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From the President.....

So far, 2006 has been a very active year. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to join us at this year's events including our kick-off event, *State of the Port* and our most recent event, *Day at the Races*. A great time was had by all watching the exciting races at Hollywood Park and witnessing the historic Kentucky Derby while networking with international trade professionals and enjoying a sumptuous buffet. WIT-LA was particularly honored to present the first *Gladys A. Moreau Scholarship* in the amount of \$2,000 to a very deserving student, Brandy Au, who is working to study abroad in Shanghai this summer and complete her degree in International Development and Economics at UCLA.

I am also pleased to announce that we have some exciting programs coming up in the next few months. You will not want to miss the *80th Annual World Trade Week Luncheon & Trade Fair* and presentation of the *71st Stanley T. Olafson Bronze Plaque Award* by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. This is a joint event sponsored by WIT-L.A., The Foreign Trade Association of Southern California and the Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association. Speaker will be John C. Stammreich, Vice President, Advanced Homeland Security, The Boeing Company. His topic: "Homeland Initiatives – Implications for International Security." Sponsorship opportunities are available for the trade fair.

On Thursday, June 29th we will have our annual *Customs Classification Seminar*. The educational seminar will include expert speakers, who will discuss how to understand tariff classification, classifying goods under the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule, (HTSUS), and internal controls.

One of our signature social events of the year – our *Hollywood Bowl* evening - is scheduled on Friday, July 14th. The program promises to be most enjoyable, and you will not want to miss this wonderful event. Tickets are limited and will be first-come, first served.

We are excited about some *updates to our website*, and if you haven't browsed it lately, please do so. Let us have your comments and suggestions. www.wit-la.org

Remember, if you have a college age child or know of a student who would be interested in our scholarships, please check the scholarship information on the website. The deadline for submitting applications is November 15, 2006.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 25
*World Trade Week
Luncheon & Trade Fair*
11:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Millennium Biltmore Hotel

Thursday, June 29
Customs Classification Seminar
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 14
*Mediterranean Blue:
From Fado to Fireworks,
A Night Under the Stars*
Hollywood Bowl
8:30 p.m.

Wed.- Fri., Sept. 13-15
OWIT's Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA

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Welcome to the following new members for 2006.....

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Let me update you on what has been going on at OWIT during these past several months. For those of you new to WIT-LA, OWIT is the umbrella organization with over 40 chapters around the globe including WIT-LA. I have been very busy representing WIT-LA not only as its representative to OWIT but also as OWIT's Executive Vice President and member of its website committee. We are also very happy to have Elizabeth Glynn as OWIT's Marketing VP from WIT-LA.

OWIT's website committee is now in the Alpha stage of the new website for OWIT and within days of the Beta stage. We are inviting you to take part in this stage to prepare the website for final launch to the public. The website has a totally new look and most important more user friendly and many many more resources for you, our members. So, if you are interested in taking part in the Beta stage please contact me at lcnavarrete@yahoo.com. Soon thereafter we will be launching the website publicly.

OWIT will also be holding its annual Spring Board Meeting hosted by the Orange County chapter from May 19-22. There will be members from more than 12 different chapters represented. I will be chairing this event since OWIT's President, Leann Hackmann will be within days of the birth of her second baby. We will be voting on OWIT's annual awards that will be awarded during OWIT's Annual Conference in September, including Woman of the Year, Member of the Year and Chapter of the Year. We will also review plans for our upcoming Annual Conference hosted by our Northern California chapter as well as other important issues. I will certainly update you on what is accomplished during this event.

Speaking of OWIT's Annual Conference, we will be sending out more information on the programs and the speakers but, save the date, so you can attend the conference September 13-15, 2006 in San Francisco. It promises to be outstanding with great speakers in various fields of international trade and a variety of programs.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions at lcnavarrete@yahoo.com and it is a pleasure representing the Los Angeles chapter of OWIT, WIT-LA.

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