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From The Chair...

What a fabulous event enjoyed by all attending CWIT's Fifth Annual Soirée on April 10! Congratulations to our two \$1500 scholarship recipients, Margaret Nelson and Ryan Ladd. Clemson and Auburn will be welcoming two bright students to their campuses and we wish them well. The highlight of my evening was presenting the Woman of the Year award to Ms. Vivian Wong of Greenville, SC. Her acceptance speech was truly inspiring and demonstrated how well she will serve CWIT as an ambassador in the upstate and amongst the international community. Ms. Wong graciously agreed to make a repeat appearance with CWIT, for which we are grateful. She has a wealth of experience and wisdom and we look forward to her growing interest in CWIT's continued success.

I want to welcome the many new members to CWIT in the past few months and hope to see you May 8. CWIT member Amy Thomson with the SC Department of Commerce and chair of the SC Trade Coalition will share updates on SC trade initiatives that you won't want to miss. Take advantage of the networking time directly before the formal presentation begins to learn more about the international trade community in our region. CWIT is represented by many areas of trade and quite a diverse and interesting group of attendees. The benefits of membership are plentiful!

Pam Everitt, SCSPA, Chair

Wong Named CWIT's 2007 Woman-of-the-Year

On April 10th, Wong will be honored at "The Charleston Soirée"



Vivian Wong
Pacific Gateway
Capital Group, LLC
Greenville, SC

Vivian A. Wong, co-founder and chairwoman of the Pacific Gateway Capital, LLC, is CWIT's 2007 Woman-of-the-Year. "Wong's expertise in facilitating US-China bi-lateral trade and investments significantly benefits the international trade community, and ranks her highly deserving of our distinguishing award", said Pam Everitt, chairwoman. Wong's latest project as co-founder of the Global Trade Center in Greenville, SC provides a facility for Chinese companies to showcase goods and a meeting place for US companies to collaborate on gaining access to Chinese markets.

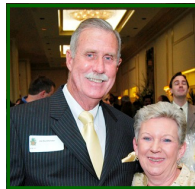
JoAnne Fogg, US Customs & Border Protection, Awards Chair

WELCOME

Maria Batista with Maersk Line
Merrill Weston with Sea Shipping Line
Shirley Lloyd with Stratford High School
Rod Wallace with R.S. Wallace & Associates, LLC
Catherine VanderMeer with McAllister Towing
Tina Donahue with 2AM Group, LLC
Michele Brown with 2AM Group, LLC
Shannon McDevitt with "Just Humor Me!"

Charlotte Ross, OOCL, Membership

Past Event: CWIT Soiree April 10, 2007



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JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

It's that time again! If you have not renewed your membership already, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support!

Check It Out!

Charles Towne Landing was the site of the first permanent European settlement in the Carolina province. Approximately 148 colonists, including men, women and children, landed at Albemarle Point the first Wednesday in April 1670. Check it out at <http://www.charlestowne.org>.



Charles Towne Landing
State Historic Site

English Struth, SCSPA, Communications

Mark Your Calendar

JUNE 12: Join CWIT's members and guests in welcoming Mr. Bob Geolas, Executive Director of the Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) for a discussion on "CU-ICAR as Global Model for Engineering Advances, and the Strategic Partnerships it has Forged with BMW, Michelin North America and The Timken Co., the Society of Automotive Engineers, the state of South Carolina, Microsoft, IBM, Sun Microsystems, and Others".

SEPTEMBER 11: Join CWIT's members and guests in welcoming Ms. Ann Watts, Director of the U.S. Commercial Service – Columbia, U.S. Department of Commerce for a discussion on two case studies involving two successful SC exporters, followed by presentations by Ms. Louise Schmidt of "Life Industries" and Ms. Lynne Becker of "Me-Too-Mommy" on the challenges each have faced in international markets.

Monthly luncheons start at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m., followed by a 15 minute "networking with speaker" time. Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Location: North Charleston Convention Center at 5001 Coliseum Drive Charleston, SC 29418, Park free in Lot A. (843) 529-5011. Visit CWIT on the web at www.cwitsc.org. Send RSVP to cwit@scspa.com

Jacky Sassard, SCSPA, Programs

Featured Member: Vicki Harlan

Vicki is a native of Florida and traveled many places with her military family before settling in Charleston. She began her career as the bookkeeper for the Episcopal Diocese of S. C. After seven years with the Church, she worked for a newly formed company, Charleston Business Systems. She saw many changes as CBS changed it's name to Future Systems and became the first and only authorized dealer of IBM PC computers in the area.



Vicki joined ATS Logistics, Inc. in 1996 and knew immediately it was a good "fit". The Company's business philosophy and treatment of associates makes Vicki their biggest cheerleader. Vicki has served as Office Manager & Accounting Manager and is currently the Human Resources Manager. She is also the Executive Assistant to the President of the company. Vicki celebrated her 10 years with ATS and was presented with a 10 year anniversary vacation which she and her husband, Tim, enjoyed in Hawaii this past fall.

Vicki has been married for 28 years and has one son. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling and catering. She is also an active ALPHA leader at her church.

Affiliations: CWIT, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Charlotte Ross, OOCL, Membership



OWIT Update

The 2007 OWIT World Conference is fast approaching. We encourage our members to attend. Your attendance and participation will provide an awareness and the impact we derive from our affiliation as a member chapter. Please contact Jackie Adamson if interested in attending.



The 2007 OWIT WORLD CONFERENCE
Emerging Markets
The Road Ahead for Finance, Business, & Trade
October 24, 25, & 26, 2007
Miami, Florida

Please visit www.cwitsc.org to read the 2007 "State of OWIT" address.

Jackie Adamson, Roanoke Trade, OWIT Representative



May 2007

PERSPECTIVE

Featured Company: *Carolina Starches*

Carolina Starches is North America's leading supplier of specialty potato starch powders for the Pulp and Paper and allied industries. By conducting global trade in 10 countries and holding representative offices in 12 states, the company holds an international perspective while maintaining its headquarters, production plant, and main distribution facilities in North Charleston, SC. The company is a privately-held LLC founded in 2004 as an MBO by former executives from AVEBE, the Dutch potato starch cooperative.



Carolina Starches produces its unique proprietary line of premium starches based on imported and domestic potato, tapioca, and corn starch. Some of the company product lines are manufactured here in South Carolina, and some are purchased as finished goods from other suppliers as part of the company's extensive logistics network worldwide. Carolina Starches is active in numerous civic organizations, and national and local trade associations such as CWIT.



Renee Mangham, Landmark Enterprises, Publicity

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