

# Accelerate

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## She's General Manager/CEO of MARTA, but Workforce Development is Dr. Beverly A. Scott's Lasting Professional Legacy

**W**orkforce Development. Five years ago few people in our industry had heard of the term, and even fewer had ever given it any attention. This all changed when **Dr. Beverly A. Scott** accepted a volunteer assignment to head up a new committee.

The year was 2005 and **Ronald J. Tober** was the Chairman of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). He was determined to redirect the focus of the industry, and he knew he had just the right person in Dr. Scott to spearhead the effort.

"Ron Tober asked me to chair the industry's first Workforce Development Initiative," she remembers, "and it was really the first time we began to look seriously at the people side of the business. Our industry was adept at structures and vehicles and tracks, but when you started talking about the people who made it all work, you got a lot of blank stares. That's because our industry didn't have a real understanding of the



Dr. Beverly A. Scott

critical people issues facing it. And, not surprisingly, we didn't have a plan in place to develop and retain a workforce that could sustain the industry. Almost right from the start, our committee knew we had a big problem on our hands that demanded serious attention."

Under Dr. Scott's direction, the initiative began to bear fruit. Workforce development began to take hold in transit systems across the country, and Dr. Scott became widely recognized as the "Mother of Workforce Development."

In 2009, Dr. Scott became the Chairperson of APTA.

During her term she was steadfast in her commitment to advancing the "people issues" of the industry, including diversity in the workforce.

Through her earlier work on the Workforce Development Initiative, Dr. Scott and her colleagues found that the industry had an image problem — specifically, **they had no image!** She was determined to change that.

"Young people have no clue about transit or public transportation in general. And with 30% to 40% of the people on the maintenance side alone ready to retire, we're not prepared to fill the void," she notes.

"During my term as Chair I wanted to further advance our workforce development efforts. I brought together a blue ribbon panel to take a look at our progress to-date, with an emphasis on emerging industry best practices and tangible actions that individual transit agencies could take so they wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel in order to start or improve workplace development programs at their

respective properties."

The panel's report was presented at the recent APTA Annual Meeting in Orlando and highlighted three areas of focus: youth development, attracting people to and retaining people in the industry, and improving the image and branding for transit and transit careers.

The panel is asking the incoming APTA Chair, **Mattie P. Carter**, to support continuation of its work over the coming year.

Finally, it's important to note that Dr. Scott followed **Michael S. Townes**, President and CEO of Hampton Roads Transit and an African-American, into the Chairperson's seat at APTA.

"I'm very proud of this industry, because this was the first time we've had two people of color as back-to-back leaders of APTA. And with the incoming chair, who is a black female, this will be the first time we will have a hand-off between two women, not to mention the fact that she will be the third African-American in a

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# Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and COMTO Hold Annual Transportation Braintrust to Examine Progress of the Stimulus Package

In conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), we conducted our 17th Annual Transportation Braintrust at the Washington, DC, Convention Center.

Entitled, "Understanding the Stimulus and How It is Working for You," the Braintrust served as a forum for the exchange of the latest information and advice among nationally recognized transportation experts.

Shirley A. DeLibero, COMTO National Chairwoman and President of DTS Technologies, introduced Congressman **Elijah E. Cummings**, who hosted the event and offered opening remarks. Congressman Cummings is a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where he sits on the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials and serves as Chairman of the

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Following remarks by three distinguished members of Congress, **The Honorable Corrine Brown** (Florida's 3rd District), **The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson** (Texas's 30th District), and **The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton** (Delegate, District of Columbia), the floor was turned over to Panel Moderator **Robert Prince**, COMTO Board Member At-Large and Vice President of AECOM. Prince introduced the esteemed panelists:

- **John D. Porcari**, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who serves as the Department's chief operating officer with responsibility for the day-to-day operations of 10 modal administrations and the work of more than 55,000 DOT employees nationwide and overseas.

- **Peter M. Rogoff**, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), who previously served for 22 years on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, including 14 years as the Democratic Staff Director of its Transportation Subcommittee.
- **Victor Mendez**, Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), who previously served as Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).
- **Ruben Anthony, Jr.**, Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, a state agency with more than 3,300 employees, dozens of field offices and a \$3-billion annual budget.

All in attendance benefited from a lively, multi-faceted discussion of the stimulus package as it relates



*Congressman Elijah E. Cummings*

to transportation.

