



THE ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Providing educational and networking opportunities to professional women involved in international trade and business

Summer 2009 News

The editors of Women in International Trade Newsletter welcome you to the first issue of the 2009-2010 year. This newsletter is an important part of our efforts to inform you about WIIT's activities. It includes information about our leadership, recent and upcoming events, and information on our many programs and projects.

In this issue, we would like to introduce our new WIIT President, Maria DiGiulian, and the new 2009-2010 Officers and Board members. Also included are an overview of WIIT's 2009 Annual Dinner and Awards Program, a listing of upcoming events, and summaries of past events. We encourage WIIT members to take advantage of events, as they provide important educational and professional development opportunities.

Please use this letter as another reminder to renew your WIIT Membership! As a member, you are granted the privilege of participating in events in Washington, DC at the member rate, plus you receive free attendance to brownbags and events on Capitol Hill. Follow the links on the application and for more information on what each category includes!

[Individual Memberships](#): Corporate/Private: \$75, Government: \$45, Student: \$45

[Corporate Memberships](#): Gold-\$900, Silver-\$600, Bronze-\$300

We hope you find this issue informative and engaging. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Manka Azefer and Kristin Wedding

[WIIT Newsletter Editors](#)

Message from the President, Maria DiGiulian (2009-2010)

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as President of WIIT for the upcoming year. Thank you also to all of the volunteers that have served WIIT so admirably this past year, and especially President Tonya Kemp. And, thank you in advance for all of the volunteers who will work this upcoming year to continue to make WIIT the wonderful organization that it is.

Congratulations to Angela Ellard, WIIT's 2009-2010 Woman of the Year. Describing her as a trade icon is just the right description, and she has been a personal role model for me for many years. Congratulations to Alice Slayton Clark, WIIT's Lifetime Achievement Award winner. Alice is not only a trade and health care guru, but she has also been an incredible asset to WIIT in the many roles she has served. She is also a wonderful friend whom I will miss for the next three years as she lives abroad with her family.

I have been a WIIT member since 1991, and I served on the Board from 2002-2004. I have also served as Secretary.

WIIT is a formidable and successful institution, and I have thoroughly enjoyed all my years of involvement. I have made not only business connections, but also have formed great personal friendships with other WIIT members. Because WIIT is firmly established in its success, my goals as President are focused more on small enhancements to the system.

I will continue and enhance the major networking opportunities that are available through WIIT. Networking with other trade professionals is one of the true strengths of WIIT. I will also continue the excellent substantive programming that WIIT brings to the trade community.

I will also focus WIIT's educational and programming activities on highlighting the benefits that trade brings to our world. As everyone involved in trade knows, people who have focused their careers on trade are true internationalists who are not afraid to look outside of the United States for business and employment opportunities, and other ideas and solutions, because we recognize the value and great benefits for the world that globalization can bring to us.

We also recognize that companies engaging in trade are positive, global corporate citizens. Without trade, we do not have a company like Tom's Shoes, a shoe company which sources footwear in Argentina, China and Ethiopia, and, for each pair of shoes that it sells, donates a pair to a child in need. Without trade and a global economy, we do not have a company like DHL, which has a woman heading up each of two of its offices in Latin America. Without trade and a global economy, we do not have a company like ConocoPhillips, which, working with the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo presents an annual music award that allows graduating students to further their professional development and specialization. I hope to promote these and other positive stories about what trade brings to the world, during my time as President.

I look forward to working with you all this year!

WIIT President's Report, Tonya Kemp (2008-2009)

As of May 1, WIIT had 415 dues paying members and more than 1741 people receiving the WIIT calendar. Keeping that in mind, one of my goals for this year was to get more visibility for WIIT. While the numbers appear to be the same as last year, I believe our efforts were effective since we have not actually lost people in this downturn.

The first attempt to do this was having WIIT host a booth at the Women's Conference event that is held in Northern Virginia every fall by Congressman Jim Moran's office. This event attracts hundreds of women looking to learn more about current politics as well as getting career advice. WIIT was able to reach out to a variety of women that are outside of the normal trade circles.

