

WIT-NC NEWS

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MAY PROGRAM – HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN TRADE

Join us at NetApp on Wednesday, May 10th for **How to Advance Your Career in Trade**. Are you just starting your career in trade or are you an experienced trade professional looking for a new opportunity? In either case, this program will benefit you. A seasoned recruiter for trade and a senior trade compliance professional in the Bay Area will share advice, techniques, and experiences. [More Info.](#)

SPECIAL PROGRAM - A FOCUS ON TRADE WITH CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER

WIT-NC, in conjunction with CBFANC, is pleased to announce a special charity dinner with Congresswoman Jackie Speier. This unique event will enable attendees to strengthen their effective working relationship with Rep. Speier and provide an opportunity to voice issues and concerns in this time of political and economic uncertainty. This is an evening focused on trade, its impact on the economy of Northern California, and the men and women in logistics who make it happen. [Register.](#)

JANE SOLOMON'S RETIREMENT PARTY – TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

WIT-NC will honor past Chair and President, Jane Solomon, at a retirement party at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Join us for this FUN event to recognize Jane's contributions to WIT-NC and trade compliance in the Bay Area. The event is free but registration is required. [Register.](#)

NEW SPONSORSHIP DIRECTOR – CHRISTABELLE BISHMAN

WIT-NC would like to welcome Christabelle Bishman as our new Sponsorship Director! Christabelle previously served on the WIT-NC Sponsorship Committee and is excited to be taking over this important role. Christabelle is a Trade Management Executive at Livingston International.

WIT-NC TO HOST OWIT INTERNATIONAL FALL BOARD MEETING

WIT-NC will welcome OWIT International members from around the world for networking, Napa wine tasting and the **OWIT International Fall Board Meeting**. Events will start September 14th and continue through the 17th. **ALL** WIT-NC members are invited to participate. Note that the September WIT-NC program will be held on Thursday, September 14th to include the international visitors. Details will be forthcoming.

WIT-NC AT THE UN!

On March 13-17, 2017, WIT-NC Chairwoman Vicki Wilkerson participated as a panel speaker at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in her capacity as a member of the Leadership Council of Rise Up, an initiative funded by the Public Health Initiative.

Vicki's panel was on the subject "Why Her Voice Matters", an interactive discussion highlighting the importance of Black Women's voices in the global narrative on racial, social and economic equality.

Vicki stressed the importance of Black women not only participating in that narrative but also leading those discussions. She spoke on her perspective as an international trade compliance professional on the essential role corporations and governments can play in the advancement of empowerment strategies for women and girls globally.

The standing room-only event was attended by women from across the U.S. as well as from foreign countries, many of whom had brought their daughters. Rise Up delegates included participants from Nigeria, Malawi, California, Louisiana and New York.

In addition to the panel discussion on "Her Voice Matters", other Rise Up panel subjects included "Movement Building for Safe Motherhood" and the "Impact of Global Philanthropy on Girls" targeted to women and girls in developing countries. [See a summary of the Agreed Conclusions.](#)

UPDATED CAREER KIOSK

Did you know that WIT-NC has a Career Kiosk? The Career Kiosk contains salary surveys, job opportunities, and other valuable resources, and was recently updated to include the 2017 Gateway Recruiting Salary Survey. Check out the [Career Kiosk here!](#)

OWIT BENEFITS

WIT-NC members receive a complimentary OWIT membership. All you need to do is [register!](#) OWIT has additional valuable benefits such as increased networking, a job bank and webinar discounts. If you are a WIT-NC member, make sure to sign up to get your **OWIT member benefits!**

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

The WIT-NC 2017 **Events Calendar** is now posted on our [website!](#) Be sure to take a look at the exciting offerings we have coming up this year and mark your calendars now!