Ricky Smith, COMTO 1st Vice Chair and Director of Ports for the City of Cleveland, offered closing remarks. ■



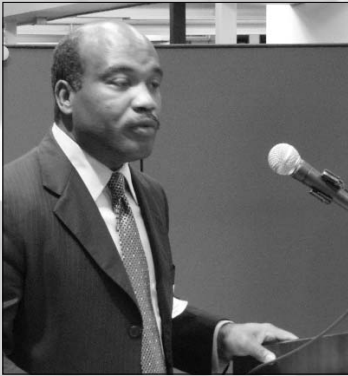
*Congressman Elijah Cummings addresses attendees of the 17th Annual Transportation Braintrust. L to R: Shirley A. DeLibero, COMTO National Chair; Ruben Anthony, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation; FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff; FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez; Deputy Secretary of Transportation John D. Porcari; and Robert Prince, Jr. COMTO Board Member At-Large.*



# COMTO USA

## Indiana Chapter

In July, the COMTO Indiana Chapter (Bruce Curry, President) hosted an evening reception to welcome John Clark, the newly appointed Executive Director and CEO of the Indianapolis International Airport, to the City of Indianapolis. The event served as an opportunity for the Chapter to introduce Mr. Clark to the local transportation community.



*John Clark addresses reception attendees.*

Clark comes to Indianapolis with a wealth of experience, having most recently served in the same capacity for the Jacksonville International Airport in Jacksonville, Florida.

Clark urged those in attendance to take time to visit the airport's new state-of-the-art passenger terminal and to share with him their thoughts and suggestions for improving the facility.

Attended by more than 70 legislative, transit and community leaders, the reception also served to honor a number of dignitaries from across the state. State Representatives **William Crawford** (Chair, Indiana Legislature Ways and Means Committee), **Terri Austin** (Chair, Indiana Legislature

Roads and Transportation Committee) and **Vanessa Summers** (Chair, Indiana Black Legislative Caucus), were recognized as staunch supporters of the transportation needs in Indiana.

**Lacy Johnson** was recognized for his service as the former Chairman of the Indianapolis Airport Authority Board and for his leadership during the development and construction of the new Indianapolis International Airport passenger terminal. Lacy ensured DBE participation throughout the project. Other noted dignitaries attending included Deputy Mayor **Olgen Williams**; **Greg Wilson**, Director of the Indianapolis Office of Minority and Women Business Development; and **Alice Watson**, Deputy Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration's Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises.

## Colorado Chapter

The Colorado State Chapter (**Walter Bembry**, President), held its 2009 Colorado Awards Luncheon on Thursday, October 15, at the Denver Athletic Club.

## Hampton Roads Chapter

On Friday, October 16, the Hampton Roads Chapter (**Prescott Sherrod**, President) held its Second Annual HUB Conference at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This year's Conference, developed

around the theme, "Transportation Oriented Development: Connecting Business — Connecting Community," built on the momentum generated by last year's inaugural event, which won raves from everyone in attendance. A Welcome Reception on Thursday evening, October 15, at the Resort Hotel set the tone for the event.

In concert with the HUB Conference, the Chapter also hosted its Sixth Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, October 15, at the Cyprus Point Country Club in Virginia Beach; and the COMTO Hampton Roads Mentor 5K Run/Walk on Saturday,

October 17, at Mt. Trashmore in Virginia Beach.

## New York Chapter

The New York Chapter (**Dwayne Sampson**, President) recently hosted a professional development workshop entitled, "Managing Your Career," to help local transportation employees plan a course of action for their professional futures.

Facilitated by **Gregory Bradley**, Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity for MTA Metro-

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## Stepping Out at the CBC Banquet



*L to R: Cathy Hamilton-Kirkaldy (Dallas Chapter President), Amy Seaton (National Staff) and Renee Edwards (Dallas Chapter), at the CBC Awards Banquet at which President Barack Obama spoke.*

North, the workshop focused on understanding one's organization, planning for the future, implementing a plan, and assessing outcomes. The Chapter welcomed all registrants and used the event to sign up new members.

## Northern California Chapter

The Northern California Chapter (**Lee Davis**, President) recently held its 5th Annual Industry Awards Reception, with proceeds dedicated to the Chapter's

scholarship program for Northern California college students. The gala was held at The Carnelian Room in San Francisco and featured Mistress of Ceremonies **Barbara Rodgers**, Bay Area news veteran and host of "Live from San Francisco, It's Barbara Rodgers."

