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HOT Chapter Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Here we are in summer—and wow does it really feel like summer out there—things are starting to heat up at the HOT Chapter!

We are in full swing in the planning of our gala. We will be “Roaring Back in 2022” on August 27th at the Austin Marriott Downtown. I hope to see everyone there! This is going to be an amazing celebration and an important fundraiser for our scholarships and Transportation YOU.

Also coming up is our Professional Development Seminar. This year's event “It Takes a Village: Spotlighting the Broad Range of Roles in Transportation” will be in person at Maggiano's at the Domain on Friday, September 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

Looking back at this past quarter, we continued with our exciting lunch programs featuring speakers on topics ranging from Project Connect, a TxDOT safety update, and public/private partnerships. We will be taking a little break for the summer, but will be back with our program lunches in the fall. In the meantime, keep an eye out for our Lattes & Leadership series that will be kicking off soon.

In May, Laura Friello, Mary Jo Gallindo, Tonia Norman, Jackie Sartor, Kat Streff, and I took an expedition to the Pacific Northwest for the WTS International Conference in Seattle. This was the first in-person WTS conference since 2019. We joined more than 900 other participants in celebrating the diversity (people, projects, etc..) of our industry. I am happy to announce that the Heart of Texas Chapter once again achieved Gold status at International – the highest recognition category available!

Welcome to our new chairs! Kat Streff, previously the chair of our Recognitions Committee, is now our Membership Chair. Taking over for her as our Recognitions Chair is Andrea Bryant. I would like to thank them both for taking on these new roles within the chapter.

Again, I encourage any of you who are not yet involved to join this amazing organization. Information on how to join can be found at <https://www.wtsinternational.org/mission/membership>.

Be sure to take a look at our many different committees, reach out, and get involved. Our committees are always looking for new members and innovative ideas.

If you have any questions about WTS or the HOT chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone else on our board. I hope to see you all at one of our next events.

I wish everyone a continued happy, healthy, and safe 2022!

All the best!

Ashley Williams

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NEW MEMBERS LIST

We welcome our new WTS HOT Chapter Members who joined between March and May. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

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WTS Job Bank

Did you know WTS has a Job Bank? If you are looking for work or you are a Corporate Partner who would like to post a job, the WTS Job Bank is available to you.

If you'd like to post a job opening, e-mail communications@wtshotchapter.org with the relevant information and we'll post the job to our Job Bank.

Visit our Job Bank at www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/heart-texas/job-bank.





APRIL LUNCHEON Project Connect with Peter Mullan of Austin Transit Partnership

The WTS HOT Chapter welcomed Peter Mullan as our guest speaker for our April Luncheon. Peter brings decades of experience working in public space design and community engagement to Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and the extraordinary opportunity for Project Connect to reinforce and enhance Austin's diverse and human-centered urban fabric.

Peter came to the Austin Transit Partnership from the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy, where he served as CEO since 2015. An innovative public park system built around a restored Waller Creek, including the transformed Waterloo Park and Moody Amphitheater which opened in 2021, Waterloo Greenway will give the Austin community a new public gathering place, combining access to art and culture with an immersive natural experience in the heart of the city.

Before his presentation, Peter mentioned how he thought it was great to see so many women involved in transit. He exclaimed, "Women will save us from our worst selves!" Thank you, Peter. We'll do our best!

Peter, the self proclaimed Chief Decorator for Project Connect, walked through the holistic approach the ATP is taking in its design. The plan is to transform our community and bring us all together. He expressed how this is our moment to get this done and address a coming crisis that will require a culture shift. [We] "need to increase other modes of mobility," said Peter. The city will quadruple in the number of people using transit by 2039.

Project Connect is a series of projects that fit together to provide more access to people who need it. They are trying to bring a spirit of innovation to the program and there is a lot of work happening right now to move this program forward. There are two new rail lines already under construction: the Expo line and Pleasant Valley.

Project Connect isn't just about creating a new mode of transportation; it also is about building more sidewalks, installing dedicated bike lanes, and improving intersections. The design will provide exciting new public spaces that improve landscapes and integrate art into the environment. One goal of the project is to design the system for all users.

One question Peter asked is, "how do we create a place that focuses on pedestrians?" A proposed new Lady Bird Lake bridge is one possible answer. In addition to bringing an important mobility corridor connecting north and south Austin, this new bridge can be a community connector - an inclusive PLACE serving the community broadly. This is a rare chance to create a new symbol for our community and our community's values.