Next, WIIT reintroduced its networking happy hours with two of those events held jointly with other organizations (the Washington International Trade Association and the Washington Network Group). These are easy access events that allow new members to learn more about WIIT without having to pay entrance fees.

WIIT also became a group on LinkedIn and Facebook. Yesterday, the WIIT LinkedIn group had 326 members and Facebook had 76 members. Not all the members are dues paying members of WIIT, but it provides another avenue for us to attract new members and enhance the networking opportunities for our current ones. If you are not already a member, I encourage you to join!

On the event side, WIIT continued its tradition of holding a variety of events on different issues. If you count all events including socials, happy hours, brownbags and WIIT Wides, we held 33 events. The VP of Programs, the VP of Professional Development, and the Chair of the WIIT Trust will be providing you the details for these events so I will only elaborate on two of these.

WIIT held its annual Women's Ambassador Event on March 5. This year the event was held on Capitol Hill in coordination with International Women's Day which took place on March 8. The event was hosted by the Ambassador of Oman, and featured more than eight different Ambassadors from various countries and the United States. We also had more than 100 WIIT members and Congressional staff attending.

On May 28, the WIIT Mentor Committee held its official launch for 2009. They paired more than five different mentors and mentees together and are still looking for more people.

Another thing that occurred this year was the selection of a new management company. I'm pleased to report that on May 1, 2009, WIIT officially switched to its new management company, Giuffrida and Associates. With this transition, you have already seen a change in the layout for our weekly calendar as well as the event page on our website. As things continue, we expect that you will see more changes taking place. We have also conducted a survey of 100 WIIT members on a variety of questions regarding WIIT. The results provided us insight into what members want regarding event topics to social programs. We hope that these suggestions will help us address any of your concerns and guide us in making WIIT more beneficial to you as a member.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Kemp

Know Your WIIT Officers and Board of Directors (2009-2010)

WIIT Officers

President: Maria DiGiulian

Maria DiGiulian is the Vice President of FWH and Associates, LLC, an international policy consulting firm. She is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University's School of Public Policy, developing and teaching courses examining the multilateral trading system and its politics, rules and practices. Maria served on WIIT's Board of Directors from 2002-2004 as well as Secretary in 2008. Maria has been a WIIT member since 1991.

President Elect: Camelia Mazard

Camelia Mazard is a partner at Doyle, Barlow and Mazard PLLC. She focuses on all aspects of Antitrust and Trade Regulation Law. Camelia served on the WIIT Board from 2003-2006. She currently serves as WIIT's OWIT representative as well as VP of Professional Development. In the past, she has also served as WIIT's Election Chair, OWIT Alternate and on the PR committee. Cami has been a WIIT member since 2001.

Past President: Tonya Kemp

Tonya Kemp handles the trade and food aid issues for Gordley Associates, a government relations firm, focused on practice areas related to agriculture. She has served as a WIIT Co-Chair of the Professional Development Section, Chair of the Agricultural Section, and VP of Programs. She also served on the WIIT Board of Directors from 2005-2007 and President-elect from 2007-2008. Tonya has been a WIIT member since 1999.

Secretary: Peggy Clarke

Peggy Clarke is a partner in the Washington D.C. office of the law firm of Blank Rome LLP. She focuses on international trade and market access issues. She has advised governments on dispute settlement under the WTO. Peggy helped with the planning of the OWIT conference in 1990. Peggy has been a WIIT member since 1988.

Treasurer: Katia Fano

Katia Fano is an attorney advisor in the IRS Office of Chief Counsel (Criminal Tax). Formerly, she was an associate in the Washington D.C. office of the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, and practiced in the areas of international trade and commercial litigation. Katia helped to qualify the WIIT Charitable Trust as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. She has been involved with WIIT since 2001.

VP Programs: Kristen Smith

Kristen Smith is an Associate with Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., resident in the Washington, D.C., office. Her practice is focused on import and export trade law, trade regulations and customs law. Before her current position in WIIT, Kristen served as chair of the customs section. Kristen has been a member of WIIT since 2005.