2009 Industry Awardees included **Mary King** (Lifetime Achievement Award), Assistant General Manager of Alameda-Contra Transit District; **Jacobs Engineering Group** (Employer of the Year, Private Sector); **California Department of Transportation**

(Employer of the Year, Public Sector); **Albert Yee** (Employee of the Year Award), Director of Highway and Arterial Operations at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; **Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services** (Minority Business Enterprise of the Year Award); and **The Honorable Bevan Dufty** (Special Recognition Award), Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and Member of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors. ■



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row serving as the Chair. It makes me proud to say that what was once the extraordi-

nary is now the ordinary! That's what I call 'mainstreaming diversity.' ■

## Career Highlights, Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D.

In October 2007, **Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D.**, became General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), the ninth largest transit system in the United States.

Her career in the transportation industry spans more than 30 years and includes leadership positions in some of the nation's largest and most challenging transit markets — organizations such as the Houston Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, New Jersey Transit Corporation, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Rhode Island Public

Transportation Authority.

Dr. Scott joined MARTA after serving as General Manager and CEO of the Sacramento Regional Transit District. She also just completed a term as Chairperson of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), an industry trade organization with a membership of more than 1,500 groups and businesses.

A 30-year member of COMTO, Dr. Scott also has served as Executive Director of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) and Assistant Professor of Government and Public Affairs at Tennessee State University. She also has taught graduate courses at Howard University in Washington, DC. ■

## TCRP Ambassador Program

*Volunteer, Travel, Network... Spread the News*



### *We're Looking for Ambassadors!*

The TCRP Ambassador Program is a joint effort between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Transit Research Board (TRB), the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and the Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO). The program's purpose is to develop a cadre of talented industry professionals who will serve as "Ambassadors" to enhance the understanding, acceptance and utilization of TCRP sponsored research products.

#### **What is An Ambassador?**

TCRP Ambassadors are selected for their ability to successfully implement research that improves transit operations and service, and motivate and instruct others on how to use the research results or products.

#### **What Does an Ambassador Do?**

Ambassadors disseminate important TCRP research with the transit community. Examples include visits to transit properties; presentations; seminars and workshops conducted at transit industry conferences; participation in TCRP events; and interviews with transit-related media.

#### **How Can I Become an Ambassador?**

To learn more about the program and to download an application visit: <http://www.comto.org/news-tcrp.php>

Submit your application or nomination to:  
Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials  
Attn: TCRP Ambassador Program  
818 18th Street NW – Suite 850  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
fax (202) 530-0617





# Diversity in Motion

**D**orval R. Carter Jr., currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative



Dorval R. Carter Jr.

Officer at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), has been appointed as Chief Counsel to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Mr. Carter has held the top administrative support position for the second largest transit system in the United States since 2000 and will now return to Washington, D.C. to serve as FTA's Chief Legal Officer.

In addition to his current position, Mr. Carter served as Acting President of the CTA prior to the appointment in March 2009 of President Richard L. Rodriguez. He has been responsible for directing and coordinating the principal planning and operating functions of CTA's \$1 billion operating budget and \$3 billion five-year capital improvement program through the following departments: Human

Resources; Operations Planning; Safety, Security and Risk Compliance; Business Information Systems; Program Management Office; Labor Relations; Purchasing and Warehousing; Media Relations, Customer Service; and Diversity and Business Compliance Programs (DBE).

"Dorval is well respected by the Board and his colleagues. He is a seasoned professional with extensive transit experience who understands the challenges faced by older public transit systems such as CTA," said CTA President Richard L. Rodriguez. "He has fought on behalf of CTA through some very tough budgets and I know that tenacity will serve him well at the national level."

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) has named **Michael G. Ford**, who has more than 25 years of experience in both public and private transportation, as its new Chief Executive Officer.

AATA Board Chair **David Nacht** praised the new CEO, saying, "Michael Ford has a terrific record of accomplishment managing traditional bus service, light rail and express buses. He has spent the bulk of his career at TriMet in Portland, Oregon,



Michael G. Ford

which is a crown jewel of American transit. He has a consensus-building teamwork approach that is consistent with our community values and style."