Project Connect is currently at the 30% design phase. Peter explained how the entire program can't be built all at once. Costs are somewhat prohibitive and those costs are going up for multiple reasons: inflation, cost of real estate, etc. He said that even though there are still a lot of people working from home, people still need to move around the city. Project Connect is trying to help them do that.

For more information visit <https://projectconnect.com/>.



MAY LUNCHEON

TxDOT Traffic Safety Update with George Villarreal, PE, Deputy Director, TxDOT Traffic Safety Division

In an effort to make sure our programs from the WTS HOT Chapter are widely available, we continued with a virtual luncheon in May on this important safety update from George Villarreal with TxDOT.

A native of Bovina, Texas, George Villarreal graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and earned his license as a professional engineer in 2008.

George began his career in 2003 in the TxDOT Lubbock District and in 2010, he was named the Lubbock District Traffic Engineer, responsible for district projects in signals, speed zones, signing, ITS, and safety engineering projects. In 2012, he began working as an adjunct professor at the Texas Tech Whitacre College of Engineering, where he taught Highway and Transportation Engineering.

George then relocated to Austin and was named the Deputy Director of the TxDOT Traffic Safety Division in October 2017. In his current role, he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Traffic Safety Division, including the state's Traffic Management System, Speed Zoning, Crash Records and Data Analysis, and the Traffic Safety Program.

George started his talk by explaining that unfortunately there are more than 700,000 crashes reported every year and head-on collisions are the most fatal crash every time. Some of the ways TxDOT is trying to bring this number down is through Wrong Way Driving Initiatives. These systems detect vehicles driving in the wrong direction and trigger notifications via CCTV camera feeds to the traffic management center, where operators activate countermeasures. The Wrong Way signs you see on the highway sometimes have cameras that will take a snapshot of the vehicle so that law enforcement knows what vehicle to look for.

A significant undertaking by TxDOT to use technology for safety and mobility (relieving congestion) is focused on Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas/Fort Worth, the four main cities in the mega region of Texas called the Texas Triangle. The Texas Triangle contains three-quarters of Texas' 27 million population, seven of the top 25 national freight bottlenecks, and 11 of the top 20 most congested roadway sections in Texas. The region accounts for more cross border trade value than CA, MI, ND, and AZ combined. By 2040, 78% of all Texans will work within this triangle.

To combat the mobility and safety challenges of the mega region, TxDOT has implemented the Texas Connected Vehicle Vision & Goals. The Texas vision is to create a sustainable connected vehicle environment covering the 865-mile Texas Triangle to support V2V and V2I safety and mobility applications. This means that TxDOT is working on a plan to connect infrastructure through technology. This technology can let long haulers know what issues exist from one end of the Triangle to another. Where there might be wildfires in Laredo, there might be a blizzard in the panhandle. With advanced notice, long haul truckers can make decisions on their route to avoid these conditions and help alleviate congestion.

George explained that TxDOT is working on a couple of other initiatives to help keep people and things moving throughout Texas. One is the I-10 TPAS initiative to give real-time truck parking availability information for rest areas along the I-10 corridor from California to east Texas. Texas is the leader on this technology, implementing it across I-10. It will help give drivers a safe place to park and give them time to plan the next leg of their trip and not have to pull over on a shoulder.

The last initiative George discussed was Signal Connectivity. Through the use of an Enterprise Signal Control Solution, TxDOT hopes to provide a singular solution for signal control that can be used across the state. The goal is to bring 100% signal connectivity across the state. Signals have never been networked. Without networking, TxDOT had to send people out to fix things; whereas, this way, they could do it remotely.

It sounds like TxDOT has some amazing things going on to help with safety and mobility throughout the state. The WTS HOT Chapter appreciates George taking the time to meet with us and our attendees and educate us about all the initiatives TxDOT is working on.



JUNE LUNCHEON

Mary Scott Nabers: How P3 Ventures are Changing the Business of Government

For the WTS HOT Chapter June luncheon, we welcomed Mary Scott Nabers, President/CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. (SPI). She is also co-founder of the Gemini Global Group (G3), a firm that works with national and international clients on business development, Public-Private Partnerships (P3s), and other types of government objectives.