VP of Professional Development: Hammere Gebreyes

Hammere Gebreyes is currently Program Manager for the Local Rent Supplement Program with the DC Housing Authority. She is a Commissioner with the DC Office on African Affairs and also served as the Director of Marketing for Allied International Marketing, an agricultural trading firm specializing in the import/export of agri-inputs and outputs. She is a native of Ethiopia and long time resident of Washington, DC. Hammere has been a member of WIIT since 2008.

OWIT Representative: Carol Brewer

Carol Brewer is an International Trade Consultant at King & Spalding as an International Trade Specialist. Ms. Brewer has been served as co-chair of the Western Hemisphere Section, 2000-2004, and a member of the board of directors, 2004-2006. Carol has been a member of WIIT since 1998.

OWIT Alternate: Catherine Robinson

Catherine Robinson is a Director at the National Association of Manufacturers. Her involvement with WIIT includes serving as a Co-Chair of the Europe Section and Vice President of Programs since 2006. Catherine was also the 2006 WIIT Member of the Year. Catherine has been a member of WIIT since 2004.

WITT Board of DirectorsServing 2009-2010 Terms**Roberta ("Bobbi") Dagher**

Bobbi is an attorney in the international trade group of Blank Rome LLP. Bobbi has been Treasurer of WIIT since June 2006, and has also served as a co-chair of the Agriculture section. Bobbi has been a member of WIIT since 2006.

Nell Weiss

Nell Weiss is the Senior Trade Policy Analyst at the Embassy of Australia. She has served as WIIT's Co-Chair of the formerly-named Legislative Initiatives and Trade Agreements Section and, the Calendar Co-Chair. Nell has been a member of WIIT since 1999.

Esperanza "Espie" Gomez Jelalian

Esperanza serves as executive director of the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC), at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce since 2003. Esperanza also serves as the director of South Asia of the International Division of the Chamber. She previously served as WIIT's Western Hemisphere Co-Chair. Esperanza has been a member of WIIT since 2000.

Edyta Malinowski

Edyta Malinowski is the Manager, Government Affairs, International GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). Edyta served on WIIT's Special events committee for 3 years. She also currently serves on the Middle East and Africa Section. Edyta has been a member of WIIT since 2003.

Barbara Wanner

Barbara Wanner currently serves as Senior Projects Coordinator for the U.S. Asia Pacific Council (USAPC), a program of the East-West Center. Barbara also serves as President of the Consumers for World Trade Education Fund (CWT Ed Fund). Barbara serves as WIIT's Trust Representative and was President of WIIT in 2002-2003. Barbara has been a member of WIIT since 1990.

Kim S. (Skidmore) Frankena

Ms. Frankena is an Assistant Director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) International Affairs and Trade team. Most recently, Kim was co-chair of WIIT's WTO section. She also served as co-Chair of the Asia section and as editor of the newsletter. She has also served WIIT in the mentoring program. Kim Frankena has been a member of WIIT since 1992.

Serving 2009-2011 Terms**Catherine Robinson**

Catherine Robinson is a Director at the National Association of Manufacturers. Her involvement with WIIT includes serving as a Co-Chair of the Europe Section and Vice President of Programs since 2006. Catherine was also the 2006 WIIT Member of the Year. Catherine has been a member of WIIT since 2004.

Elizabeth Nesbitt

Elizabeth Nesbitt is an International Trade Analyst for Biotechnology and Nanotechnology at the U.S. International Trade Commission. Her involvement with WIIT includes serving as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, and member of WIIT's Board of Directors and its Awards Committee. In 2004, she was co-named as the "Outstanding

WIIT Member of the Year." Elli has been a member of WIIT since 1990.

Phyllis Derrick

Phyllis Derrick is Manager, International Trade Services, at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, where she advises domestic and foreign clients on trade remedy cases. She served as Calendar Co-Chair for 2 years. For the past 2 years, she has served as head of the Special Events Committee. Derrick earned her bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. Derrick has been a member of WIIT since approximately 2000.

