



From The Chair...

"Welcome back from the summer! CWIT members have been hard at work preparing interesting programs and our First Oyster Roast on October 8th. The board of directors attends an overnight retreat each year to plan the CWIT year and brainstorm on ways to improve the member benefits and experience. You will see an increase in enjoyable networking opportunities and timely speakers during our lunch meetings. I'm really excited about the Oyster Roast on October 8th. This is going to be a fabulous evening to network with colleagues and bid on fantastic items through our silent auction. We hope you will join us for this special event. Thank you for your participation and support of CWIT."

Lynn Anne Christensen, Merrill Lynch, Chair

Oyster Roast & Auction: October 8

Come network with the local key players in international trade, eat all the **oysters** you can, have an adult **beverage** and pick up some good **loot** at the CWIT Oyster roast beach party and auction Wednesday, October 8th!



If that's not enough, let us entice you with the spectacular venue at the Charleston Harbor Resort at Patriots Point which looks out over the Charleston Harbor. You can watch the sun go down, hang out in the resort's beach area and bid on the 87 fabulous items to be auctioned!

We are happy to announce that proceeds from the auction contribute to 2 \$3000 scholarships! Applications for the scholarships are currently being processed.

If you would like to be a sponsor, the categories and benefits are below:

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6:00 to 9:00 p.m., October 8, 2008

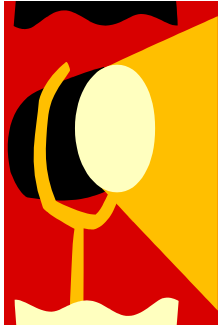
\$30 for members and \$35 for non-members

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Jacky Sassard, SCSPA, Vice Chair

Welcome new member: *Carrie Taylor!*



Carrie is originally from Ohio and moved to South Carolina after high school. Her career in the transportation business began right after she graduated from the College of Charleston in 1995 and she has been working in the transportation business ever since. Carrie worked at a few different forwarding companies, doing mainly exports, but now resides at Expeditors International and has been there for 8 years. After doing exports for about 11 years, she expanded into imports and has been in the import department for approximately 2 years.

Carrie's most recent accomplishment is passing the Brokers Exam on her first try. She is also the Export Compliance Officer for the Charleston Branch.

Carrie enjoys spending time with her family: her 2 boys; Jordan and Owen; who just recently started at the Charleston School of Law. She also loves to cook and read.

To welcome Carrie:

Carrie Taylor

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OWIT World Conference

Trade and the Triple Bottom Line: Societal, Economic and Environmental Sustainability is the theme of the 17th Annual **OWIT World Conference** hosted by the Monterrey, Mexico Chapter, October 22-24, 2008. The conference will feature prominent speakers and high-level experts from the public and private sector, bringing a diversity of perspectives. Networking opportunities will abound at this year's conference with delegates from around the world. This conference offers delegates a unique venue to develop new business relationships. Additionally, OWIT will honor the organization's Woman of the Year, Member of the Year and Chapter of the Year at the annual dinner gala during the conference.

For more information and to register before the discounted registration fee date of September 10, click on the conference link at <http://www.owit.org/en/annual/index.aspx>. When registering online, enter the member code of **WIT-SC**. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is the conference host site and reservation information can be found on the conference website.

If you are interested in attending the conference or have any questions, please contact Pam Everitt at peveritt@scspa.com, 577-8678.

OWIT Newsletter

Earlier this spring, OWIT launched its first International e-newsletter, which was sent to members of the chapters. The OWIT newsletter aims to connect members to the wider organization and represents another benefit of membership in OWIT. Here is the link to the newsletter in case you did not receive it or are a new member:

<http://www.owit.org/en/Documentos/newsletters/member/index.htm>

Pam Everitt, SCSPA, OWIT Representative

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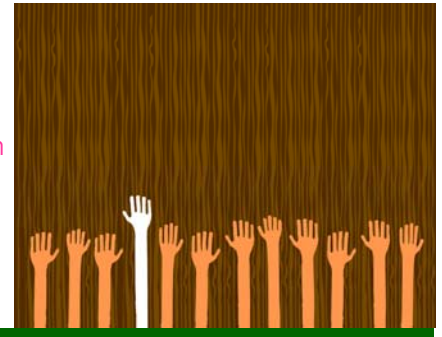
CWIT is seeking volunteers for multiple committees.

If you are interested, please contact the relevant committee chair.

- Annual Banquet Committee: Margie Hardwick, Margie.Hardwick@oocl.com
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((This is a new Committee consisting of Andrea Jones of RobertBosch (immediate past treasurer), Alicia Smith McCory of RBC Bank, Nancy Hixson of Staffmark and Vicki Harlan))

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Herb Klein, Dixon-Hughes Academy, Member-At-Large

Have you taken the Pledge?



Earlier this summer, the S.C. State Ports Authority launched a new environmental initiative, the Pledge for Growth, which highlights the port's more than \$12 million investment in community and environmental programs that enhance Land, Air, Water and People. These programs include assisting neighborhoods in the Neck area set up an affordable housing trust and community master plan, recreating five miles of oyster reefs around Charleston Harbor, cutting port-related air emissions through cleaner engines and fuel, and helping conserve Morris Island for future generations. Already, the Pledge is making a positive impact in the Charleston region.

The Pledge for Growth's home, www.PledgeforGrowth.com, includes an interactive feature that allows others in the business community to get involved. So far, several organizations have stepped up to "Take the Pledge," including CWIT member organizations ATS Logistics and OOCL! Won't you consider pledging to help enhance our local community and the environment as well? Take the Pledge today!

Allison Skipper, SC State Ports Authority, Guest member contribution

CWIT adds GREEN event to monthly meetings

On the occasion of June 2008, CWIT introduced a monthly Raffle- with a twist!

Attendees can become sponsors of our many worthwhile activities by purchasing tax-deductible raffle tickets at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The speaker at the event will pick a ticket, allowing the holder an attempt to draw the winning GREEN ball. Initially there are a total of four balls providing a 1 in 4 chance to choose 1 of the 3 great prizes.

If the GREEN ball is not drawn, as was the case in June, the ticket holder at the next meeting has a 1 in 3 chance to GO GREEN. If again the winning ball remains in the bag, chances to win grow to 1 in 2 at the following event. Don't be disappointed when you fail to go GREEN: you will be an invited guest at our next luncheon AND you are supporting CWIT!



Herb Klein, Dixon-Hughes Academy, Member-At-Large

Check it out!

32nd Annual Fall Tours of Homes & Gardens
9/25/2008 - 10/26/2008

Take in the Charleston's rich history as you stroll through some of Charleston's most breathtaking homes and gardens during the Preservation Society of Charleston's 32nd Annual Fall Tours of Homes and Gardens. The Preservation Society was founded in 1920 by a small group of Charlestonians concerned with the increasing threat to one of America's outstanding collections of 18th, 19th and 20th century architecture.

Sally Davis, Charming Inns, Communications Check it out at: www.preservationsociety.org

Trade Facts

According to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Doha Round of international trade talks could save 150 billion dollars worldwide if the 153 member governments could come to an agreement. The talks are failing and have been since the launching of the round in 2001. The WTO is the only international organization dealing with international trade rules amongst nations.

More than 5 million Americans receive their paychecks from U.S. subsidiaries of overseas-based companies. These types of jobs are called "insourced" jobs.

In 2006, 13 women were heads of state or government compared to 9 in 2000 and 12 in 1995.

Sources: www.wto.org; www.ustr.gov; www.un.org.

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