Before starting his own consulting firm in 2008, Ford served as chief operating officer and assistant general manager of the San Joaquin Rapid Transit District in Stockton, California. Earlier he served in various leadership capacities at Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation System (TriMet) in Portland, Oregon, and at Community Transit in Everett, Washington.

**Frank Oglesby** has been promoted to the position of Director of Paratransit Contract Operations at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). In his new role,

Oglesby assumes responsibility for all aspects of the MBTA's paratransit services for customers with disabili-



Frank Oglesby

ties, known as THE RIDE.

Beginning his MBTA career in 1984, Oglesby has served in several departments, including marketing, revenue, human services, the General Manager's Office, and the Office of Diversity and Civil Rights. Most recently, he held the position of Deputy Director of Customer Service in the Operations and Service Development Directorate.

Oglesby has a wealth of experience supporting MBTA's efforts to improve accessibility. He is known as "the voice of the MBTA," for his role as the voice talent behind automated stop and safety announcements on many MBTA trains and buses. These announcements were implemented to help riders with disabilities navigate the transit system and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Angarai, a Largo consulting firm headed by COMTO D.C. Chapter President **Venkat**

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## Worth Repeating

### Stimulous Package Update

Work has begun on 2,552 projects in 50 states and the District of Columbia totaling \$7.7 billion, an increase of 75 percent in just the 30 days since the previous reporting deadline.

These 2,552 highway and transit projects underway have resulted in over 48,000 direct, on-project jobs. Direct, on-project jobs include workers employed to repair or build a new facility or maintain on-site equipment.

*James L. Oberstar, Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
July 31, 2009*



The Angarai Team

**A.R. Subramanian**, has just topped \$3 million in annual revenues, making top growth lists and securing a contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Remarkably, the company has accomplished all of this while housed at the Prince George's County Technology Assistance Center, a business incubator run by the county Economic Development Corporation.

The company, started in 2003 and now employing 17 people, ranked No. 330 on *Inc.* magazine's list of the nation's fastest-growing privately held companies. Company revenues grew 735% to \$3 million from \$4,081 in 2005.

Angarai offers management consulting, business transformation services and information technology services. "We're a problem solver," Subramanian says. He notes that Angarai's role is to be an additional pair of eyes for its clients, often

serving as a middleman between agencies and their contractors.

Angarai handled analytical work and software development for a major WMATA contractor, Bentley Systems, which provides rail maintenance for the Metro system. Like many government contractors, Bentley is required to subcontract with small and disadvantaged businesses.

**Harold Tye** is leaving his position as Senior Contract Administrator for Valley



Harold Tye

Metro Rail in Phoenix, Arizona, to accept an assignment with Parsons Transportation Group.

Tye will be Parson's Senior Contracts Manager for the government of Guam.

Tye has been an active member of COMTO's Phoenix Chapter and is a former president of COMTO's Austin

Chapter. He hopes to establish a COMTO chapter in

Guam during his stay on the island. ■

## COMTO 2009 Calendar of Events

### November

**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

*Chicago Chapter Event*  
**COMTO Chicago DBE**

**Breakfast Meeting**

**Keynote: Ms. Marisol Simon, FTA Regional Administrator**

Chicago Transit Authority  
567 West Lake Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
7:30am - 9:00am

**Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2009**  
*National Office Closed*  
**Thanksgiving**

### December

**Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, 2009**

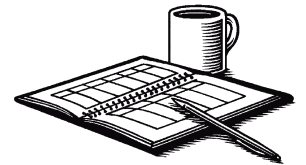
*National Office Closed*  
**Christmas**

### January

**Friday, January 1, 2010**  
*National Office Closed*  
**New Year's**

### March

**Dates TBD**  
**COMTO Leadership Team Meetings and A View from the Hill**  
**Washington, DC**



## Did You Know?

### Recovery Act Update

On February 17, 2009, the Recovery Act was signed into law. The Recovery Act provides \$48.1 billion of transportation investment for programs within the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Of particular significance, the Committee reports the following:

#### Highways and Bridges

- Of the \$27.5 billion provided for highways and bridges, all 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia have sub-

mitted to, and received approval from, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for 7,558 projects totaling \$18.8 billion. This represents 70% of the Recovery Act highway formula funds.