Nancy Travis

Nancy Travis is Vice President for Global Strategy and Analysis for the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed). Travis has more than 15 years of international affairs and economics experience, with a particular focus on China trade issues. She worked on China and Taiwan's World Trade Organization accession negotiations and has been involved in assessing compliance with WTO commitments. AdvaMed is a corporate sponsor of WIIT. Travis has been a member of WIIT since 2005.

Kristin Wedding

Kristin Wedding is Assistant Director for Corporate Relations at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she manages the Center's relationships with companies in the defense sector. Wedding previously worked as a researcher in CSIS' Americas Program during which she focused on Mexico and North America. She has served as an editor on the Newsletter Committee for the past two years. Wedding joined WIIT in 2007.

The current president and past president also are members of the Board of Directors, each with one-year terms.

WIIT Hosts 2009 Annual Dinner and Awards Program

Angela Ellard Named WIIT Woman of the Year

During Women in International Trade's (WIIT) annual dinner on June 3, 2009, Ms. Angela Ellard, Republican Chief Trade Counsel, was awarded WIIT Woman of the Year.

Ms. Ellard is an icon in the international trade community, heralded for her steadfast dedication to the promotion of free markets and trade liberalization. She has served 14 years on the House Ways and Means Committee. Ms. Ellard has also been a great supporter of WIIT. She has not only attended WIIT events, but has been a speaker at several of them. "Angela Ellard has been a great role model to all of us women in trade," outgoing President Tonya Kemp said.

As Republican Chief Trade Counsel, Ms. Ellard advises on myriad issues, including negotiation and implementation of bilateral and regional free trade agreements, the operation of trade and customs laws, trade promotion authority, antidumping and countervailing duty issues, bilateral relationships with U.S. trading partners, and World Trade Organization negotiations and dispute settlement.

During her tenure on the Committee, Ms. Ellard has championed watershed trade liberalization bills including the Trade Act of 2002 and legislation granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations to the People's Republic of China and Vietnam. She has advocated preferences reform and enhancement legislation, including the Trade and Development Act of 2000, and bills to improve the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, the Caribbean Basin Initiative, the Andean Trade Preferences Act, and the Generalized System of Preferences.

Most recently, Ms. Ellard was instrumental in brokering the agreement between the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees on Trade Adjustment Assistance which resulted in the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Act of 2009, authorizing extension of Trade Adjustment Assistance through 2010 and redesigning benefits to be more flexible and accessible. Many see this as key to efforts in restoring a bipartisan consensus on trade.

WIIT Acknowledges Outstanding Members

At the annual dinner held on June 3, 2009, Women in International Trade (WIIT) honored those volunteers that have served WIIT in extraordinary ways. Each year, WIIT selects an outstanding Committee/Section, member of the year, and a lifetime achievement member.

This year the WIIT **Section of the Year was the Customs Committee**. In order to be named a WIIT Committee/Section of the year, the Section or Committee must organize and sponsor extraordinary events on behalf of WIIT during the past WIIT fiscal year. The Section or Committee also must have planned and organized the required number of programs in the past year. This year the board felt that the Customs Committee again went above and beyond. Not only did they organize two brownbags, but they also hosted two tours of Customs facilities. Not an easy feat. The members of the committee are: **Marguerite Downey, Heather Pinnock, Gabriela Carias-Green, Krista Harvey and Kristen Smith**.

In order to qualify as member of the year, a member has demonstrated extraordinary commitment, sacrifice and dedication to the organization over the past year and not be a current WIIT Board member or Officer. This year's **Member of the Year Award** went to **Phyllis Derrick**. Phyllis has been a dedicated member for many years. She has worked tirelessly on leading the special events committee team. This year they planned the WIIT Holiday Gala, the Women's Ambassador Event and the Annual Dinner.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to **Alice Slayton Clark**. The Lifetime Achievement award goes to current member whose spirit and demonstrated commitment to WIIT throughout her career has improved the organization and inspired others during the past year. The member must be affiliated with the organization for at least 10 years and must be someone whose service in WIIT has had a significant impact on the association. As a longtime member; a past President, a former member of the Board, and a committee chair, Alice has continued to help with WIIT. In fact, when she lived in Austria she still answered WIIT questions via email! Alice has also encouraged and developed participation by new members of her firm in WIIT leadership positions.

