers and engaged audiences, the events once again were very rewarding for all of those who participated. Wisdom and insights from years of experience was shared and hard questions asked, with just the right dose of humor mixed in. Hearing each of the women honestly share the story of her particular career path and the ups and downs along the way in itself was both illuminating and rewarding, and prompted thoughtful and animated conversation.

Reflections and recommendations ranged from how to handle the balance of work and family; the value of stretching yourself beyond your comfort zone; the importance of pursuing what you enjoy; the challenges of speaking up in a male-dominated field; and strategies for distinguishing yourself as a motivated and effective employee. One member remarked on how refreshing it was to hear these leaders and the humility and candor with which all of them approached their sessions. Many congratulations and thanks to the participants and the organizers for once again creating such a worthwhile program!

Click [here](#) to learn more

## It is That Time of Year!

Our generous supporters, please consider donating items from our [Wish List](#) for the Raffle supporting the WTS GNY Scholarship Fund.

The Raffle once again will be held at the Chapter's 2017 Annual Gala Fundraiser Reception which this year will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Battery Gardens Restaurant in New York City.

For this year's Raffle, the WTS Foundation has created a [Wish List](#) and is asking for members to purchase an item from the list. In addition to seeing it here, the wish list can be viewed on the WTS GNY website under the 2017 Annual Gala event page.

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used by the Special Events Committee to purchase items for the Raffle.



**\*\*All donors will be credited throughout the event\*\***

If you would like information about making a donation to the WTS Foundation or otherwise supporting the Greater New York Chapter, please contact Ani Toncheva at (212) 785-0485 or click on the words [Wish List](#).

*The WTS Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to helping women pursue professional careers in the vast industry of transportation.*

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### ***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.

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

Applications must be received no later than 5PM on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **WTS GNY - Job Opportunities:**

**Please check our website for Job Opportunities:**

Click [here](#) Job Opportunities

## Glass Ceiling Committee Survey:

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 - 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.

## Members in the News:

### Congratulations to Our WTS GNY Chapter Members:

**Ana Barrio**, new Acting Commissioner, Department of Design and Construction (DDC). DDC acts as the primary manager of the City's capital construction projects from civic facilities to roadways, sewer and water main construction projects in all five boroughs.

## Transportation YOU, NYC Transit STEM Intern Program



The NYC Transit Human Resources S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) intern program completed another successful year with this year's interns giving final presentations on their respective projects.

The 15 interns' presentations summarized their areas of assignment at NYC Transit, highlighting their accomplishments in the S.T.E.M internship program. Each intern is paired with a mentor who helped to foster the student's development and growth during the internship. The students interned in departments including Subways, Buses, Supply Logistics and Capital Program Management.

At the presentation ceremony held Aug. 18 at 2 Broadway, students reflected on their time at the MTA. Many believed it helped them to grow and mature professionally.

### 'A Wonderful Opportunity'

A Capital Program Management S.T.E.M. intern and New York City College of Technology student, Rinelle Alleyne has been with the program since 2015. She wants to become a civil engineer and without this program she wouldn't have had to opportunity to discover what civil

engineers do on a day-to-day basis.

"I love this program, I keep coming back here for a reason. It's a wonderful opportunity," Alleyne said. "I've taken away a lot of information about my field and what it really takes to become a civil engineer. It has made me more interested."

Tanet Fleming has spent the year interning with Operations Training, learning all there is to know about operating a subway train and the technicalities associated with the position.

"This year I took on the role of being a train operator. I learned about switches, signals, and operated the train simulator. I understand all the different signals and signs now," Fleming said. "This internship, however, has taught me that the MTA has more to offer than buses and trains. There are many fields here. I can be many things here. It opened my eyes up to the many opportunities here."

The managers who stepped up to mentor these interns were also honored with certificates of recognition by S.T.E.M. coordinators Cherise Myers and Debbie Hyman for their roles in the success of the program. NYC Transit has partnered on this endeavor with City Polytechnic High School, where every 2017 S.T.E.M intern is a student, and many have continued their internship journeys through an extended partnership with CUNY New York City College of Technology.

Judie Hartmann-Cherenfant, principal of City Polytechnic High School, thanked NYC Transit for their role in developing the young minds of her school.

"It's wonderful to see students shine and it's amazing when they have an opportunity to showcase their talents," she said. "Through the actions of our students, they are showing that they are gifted, capable and that we should continue to believe in them. Thank you all for taking the chance and spending the time with our young people."

*Courtesy of NYC Transit*

**WTS-GNY Deadline for October News:  
September 29, 2017**

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