#### Transit

- Of the \$6.8 billion provided for transit urban and rural formula grants, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded \$6 billion for 614 projects in all 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia. This represents 88% of the total appointment.
- Of the \$750 million pro-

vided for fixed guideway formula projects, FTA has awarded 47 grants worth \$738 million in 28 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. This represents 98% of the total appointment.

#### Rail

- Since the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) executed a grant agreement with Amtrak for \$1.3 billion (for approximately 700 projects), Amtrak has awarded \$200 million in contracts for 198 projects.
- High-speed rail and intercity passenger rail grant applications for "ready-to-go" projects, service plan-

ning activities, and appropriations-funded projects were due by August 24, 2009. Applications for service development programs were due by October 2, 2009.

#### Aviation

- Of the \$1.1 billion provided for the Airport Improvement Program, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded grants for 305 projects worth \$1 billion in all 50 states and four territories. This represents 93% of the total appointment. ■

# TCRP Ambassador Program Expands; 15 New Professionals Introduced

The TCRP Ambassador Program was developed as a joint effort between COMTO, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP). The program's purpose is to develop a cadre of talented industry professionals who serve as

"Ambassadors" with the requisite knowledge, technical skills and abilities to improve the understanding, acceptance and utilization of TCRP-sponsored research products.

The Ambassadors assist transit providers in exploring the latest developments in advanced technologies, innovative management techniques and best operating practices as investigated by TCRP. They

educate transit properties on the TCRP research process and explain how their transit professionals can participate. They also serve TCRP as a primary source of information on research efforts being conducted by transit properties, and on the successes, failures and challenges of implementing TCRP and other transit research in the field.

In past years, the Amba-

sador Program has trained a class of nine or ten professionals each year to serve TCRP. Recently, however, the cadre of Ambassadors has been stretched thin as transit calendars expand across the country. There simply were not enough Ambassadors to cover all the events they needed to attend.

COMTO is proud to introduce the new expanded TCRP Ambassadors *continued on page 8*



**Jessie Baginski**  
Director of Communication  
Laketran  
Painesville, OH



**India Birdsong**  
Service Planner  
Chicago Transit Authority  
Chicago, IL



**Lisa J. Collins**  
Service Development Planner  
Delaware Transit Corporation  
Wilmington, DE



**S. Renee Edwards-Current**  
Technical Services Administrator  
Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
Dallas, TX



**Warren Foster**  
Bay Area Rapid Transit  
Oakland, CA



**Roberto Galvez**  
Associate Planner  
Service and Capital Planning  
Broward County Mass Transit  
Pompano Beach, FL



**B. Moore Gwynne, Ed.D**  
ADA Coordinator  
Washington Metropolitan Area  
Transit Authority  
Washington, DC



**Mark E. Hairr**  
Research Program Director  
University of Tennessee at  
Chattanooga  
Chattanooga, TN



**Michael Horsting, Alcp**  
Principal Planner  
Lee County Board of  
County Commissions  
Fort Myers, FL



**Yvonne M. Lyon**  
Manager, Marketing Research  
Tri-County Transportation  
District of Oregon (TriMet)  
Portland, OR



**Andrew Mikkelson**  
Director of Transit Operations  
Gold Coast Transit  
Oxford, CA



**Tonya R. Saxon**  
Transit System Planning Analyst  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid  
Transit Authority (MARTA)  
Atlanta, GA



**Samuel D. Snead**  
Transportation Planner  
Transportation Systems  
Los Angeles, CA



**Circe Torruellas**  
Program Analyst  
DDOT-Mass Transit  
Washington, DC



**Christopher Wightman**  
Project Manager  
NJ Transit  
Newark, NJ



Ambassador class of 2009, consisting of 15 industry professionals from all over the nation who will join the TCRP effort. The new class went through intensive training September 20-22 in Washington, DC. The focus of the training was, of course, on familiarizing the new team members with the TCRP program, but it also served as a forum for them to introduce themselves to one another and to other key people in the program.

"This is the largest class of Ambassadors we've ever had," said COMTO President and CEO Julie A. Cunningham. "I'm particularly impressed with the wide range of experience and expertise this class brings to the program. We're expecting great things out of these individuals, and I'm confident that transit professionals in the field who will have the benefit of their advice will be impressed as well."

Nominations for the Ambassador Program are accepted by COMTO year-round. A nominee should have practical transit field experience and currently work for a U.S. transit agency; a government transit agency at the state, regional or local level; a transit educational institution; or a transit industry organization or private firm providing goods or services to the transit industry.

