

# CONNECTION

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## A Message from our President:



**Kim Satterfield**  
2008 President

*Dear WiNUP Members:*

I hope that you all have had a great winter. Tennessee weather is sunny one day and snow the next. We have had bad weather one day out of the week for the past month. I am looking forward to spring.

From every hardship there comes strength. That statement pretty much sums up the past few years for WiNUP.

We faced the hardship and became stronger. In the last three years, WiNUP's membership grew by adding three new chapters and reviving one established chapter, our financial status is extremely stable, and our conferences have attained record numbers in attendance. Since the beginning of EWRT/WiNUP in 1923 when seven women attended the all male annual meeting of the Society for Electrical Development, WiNUP women have been fighting through challenging times and coming out of the turmoil unscathed.

As Eleanor Roosevelt stated, "Women are like tea bags, the hotter the water they get into, the stronger they get."

No truer words have ever been spoken.

We are now in the position to focus less on WiNUP's past and more on its future. It is not going to be business as usual this year. The Executive Committee will be concentrating more on our members and the organization and less on external distractions. We will be unveiling new programs (see inside this newsletter) and reviving some old programs. We will be looking at ways to increase services available to members in order to enhance the benefits of membership. We will continue to work toward our common goal of strengthening the organization thus strengthening our members as conscientious and successful professional women.

As a member, if you want to get the most out of your membership, "Get Involved and Excited!" There is something for everyone in WiNUP and many opportunities exist for you to become more actively involved. New people with new ideas are needed to move this organization forward. Not only will WiNUP benefit by your involvement and creativity; but you will benefit too, both professionally and personally.

*Kim Satterfield*  
2008 International President  
Clarkesville Dept. of Electricity, Nashville Chapter

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**Connection** is published each quarter. Article submissions from Chapters and members are welcome! To submit material, email or call Theresa.

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## **NEW—Past Presidents' Grant Program Gains Board Approval**

Many companies have tightened their budgets and are not financing employees to attend WiNUP conferences. As a result of this, many of our members are not able to participate in these important opportunities.

The Past Presidents' Grant Program was undertaken by WiNUP's Past Presidents to meet one of WiNUP's primary objectives—provide opportunities for professional development. The program seeks to assist deserving member(s) by providing funds to enable them to attend the annual conference where they will be exposed to new and challenging information that has proven benefit to our members' careers.

A goal of the program is to award at least one Past Presidents' Grant each year as long as there is a balance of \$1,600 in the grant fund at the time the grant is awarded. The grant fund must keep a balance of at least \$1,000 at all times.

A maximum of \$600 in grant assistance will be provided per person (to help cover hotel accommodations and travel costs). If the recipient's hotel and travel costs are less than \$600, any remaining funds will be returned to the grant program.

To be eligible for consideration an applicant must have been an active member of WiNUP for at least three years and be current on organization dues

To apply applicants must complete the application and statement and return to the Executive Director by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Full guidelines have been sent to your Chapter Chairs and Board Reps. Full guidelines will also be posted to our website.

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### **CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ANNOUNCED FOR 2008**

A Chapter Achievement Award has been developed and will be inaugurated this year as a means to recognize WiNUP Chapters for outstanding chapter commitment and participation. The award is available to all chapters and is designated by three categories:

- Category 1 - Chapters with 1 to 10 members
- Category 2 - Chapters with 11 to 25
- Category 3 - Chapters with more than 25 members.

Each chapter, with the exception of the Members—at-Large Chapter, is encouraged to fill out the report summarizing their year's activities and focus projects. Chapters will only compete in their specific category. There will be one first prize awarded in each category. First place is \$100 and a certificate. Awards will be presented by the International President at the Conference.

Deadline for reports to be in the Executive Director's office is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Full guidelines are on their way to your Chapter Chair and will also be posted to our website—[www.winup.org](http://www.winup.org).

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### **NEW FOR 2008—WINUP CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD**

The Newsletter Award will be given each year in recognition for outstanding Chapter Newsletter. There will be three prizes awarded. First place is \$100 and a certificate. Second place is \$75 and a certificate, and third place is \$50 and a certificate. Awards will be presented by the International President at the Conference.

Deadline for reports to be in the Executive Director's office is Aug. 15. Full guidelines are on their way to your Chapter Chair and will also be posted to our website—[www.winup.org](http://www.winup.org).

These new award programs are aimed at recognizing the talent and hard work that WiNUP members pour into their jobs and our organization.