Upcoming Events - for updates, refer to the [WIIT web site](#)

WIIT Summer Social Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Wednesday, August 12
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Aria Trattoria
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

No registration fees, just great networking!
Cash bar, happy hour drink and food specials!

[Register!](#)

WIIT Membership Networking Event at House of Sweden Monday, September 28, 2009

The evening will include a special presentation on Sweden's goals for its term holding the Presidency of the European Union.

On July 1, Sweden assumed the Presidency of the European Union. For the next six months, Sweden will lead the EU's work and will be responsible for moving important EU issues forward.

The Presidency is a unique opportunity for Sweden to lead and influence work on important EU issues such as the world financial crisis, climate change and European security. At the same time, the country holding the Presidency must be flexible and prepared to deal with unexpected issues.

Learn more about Sweden's goals for the EU during its 6-month presidency and spend an evening in the company of the best and brightest in the international trade community at WIIT's membership networking event. This event is open to both WIIT members and non-members, and information and an opportunity to join WIIT will be available at the event.

Monday, September 28th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
House of Sweden
2900 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Cost: \$30.00 per person, member or nonmember.
Wine, soft drinks and light appetizers will be served.

[Register!](#)

WIIT Board and Section Chair Meetings

Upcoming WIIT Board and Officers/Section Chair meeting dates are listed below. Any WIIT member who has a topic s/he would like discussed at an upcoming meeting should contact a Board member or Officer so that it can be put on the agenda, as appropriate.

Board Meetings:

August 25, 12:30-1:30
October 27, 12:30-1:30
December 1, 12:30-1:30

Officer/Section Chair meetings:

August 18, 12:30-1:30
September 15, 12:30-1:30
October 20, 12:30-1:30
November 17, 12:30-1:30
December 8, 12:-30-1:30

Recent Events

**"Primer on Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Other Estate Planning Tools for Professionals"
with Marc Feinberg of West & Feinberg, PC
July 16, 2009**

On July 16, Marc Feinberg, founding partner of West & Feinberg and featured in Washingtonian Magazine's Top Estate Planners, The Best Lawyers in America, and Super Lawyers, presented a "Primer on Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Other Estate Planning Tools for Professionals" at a PD Brown Bag. Mr. Feinberg discussed documents that every person needs, such as the Financial and Health Care Powers of Attorney, and those that may or may not be needed, such as a will or trust. He also discussed tax implications of estate planning that affect even persons of "modest" means.

Powers of Attorney have two major elements - nomination of the person to act for someone who becomes incapacitated and instructions on decisions that person should make. Without such preparations, the usual, often costly, alternative is a judicial hearing, appointment of a guardian, testimony or an "interview" of the incapacitated person, and periodic court reporting. Mr. Feinberg also discussed medical information privacy laws and distinguished "Do Not Resuscitate" ("DNR") orders.

Mr. Feinberg explained when a will may or may not be essential. "Pay on death" or "transfer on death" accounts may well-serve persons with either bank or brokerage accounts. Choices depend on the marital status of a person - many "joint"

assets will be distributed by law and spouses have a legal right to a portion of assets, regardless of a will's provisions. Single people or surviving spouses often are more likely to need a will, and Mr. Feinberg described considerations and options. A will also often is the vehicle to name a guardian for minor children. Without a guardian named in advance, again a judicial process is required to appoint a person charged to "protect the estate", so often would require judicial approval for expenditures from the estate even for a child's benefit. Mr. Feinberg explained how a simple trust and naming a guardian in a will can plan for the future.

The ever changing tax laws, both federal and state, also affect estate planning. As home equity, life insurance and retirement assets all are included in an estate, even people of seemingly modest means may benefit with advance tax planning. Trusts may protect certain assets from tax rates of up to half of their value. Mr. Feinberg vividly demonstrated the tax implications by describing the different legal provisions that will apply in the next three years alone.