For further information on the TCRP Ambassador Program and/or to request a visit from a TCRP Ambassador, please contact COMTO National at (202) 530-0551. ■

# Money Sense

## Follow Recent Market Trends in Order to Bolster Your Year-End Business and Investment Decisions

**T**he month of September in brief: Pessimists thought the market would pull back; it didn't.

Stocks did well and there was mounting evidence of a



Nicole T. Cole

real estate rebound. We got news of a decline in the jobless rate, and better news from the manufacturing and service sectors. The Government's health care reform effort met with rowdy public opposition. Consumer spending inched up, and new cars sold like mad. The commodities markets had a mixed month with oil futures hitting a 2009 peak.

The beginning of third quarter rally seems to be ending with some market temperament that may continue into the fourth quarter of the year. While the political environment can influence economic trends, better informed investment choices

can be made if we consider these trends across key market indicators. Some to note:

- Domestic economic health: Jobless rate, consumer spending, factory orders
- Global economic health: EU and Asian unemployment rates, manufacturing output and inflation trends
- World financial markets: European and Asian indexes (i.e., Britain's FTSE, Nikkei, MSCI World Index, etc.)
- Commodities markets: Precious metals futures (gold, copper, etc.), natural resources (oil, gas, etc.), and crops (milk, sugar, etc.)
- Housing & interest rates: Pending, existing, and new home sales; mortgage rates
- Major indexes: S&P 500, NASDAQ, Dow Jones Industrial Average, 10-yr TIPS

### Third and Fourth Quarter Outlook

The bullish might want to consider the latest Reuters quarterly poll of 150 equity strategists worldwide. In their collective opinion, the S&P 500 will gain another 8% by the end of 2009, and the benchmark indices of Japan, Germany, United Kingdom and Hong Kong will register double-digit gains in 2010. As great as all that sounds, the U.S. and global economy just don't seem to be rebounding as fast as the markets would like. With unemployment numbers still weighing on stocks at the beginning of July and the real estate sector still weak, some economists think things won't really pick up until the end of the third quarter or the start of the fourth quarter. Will the stock market herald the recovery with a fine fall? Let's hope so. ■

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# Welcome New Members

(as of 9/25/2009)

## Arizona

Ms. DeNerika Ward  
Mr. Greg Williams

## At Large

Ms. Shewan Harris

## Atlanta

Ms. Shyam Dunna  
Mr. Don Gadberry  
Mr. Jeffery Holmes  
Mr. Ken Jefferson  
Mr. Clint Parker  
Ms. Clarita Smith  
Mr. Jason Walker

## Austin

Ms. Dinita Caldwell  
Ms. Carmen Gonzales  
Ms. Alta Moten  
Mr. Harold Urias

## Boston

Ms. Junie Celestin  
Mr. Himanshu H. Patel  
Mr. Djenaba T. Williams, Sr.

## Central Florida

Mr. James Anglin  
Ms. Janice Cook  
Mr. James F. Rizk  
Mr. Michael Stephens

## Chicago

Miss Dana Cotton  
Mr. Ty McSwain  
Mr. Joe Palencia  
Mr. Robert Rich  
Ms. Marlana L. White  
Mr. Mateo Zapata

## Cleveland

Mr. Glenville Manning

## Colorado State

Lacey Goetz  
Ms. Tracee Jackson

Ms. Lupe Jones  
Ms. Carolyn D. Love  
Ms. Johanna Medina  
Mr. John Migliaccio  
Ms. Marilen Reimer  
Ms. Mei-Ling Rodriguez  
Mr. Eduardo San

## Dallas

Ms. Pamela Blair  
Ms. Kimberly Burks  
Mr. Richard Bush  
Mr. Kenny Donnell  
Mr. Stephan Douglas-Mason  
Mr. Rickey Green  
Mr. Jerry Hicklen  
Ms. Lindsay Hilton  
Mr. Zane D. Hines  
Ms. Telina Johnson  
Mr. Edwin Jones  
Mr. Michael Jones  
Ms. Sharon Leary  
Ms. Kathleen Lunson  
Mr. Timothy McKay  
Mr. Jack O'Neill  
Mr. Robert Reeves  
Mr. Andres Ruzo  
Mrs. Patricia Vasquez