***WiNUP Membership Renewal***  
***It is still not too late to renew your membership for 2008.***  
***If you haven't completed yours, please do so right away and turn it in to***  
***your chapter treasurer.***  
***Chapter Officers are listed at the back of this issue.***

## Committee Volunteers Sought

WiNUP offers a variety of committee positions. Find one that fits your interest and contact Kim Satterfield at [ksatterfield@clarksvilledc.com](mailto:ksatterfield@clarksvilledc.com).

### 2008 Committees include:

Bluegrass Leadership Development- Establish guidelines and handling of the Bluegrass Leadership Development Fund.

Budget and Finance - Work directly with the International Treasurer. Review the financial statements before the Summer and Fall Board meetings.

Bylaws - Review Bylaws for any deletions, additions or changes.

Chapter Development and Retention – Establish contact with members that did not renew

Energy Affairs - Keep members apprised of new and current technology related to energy by preparing an Energy Update for publication in the newsletter.

Fellowship- Review scholarship applications form. Review applications and choose recipients to present to the Board for approval.

Guidelines - Remove outdated information and add new information. Work with the Bylaws Committee.

Honorary Life Member Award- A two-member committee including the previous years' winner, reviews Honorary Life Member applications and recommends to the Board a qualified applicant. There does not have to be an award given annually.

International Conference Committee - Plan and host the annual conference.

Members-At-Large Award - A two-member committee reviews and recommends a candidate for the award. An award does not need to be given annually.

Mentoring - Work with members to establish an International Mentoring Program.

New Member Development- Contact the new members to welcome them to WiNUP.

Newsletter- Research, write, and publish an International Newsletter quarterly.

Nominating- In April/May contact all WiNUP members by e-mail for interest in running for an International officer position. Prepare a slate of candidates and present to the Board.

OAK Award - A two-member committee that includes the previous year's OAK Award winner reviews OAK award applications and recommend a winner.

POWER Award- A two-member committee that includes the previous year's POWER Award winner review POWER Award applications and recommend a winner.

Public Relations- Work on publicizing WiNUP. Focus on placing articles in trade magazines, newsletters, etc. Work closely with Chapter Chairs for local publications that might run articles on WiNUP.

Ways and Means- Develop fundraising ideas including logo items that promote WiNUP to members and the public while raising funds.

Web site- Keep web site updated. Review web site and determine how to improve or what information needs adding to the site.

Past Presidents' Grant – New in 2008! Review and select from applicants to receive the Past Presidents' Grant to attend conference. Plan fundraising effort.

## News and Notes

### Industrial Fire World hosts the only conference geared to industrial fire and emergency response

Ten free passes worth \$400 each available to WiNUP member utilities

Pass this on to safety managers at your companies. Industrial Fire World is hosting a conference April 28 - May 2, 2008 in Beaumont, Texas for the latest news, products and services to impact the world of industrial fire and emergency response. It includes a special track on electrical utility plan fire protection.

If someone at your company would like to take advantage of the free pass available to WiNUP member utilities, contact Lynn White, Industrial Fire World at 979.690.7559. For more about the conference check out [www.fireworld.com](http://www.fireworld.com).

### Americans support building power plants, according to new survey

Hingham, Mass.—The number of people that support power plant development in their hometown rose dramatically over the past year accounting to the 2007 Saint Index<sup>®</sup> survey on attitudes toward real estate development.

Thirty eight percent of American adults support a local power plant project compared to just 23 percent in 2006—a 15 percent rise.

Surveyors interviewed a representative sample of 1,000 Americans, ages 18 and older during the third quarter of 2007. The survey is the first of its kind to quantify and track the politics of land use, spotlighting who actively opposes and supports real estate projects and why.

The power plant findings should be encouraging to energy producers in light of the nation's attitude toward real estate development in general. For more information visit [www.saintconsulting.com](http://www.saintconsulting.com) or call 212-840-1661.

### DOE awards first three large-scale carbon sequestration projects

Washington—Deputy Secretary of Energy Clay Sell recently announced that DOE awarded the first three large-scale carbon sequestration projects for the United States and the largest single set in the world to date.

The three projects—Plains Carbon Dioxide Reduction Partnership, Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership and Southwest Regional Partnership for Carbon Sequestration— will conduct large volume tests for the storage of 1million or more tons of carbon dioxide in deep saline reservoirs.

Articles from *Business Industry Connection* magazine, Dec 2007.

*Thanks to Amanda Thatcher and Judy Smith,  
our website committee volunteers  
for their work on our website.*

The two have redesigned the site look  
and recently implemented the members only section pages.  
They continue with site updates.  
Check it out at [www.winup.org](http://www.winup.org).