A recognized expert regarding P3s, Mary is the author of

Collaboration Nation - How Public-Private Ventures Are Revolutionizing the Business of Government and ***Inside the Infrastructure Revolution - A Roadmap for Rebuilding America***. Her first book, ***Collaboration Nation***, explores the growing trend of P3s and describes a number of best practices for successful projects, as well as the importance for both parties to respect the cultural differences of the other. Her newest work asks readers to look carefully at the cost of continuing to neglect public assets like roads, bridges, water resources, airports, electric grids, healthcare, and educational facilities and points to their critical role in maintaining America's global leadership position.

Mary jumped right in by telling the group that there are 56,000 bridges that have an inadequate rating and need immediate attention, but it is going to take time and funding to rebuild or address their inefficiencies. There are currently the highest number of high-water infractions in the history of the U.S. There is no U.S. airport in the top 10 world-wide, and we need to fix our infrastructure. Mary said it will cost trillions of dollars and the recent infrastructure bill will only cover a percentage of the needed funds.

"Partnerships are going to be the only way to afford to fix the problem," said Mary. "It's not just roads, bridges, and airports. It's hospital systems, water systems, and more. We are going to protect it with private sector funding."

One thing you have to know is there is an arena where important people will be working and striving to fix infrastructure, but the most important piece will be technology. Water systems can't possibly interact and process clean water without technology. Technology will take us into the next generation. If it's not good, then our standard of living will not be good.

P3 can be any kind of project, whether vertical or horizontal. It only needs to be large enough to attract the funding. Mary explained that there are 900 examples other than toll roads that use P3 funding. But let's say you need housing downtown for some reason and it's going to cost \$60,000 for affordable housing. In a P3 agreement, the City will own the asset but a private sector partner will bring in funding and take risk away. Private sector partners will maintain the asset for the following 20 years to earn their return on the investment. After 20 years, the city will own the asset for free. There is a 3 to 5% higher cost when going the P3 route, but it costs the owner nothing so there's no risk.

There's no way to find enough public funding so we're going to have to use P3 agreements. Mary feels that the U.S. is really behind the curve and that P3 is our future.

The WTS HOT Chapter was thrilled to have Mary as our guest speaker and appreciated her giving everyone in attendance a copy of her book ***Inside the Infrastructure Revolution: A Roadmap for Rebuilding America***.

GALA

ROARING BACK IN 2022!

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Austin Marriott Downtown
304 E Cesar Chavez St.
Austin, TX 78701

Presale Tickets On Sale Soon



KAT STREFF, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Where did you grow up? I spent the first 10 years of my life in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Our family split our time between our working ranch and “the city” making it VERY memorable. Once we relocated to the US, we moved to a suburb of Boston, MA, where I spent the next 16 years.

How long have you been in Austin, and how did you end up here?

STORY TIME!! We moved to Austin in August of 2011. After 16 years shoveling snow in New England, I was done! The final push was coming home from Christmas in New York with my husband’s family and having to sit in the car with our 7-month-old for 3.5 hours while he shoveled enough to get us to the door. Why Austin?!? Well, while pregnant with said child we had a cousin’s wedding we attended in South Austin. While pregnant, hot, and irritated that nothing fit on my growing bump, a young man, maybe 18-20 years old, stopped my husband and I in the elevator, took off his cowboy hat, and said, “Hope you don’t mind me sayin,’ sir, but your wife looks beautiful.” My husband blushed and agreed in fear for his life, and I said, “That’s it! We’re raising our kids here,” and 15 months later we landed at Bergstrom!



How long have you been a member of WTS? What prompted you to join and what has been your best experience so far?

I believe my first WTS meeting was in January 2020, and I quickly jumped in with both feet helping with preparations and volunteering at UT Girl Day in February. By October 2020 I was sitting as the Recognitions Committee Chair and most recently I began serving as the Membership Committee chair. I found WTS to be a great source of education, collaboration, and support in just a few short visits and I KNEW I had to join. Our speakers and materials are carefully considered and presented in a way that expands our knowledge of our industry at every meeting. However, getting to experience WTS International with a handful of multi-talented and special women who make up our HOT Chapter board was truly special. The connections made there, both personal and business alike, were timely and meaningful. I am so looking forward to my first IN PERSON gala this year, which I am sure will be remembered as a favorite experience in the future!

Tell us about your job. I became a certified project manager through Kleinfelder’s extensive accreditation system in 2021, at which point my responsibilities expanded to include planning, organizing, and overseeing the completion of specific projects to ensure we are delivering on time, on budget, and within scope. I work with key stakeholders and project teams to create a project plan focused on defining and attaining the outlined project goals in both the public and private sectors. As part of my participation in these projects, I have been successful at developing a portfolio that includes a variety of projects from transmission lines to roadway and vertical structures. In some cases, my partnership with specific clients has also led to my appointment as Client Account Manager. Additionally, I oversee the support staff in Austin and Killeen in coordinating project management task teams, including contract management and compliance, invoice review and management, financial performance analysis, and overall resource management.