## Detroit

Mr. Sonny Gordon

## Hampton Roads

Ms. Tonisha J. Barksdale  
Ms. Karen Bland  
Mr. Austin Callwood

## Houston

Mrs. La Quinta Buggs  
Mr. Kevin Paige  
Ms. Hui Wang

## Jacksonville

Mr. Bursey J. Armstrong  
Ms. Darline Bernheimer  
Ms. Gail B. Cole  
Mr. Robert Garcia  
Ms. Alesia Gee  
Mr. Cliff Grant  
Mr. Ronald Jackson  
Ms. Tracy May

Mr. Marray Nelms  
Mr. Krewasky A. Salter, II

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Mr. Ricky DeGraffenreid  
Ms. Monique Ellis  
Mr. Richard Newell  
Mrs. Donna Stevenson

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W.T. Harris  
Mr. Victor Hickson  
Ms. Mary M. Peoples  
Mr. Kevin Petit-Phar  
Mr. Harry Rackard  
Mr. Joseph Tomlin  
Ms. Virginia Whitfield

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Mr. Alvin Khaled  
Ms. Joyce Richards

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Ms. Christina Verdin

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Ms. Monique C. King  
Mr. Anthony Lee  
Ms. Twain D. McLeod  
Ms. Gabrielle Tomasko

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Mr. Abraham Collins  
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# COMTO Member Plays Major Role in Establishment of Memorial and Scholarship Honoring Fallen Columbia Space Shuttle Astronaut

This summer a memorial statue and an aerospace scholarship honoring Lt. Colonel Michael P. Anderson were dedicated at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington. Major Kimberly Scott, a pilot with the 728th Airlift Squadron at nearby McChord Air Force Base and a COMTO member, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Lt. Colonel Anderson, who perished in the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy on February 1, 2003, was a Spokane native and hometown hero. And to Major Scott, a C-17 pilot for the 728th Airlift Squadron at McChord and a 1990 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, he was an inspiration.

"Michael's life is a guideline for my own," she says. "Try your best, be passionate about what you do, serve, give back to the community and value family. I try to remember these guidelines in my own life."

Anderson's dreams of flight and space exploration were deeply rooted, as were his love of family and his faith. Two years ago a group of six pilots decided to start a drive to keep his dreams alive. The planning was spearheaded by Major General Harold "Mitch" Mitchell, who quickly brought Major Scott into the fold.

"I was chosen by General Mitchell to be part of the planning committee, which was a great honor," says Major Scott. "I helped coordinate the fundraising (the goal is to raise a total of \$150,000), worked with the media, organized in the local com-



Major Kimberly Scott

munity and at the Museum to bring everything to fruition. General Mitchell and I carefully drafted the script for the memorial to make sure that we put a personal touch on Michael's service and sacrifice."

underserved youth from the Pacific Northwest to participate in scholarly programs in science, technology, engineering and math, all at the Museum of Flight.

Alaska Airlines has led the effort to preserve Anderson's

The group decided to raise money for a statue and for a scholarship, known as the Michael Anderson Memorial Aerospace Scholarship for Children of Color. The scholarship will enable

legacy by donating \$10,000 for the completion of the statue. The Alaska Airlines Foundation, which contributes to educational efforts, is donating \$25,000 toward the funding of the scholarship.

Lt. Colonel Anderson's mother, Barbara, and father, Bobbie, attended the dedication. "Michael came from humble beginnings. He would be embarrassed by all the attention," says Barbara. "The statues, the 12 schools across the country named in his honor, the road that bears his name. But he would be very proud of the scholarship, and he'd be proud that hundreds of children will see his statue and realize their dreams are not out of reach." ■

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# Long-time COMTO Member, M.P. Carter, named Chair of APTA

**M**.P. Carter, a commissioner of the Memphis Area Transit Authority in Memphis, TN, was elected chair of APTA at the Oct. 4 Annual Business Meeting in Orlando, FL, during the 2009 APTA Annual Meeting.

The association also elected Michael J. Scanlon, general manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District and Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) in San Carlos, CA, first vice chair, and Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., executive director/CEO of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation



Agency in San Francisco, CA, secretary-treasurer position.

Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D., general manager/CEO, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, is the immediate past chair. ■

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*L to R: Nathaniel P. Ford, Executive Director/CEO of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency in San Francisco; M.P. Carter; and Michael J. Scanlon, General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District and Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) in San Carlos, CA.*



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