**"Five Keys To a Work Life That is More Successful, Rewarding, Stress-Free and Fun"
with Rick Corcoran, of RJ Corcoran and Associates
June 24, 2009**

On June 24, Rick Corcoran, of RJ Corcoran and Associates, spoke at the first Professional Development Brown Bag event for this WIIT year. Mr. Corcoran spoke about "Five Keys To a Work Life That is More Successful, Rewarding, Stress-Free and Fun." Experiential learning is incredibly valuable, but why reinvent the wheel? He suggested 5 concepts: ranging from "It ain't that complicated" to "Sometimes they really are ***s", to "The ability to listen". Examples of each concept, such as how to change the dialogue to be the language of leadership, can change, or at least reorient, a workplace dynamic. The participants added not only their opinions and asked questions, but also shared their experiences. The lively discussion reflected all stages of a professional career -- starting out, mid-level, and senior management. As the Professional Development Committee launched its 2009-2010 WIIT year, Mr. Corcoran's presentation encouraged reflection on how to enjoy the careers that we choose, and not only to do good work.

**"Classification 101: What You Need To Know Before Importing Goods"
with Heather Pinnock, Attorney, Office of International Trade, Regulations and Rulings
US Customs and Border Protection Agency
April 23, 2009**

Heather K. Pinnock, an attorney in the Office of International Trade, Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP), was the guest speaker for a brownbag discussion on the classification of goods under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The program was hosted by the Women in International Trade (WIIT) Customs Committee and held at the Washington, D.C. office of Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A. on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Nearly 30 persons attended the discussion.



This program provided participants with a basic understanding of the classification process, including how to use the General Rules of Interpretation (the GRIs) and the Explanatory Notes. Most participants were either new to classification or only occasionally responsible for it. Below is an overview of Ms. Pinnock's key points during the program.

Tariff classification

Tariff classification is the process of determining the correct subheading in a tariff schedule for merchandise. The basic principle underlining US customs law and tariff classification practice is that goods are classified in their condition as imported. CBP looks at "what it is" when it is imported.

Why is tariff classification important?

The amount of duty that will have to be paid is an important consideration for importers. In order to calculate duty, the importer must first know the correct tariff classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Importers have a statutory responsibility under the Customs Modernization Act to use reasonable care to enter, classify and value imported merchandise, and to provide any other information necessary to enable CBP to properly carry out its responsibilities. Correct classification is also important for determining quota applicability and special program eligibility.

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States replaced the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) which had been in effect since August 31, 1963. The HTSUS, which incorporates the HS as its core classification system, went into effect on January 1, 1989. It is sometimes referred to as "the tariff." The President of the United States is authorized to make modifications to the HTSUS as necessary but most modifications are done on the recommendation of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). The ITC is responsible for continuously reviewing and updating the HTSUS and, from time to time, will publish supplements to the HTSUS. The most recent version of the HTSUS is always available on the [ITC website](#). The HTSUS is administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The Harmonized System

The Harmonized System (HS) is the internationally recognized classification system for internationally traded goods. It was created by the Customs Cooperation Council (known today as the World Customs Organization ("WCO")) in the 1960s in Brussels to harmonize commodity description and coding. The HS is the basis of the domestic tariff systems of most countries.

Helpful CBP Contact Information

Regulations and Rulings: 202-325-0100

Tariff Classification and Marking Branch: 202-325-0010

National Commodity Specialist Division (NY): 646-733-3000

CBP website: www.cbp.gov

Announcements

WIIT is part of LinkedIn and Facebook

If you would like to join or visit WIIT's LinkedIn Group, click [here](#).

WIIT also has a [Facebook page](#).

WIIT Toastmasters

In a supportive, friendly environment, WIIT Toastmasters can help you improve your public speaking skills. Public speaking skills can help you more effectively present and communicate your ideas and help advance your career. We are affiliated with WIIT and with Toastmasters International. Toastmasters International has been helping people of all walks of life become effective communicators for over eighty years.

Let us help you achieve your goals. Visit our [website](#) for details and information. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month, except federal holidays. We meet at 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM at the National Association of Manufacturers, 1330 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington DC. The closest Metro Stop is Metro Center; exit to 13th and F Streets.