What has been your favorite project thus far? We’ve worked on some pretty cool projects, but to date I think my personal favorite has been the materials testing services we provided for construction of the South Parking Garage at the Highland Campus of Austin Community College. This project was a multi-story, post tensioned concrete parking structure with multiple facilities being constructed simultaneously and required extensive resources to facilitate testing and inspection requirements day and night. It was also my first hands-on experience within our industry. As the Assistant Project Manager on the job, I was immersed in evaluating the project’s goals and challenges as well as identifying solutions. Throughout the course of the project, I was able to create long-term processes based on the challenges and solutions we established on this project that have benefited ACC and our future clients. Overall, I learned a lot and gained confidence in myself as a Project Manager and before I knew it, I had fallen for dirt, steel, and concrete!

What’s the best career advice you’ve been offered? I spent my entire 20s trying to measure up, figure out how to “have it together,” and second guessing every move. Now in my 30s, I live by this anecdotal collection of phrases shared by incredible men and women in my life: “Show up, do it scared, and have the confidence of the men sitting next to you.” A reminder that the first thing I need to do is Show Up. For myself, my family, and my colleagues. Show up and do it (whatever it is) scared.

KAT STREFF (CONTINUED)

The fear may go away, it may not... but when you get through it you will have grown, and you will have learned something about something. And the last little bit of that... well... as a woman in the construction industry we make up 10% of the workforce with something like 2% of those 10% being in management and executive roles. It's not about putting my fellow male colleagues down in any way—it's knowing with confidence I belong here.

What time did you wake up this morning? Do you have a morning ritual? I wake up every morning at 4 AM and go for a quick 10 mile run, followed by a quick 20 minute session of pilates... NO WAY. I wish I did any or all of that and am in AWE of those who do. Truthfully, I drag myself out of bed hopefully a little before my kids (and fail most days) between 5:50-6:00 AM. I grab a quick shower while my boys feed the plethora of pets and themselves. We meet about 20 minutes later in the kitchen to go over who has what on our schedules and who is picking up, dropping off, running errands, etc. for the day. I thank my lucky stars my husband works from home and can usually help with the last-minute reminders for teeth brushing, backpacks, lunch bags, and water bottle refills because by the time we are ready to hit the road I am already exhausted. We say a prayer and set our intentions in the car and decide whose turn it is to be dropped off first. At each drop off I say the same thing to each of my kids (and get the same eye roll): "Be a good friend and make good choices. You are loved beyond measure." Once everyone has been delivered to their destinations, I plug in my murder mysteries on Audible and drive to work.

What's on your bedside table? A phone charger, my bible, usually the last pair of earrings I wore and a glass of water – ON A COASTER because I was NOT raised by wolves.

What can you not live without? Sunscreen, earrings, and an eyebrow pencil. Sure, sure... my family too. But do NOT let me leave the house without sunscreen, earrings, or eyebrow pencil- I lived through the 90's y'all. And maybe Audible. I'm in traffic a lot.

What are you most proud of? My family. We love fiercely and we mess up daily, but we keep showing up for one another. We believe in grace and trust in God, we play, we fight, we laugh, we cry, we apologize and start over. Since the day the thought of kids ran through our minds, our goal was to not raise jerks... and I can honestly say that most days we are doing all right.

ANDREA BRYANT, RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Where did you grow up? I was born in North Carolina, but my family moved to southwest Austin when I was about a year old.

How long have you been in Austin, and how did you end up here? My dad is a retired professor and was recruited by UT Austin in the late 80s, so I've been in Austin pretty much my entire life.

How long have you been a member of WTS? What prompted you to join and what has been your best experience so far? I went to a few meetings starting in 2011, but I officially joined somewhere around 2014. I joined because I enjoyed how targeted meetings and events were to the transportation industry specifically and because of how well-run every meeting and event I'd attended was. One of my best experiences with WTS was attending my first gala around 2014.

I remember walking into the ballroom and thinking this felt very familiar, and then realized I was in the same ballroom where I attended my high school prom. I now affectionately refer to Gala as "nerd prom."