*Thank you both so much for your efforts!*



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### **Inflatable Cars**

Inflatable cars? What?!! A Bay Area startup, XP vehicles, has a radical idea for a proposed ultra light, ultra-efficient car that is powered by both fuel cells and batteries. The body of this radical concept is proposed to be made up of pre inflated airbags. The company claims the car will be so safe that you could actually drive the car off of a 25-ft cliff without inflicting injury. The inflatable car is scheduled to be targeted at Asian markets initially. The entire car will ship in two smash-packed, Costco-type, cardboard boxes that consumers should be able to assemble and hit the road in roughly two hours after initial assembly.

*Triple Pundit, on ENN.com January 16, 2008*

### **Airbus to Fly an A380 on Synthetic Fuel**

Airbus has announced that it is planning to fly an A380, the world's largest airliner, on alternative fuel for the first time. A double-decker aircraft loaded with special fuel derived from natural gas will take off from the Airbus plant in western England and fly to the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, southwest France. Airbus hopes the plane will become the centerpiece of efforts to adapt planes to the next generation of cleaner, alternative fuel at a time when the aviation industry is under pressure over the impact of aircraft emissions on the climate.

*Dan Lalor, Reuters 2/1/2008*

### **First 100% Organic "Green" Restaurant Opens In NYC**

Gusto Grilled Organics is a Greenwich Village eatery serving 100-percent organic, Latin-inspired cuisine. The restaurant is completely organic; employees aren't even allowed to bring non-organic food into the restaurant. Customers can currently bring their own wine, but only if it is certified organic. All packaging is eco-friendly, and most of it biodegrades in 90 days. All the furniture was made with recycled wood from old barns in the region. The restaurant also uses LED lighting and green-certified cleaning products and processes. In February the restaurant's power will switch to wind energy.

*Organic Consumers Association, January 24, 2008*

### **LED Lights May Light Homes In Less Than 3 Years**

Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), already used in electrical equipment such as computers and mobile phones, are several times more energy efficient than standard light-bulbs. However, because of their structure and material, much of the light in standard LEDs becomes trapped, reducing the brightness of the light and making them unsuitable as the main lighting source in the home. Now researchers believe they have found a way of introducing a new generation of LEDs that are brighter and use even less power. Dr Faiz Rahman, the researcher leading the project said: "By making microscopic holes on the surface of the LEDs it is possible to extract more light, thus increasing the brightness...without increasing the energy consumption. ... at the University of Glasgow we believe we have found a way of imprinting the holes into billions of LEDs at a far greater speed, but at a much lower cost. This means the days of the humble light-bulb could soon be over." The team of researchers used a technique called nano-imprint lithography to directly imprint the holes, imperceptible to the human eye, onto the LEDs allowing more of the light to escape.

*University of Glasgow in Environmental News Network, 1/9/08*

### **Italy's Prime Minister Orders "Trash Tsar" To End Crisis**

Prime Minister Romano Prodi gave Italy's former police chief four months to clean up a garbage crisis in Naples where tons of rotting rubbish sparked clashes between police and residents in January. Refuse collection in Naples and the surrounding Campania region stopped around Christmas when almost every dump was declared full. As a result, 110,000 tons of garbage has piled up in the streets. The Camorra — the Naples version of Sicily's Mafia — is heavily involved in waste disposal and has contributed to a failure to get to grips with a problem that was first recognized as an emergency 14 years ago.

*Robin Pomeroy, Reuters, 1/8/2008*

### **Free Reusable Bags at Whole Foods**

As of Earth Day 2008 (April 22, 2008), Whole Foods won't be bagging food in plastic anymore. Paper bags (made from 100% recycled paper and totally recyclable) will remain an option, but plastic grocery bags will be gone. Whole Foods Markets began giving away one free reusable bag per customer to encourage shoppers to "BYOB" — Bring Your Own Bag. The bag is colorful and made from 80% post-consumer waste. Plus, it's got a washable surface and actually seems more ample inside than the standard paper grocery bag. The bags can be purchased for only 99 cents per bag. And every time you use them, you'll get a 5 cents/per bag refund on your grocery bill.

*Big Green Purse, January 31, 2008*

## 2008 Chapter officers

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*Save the date!*

*October 13-15, 2008*

*The Virginia Chapter is proud to announce the  
2008 WINUP National Conference will be held in downtown  
Roanoke, Virginia  
at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke.  
Please make plans to join us, as we  
Shoot for the Stars!*