ANDREA BRYANT (CONTINUED)

What made you decide to go into Transportation/Engineering? *This isn't the traditional path, but I sure am glad I got here because I love what I do. During college at UT Austin, I hadn't ever considered transportation—I was focused on water treatment design and interned with a few land development companies, but then the recession hit 18 months before I graduated, forcing me to branch out of land development. I interned with TxDOT my last summer before graduating and was dead set on staying in Austin, but I couldn't find a job after graduating. I worked two part time jobs for 9 months to make ends meet before URS opened an entry-level position in their Austin transportation group. I went after it, and I got it!*

Tell us about your job. *I am the Austin Transportation Design Team Lead for Freese & Nichols and a Project Manager. I manage three EITs in our group (currently my team is an all-female team!) and help mentor assistant/deputy PMs. I also manage design projects for TxDOT and municipal roadway design projects. I am someone who really enjoys the technical aspect of our industry and trying new things, so I've done a little bit of almost everything roadway design-related. My sweet spot is leading urban roadway design projects in the Austin area that are somewhere in the \$50-\$100M range.*

What has been your favorite project thus far? *Currently, I am serving as PM for the North Lamar Boulevard project between Rundberg and Parmer, which is part of the City of Austin's 2016 Mobility Bond Program. The project will reconstruct Lamar to add medians and shared use paths to improve safety and mobility. We've had to work through some major design challenges related to utilities, drainage, and traffic control, and I've been able to really dig in with my amazing team and work through these challenges. We're all very excited to see this one go to construction!*

What has been your favorite moment in your career? *The first big project that I completed in a leadership role was the TxDOT Austin District diverging diamond intersection project at Mopac and Slaughter, which is just down the street from where I grew up, where my parents still live. I've always loved that we get to drive the projects that we design as transportation engineers, and this was one of my favorite projects from that aspect—I generally try to make time to visit my parents at least every few weeks, so I easily tracked the project as it progressed through construction, and upon completion. I still feel proud when I drive through that one!*

What's the best career advice you've been offered? *Do good work and be nice to people.*

What time did you wake up this morning? Do you have a morning ritual? *I'm usually up by 6:30 AM, and I have been getting ready while drinking two cups of coffee and watching the news since I was a teenager. I also now like to take 5-10 minutes just before leaving to write down my intentions for the day, which helps me to not lose sight of priorities in the barrage of emails and phone calls.*

What's on your bedside table? *A book (I'm finishing up A Tale of Two Cities now), ear plugs, and an eye mask.*

What can you not live without? *I started doing yoga six years ago and it has changed my life. Our industry is deadline-driven and the stress from that was something I had a lot of difficulty managing when I was in my 20s. Making time for meditation via yoga has transformed the way I handle stress.*

What are you most proud of? *I have built a full life that I love. It took me a little while to get it right, but I have learned how to balance building a rewarding career with building rewarding relationships with my family, friends, and myself.*



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON MAY 18-20, 2022

The Puget Sound Chapter hosted a fun and engaging three days of the first in-person WTS International Conference since 2019 with the theme of Expedition of the Northwest: Mapping Transportation for All.

The conference began for the WTS Heart of Texas Chapter attendees on Wednesday morning with the Chapter Leader Breakfast, where Chapter President Ashley Williams, Chapter Vice President Tonia Norman, and Chapter Secretary Laura Friello met other chapter leaders from across the country and received an update from WTS International staff on activities affecting the chapters. The conference also offered two professional development seminars focused on emotional intelligence and unconscious bias and creativity and innovation, which Laura Friello and Kat Streff, Chapter Membership Chair, attended.



“*Being at my first WTS international conference further cemented what I have long believed about WTS – It’s not simply an organization where Women in Transportation have a voice; it is an organization where women promote, support, and show up for each other.*”
Kat Streff, Membership Committee Chair

The welcome and opening session kicked off on Thursday, May 19, with a conversation with Chief Executive Officers of top transportation firms, agencies, and organizations, including Candice Xie (VEO), Debra Johnson (Regional Transportation District, Denver), and Kimberly Slaughter (SYSTRA USA). The conference team offered four tracks of breakout session on Thursday and Friday, focused on Industry Adventure: Navigating Disruption for a Better Tomorrow, Innovation: The Future of Transportation, North Star: Mapping Communities of the Future, and The Trail to Success: Transforming the Workforce and Workplace Dynamics. The conference

also featured a series of WTS Talks, which allowed women professionals to present brief poster sessions on their transportation research or projects during the coffee breaks in the exhibit hall. The keynote speaker for the event was Susan O’Malley, the first president of a professional sports franchise. Her speech titled “Seven Leadership and Life Lessons” drew upon her experience as the former president of Washington Sports and Entertainment, championing the advancement of women in underrepresented fields, like sports and transportation.

The attendees gathered on Thursday evening for the Annual Awards Gala featuring presentations of the 2022 recognition award and scholarship recipients as well as the announcement of the 2022 Chapter Circle of Excellence winners. The attendees gave generously to the WTS Foundation during the event and the Heart of Texas Chapter received Gold Chapter status again!

The final day of the conference featured the WTS Annual Business Meeting and Board Transition Ceremony. The Friday morning plenary session presented a conversation between outgoing WTS International Board Chair Paula Hammond and the women leaders of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.





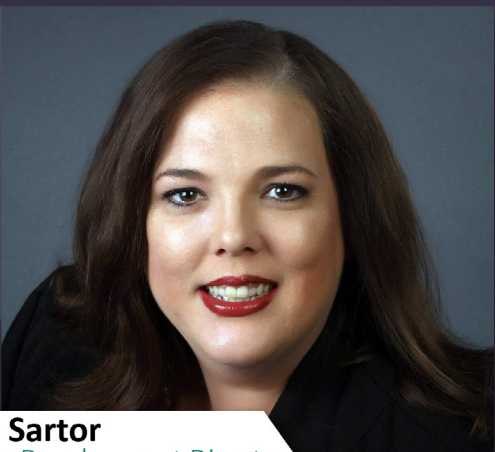
The closing general session and lunch offered much for the attendees to consider from Anna Zivarts, who challenged the transportation community to recognize how limited access to transportation truly is for the disabled community, people of color, and those without access to a car. She encouraged all of us to lift up the voice of non-drivers in the transportation planning, development, implementation, and maintenance processes and to shift the narrative that only drivers have mobility needs worth prioritizing. Finally, the conference offered several tours of the variety of transportation projects and facilities in the Greater Seattle region.

Attendees from the WTS Heart of Texas Chapter pictured on the left: President - Ashley Williams, Vice President - Tonia Norman, Secretary - Laura Friello, Past President - Jackie Sartor, Professional Development Chair - Mary Jo Galindo, and Membership Chair - Kat Streff.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE & VOLUNTEERING

WOMEN ON THE MOVE:
JACKIE SARTOR

FORESIGHT WELCOMES JACKIE SARTOR



Jackie Sartor
Business Development Director

Jackie will be leading Foresight’s business development efforts. She brings over 20 years of extensive experience in business development, marketing, and communications within the AEC community. In her spare time, Jackie enjoys listening to live music, supporting her favorite charities, and frequenting local shops and venues.

University: Texas A&M
Degree: BA Journalism (PR) Communications



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WE NEED YOU!

We have a few committees that could use some extra hands. We are currently seeking people to help out with our Gala, Mentorship, and Transportation YOU committees.

If you are interested please let Ashley Williams, president@wtshotchapter.org know!

Upcoming

events

The WTS HOT Chapter is excited to announce a few of our upcoming events.

Lattes & Leadership

We are looking forward to starting up our summer series, Lattes & Leadership, in July and August. Keep an eye out for an invitation to our next event.

Annual WTS Scholarship & Awards Gala

The date is set! We are excited to announce that our annual scholarship and awards gala will be held on *Saturday, August 27th at the Austin Marriott Downtown*. We'll be Roaring Back in 2022! See the Save the Date in this newsletter for more information.

Kendra Scott + Women in Transportation

Join the WTS HOT Chapter for the Kendra Scott Gives Back Party! It will be on *Thursday, July 14th from 6 PM to 8 PM* at Kendra Scott @ The Domain. 20% of all purchases will benefit the WTS HOT Chapter Foundation. Can't make it in person? A link will be shared for online shopping soon. We hope to see you there!

Professional Development Seminar

We hope you are all eager for this year's in-person PDS Day. The event "*It Takes a Village: Spotlighting the Broad Range of Roles in Transportation*" will be held on *Friday, September 23rd at Maggiano's in the Domain*.

Member's Only Event

We have welcomed in a new Membership Chair, Kat Streff (see our Q&A with her earlier in this newsletter) and she is looking forward to planning our annual Member's Only Event for later this year. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

Happy Hour Events

Ah remembering the good 'ol days when we used to meet up after work and share a drink and some food. Well we're excited that our Membership Committee will be working to put together some Happy Hour happenings later this fall/winter.