

# Braking News Spring/

For TransNet Partners

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#### **New Polo Shirts for All Employees**

Green TransNet polo shirts were distributed to all partner employees in time for spring. This gave TransNet another opportunity to thank our partners' employees for their hard work and dedication. The difference you make in people's lives is incredible. If you would like to purchase more of these polo shirts, please contact your manager.



#### "Sleepless in Transit" and More

TransNet's staff, Sue Kopystecki, Executive Director, and Maria Church, Risk Management Director, attended the PPTA Spring Conference. Maria gave a presentation on "Sleepless in Transit" discussing the importance of getting enough sleep in order to be able to function at your job. When employees are sleepy they do not think as fast, remember as well, learn as effectively, or pay attention as long. They also have less positive emotion, more negative emotion, and poor emotion recognition. Falling asleep at the wheel can cause an accident and potential injury to you or another person. Sue and Maria then finished the conference by presenting their committee summaries.







### **Welcome Two Reservation Agents**

TransNet welcomes two additions to the call center. Lisa Griffin and Kathleen Lacy joined the staff as Reservation Agents. Prior to Lisa's employment with TransNet, she worked at the Wyndcroft School in Pottstown and Houghton International in Montgomery County. Kathleen was involved with event planning mainly in the Chalfont area. They both have extensive customer relations and call center experience and are assets to the organization and the mission statement.



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## **Employee and Customer Appreciation Day**

TransNet celebrated the week of April 16 - 20 as Customer and Employee Appreciation Week. Thank you for distributing "Your Active Mind Challenge" activity books to our consumers as a small token of our appreciation for choosing to ride TransNet. All TransNet staff and partner employees also received a Wawa gift card as a thank you for your caring service to our consumers. The contributions of each and every employee is what makes TransNet such a successful organization.





#### Flowers Word Search

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Lavender, Sweet William, Hyacinth, Lily, Pansy, Baby's Breath, Dahlia, Forsythia, Petunia, Daisy, Crepe Myrtle, Jonquils, Lilac, Tulip, Iris, Wisteria, Crocus, Hydrangea, Larkspur, Anemone, Freesia



## A Celebration of Roseann Strang's Retirement

TransNet celebrated the retirement of Roseann Strang, Persons with Disabilities Manager at TransNet, by providing lunch for the staff while everyone had a chance to reminisce. Her 36 years of dedication and hard work to continually grow the organization every year was recognized and awarded. Good luck, Roseann, and enjoy this next chapter in your life.



### Kitten Rescued at Saint Joseph's University Commencement

Murray Ginsberg, driver at TransNet's partner, Easton Coach Company, reported there was a cat meowing somewhere between the body and chassis of the bus. The mechanic, Scott Keck, crawled under the vehicle to take a look and found a kitten. He tried to get the kitten from all angles and finally was able to rescue it. The kitten was quickly adopted by one of the Easton dispatchers.





## **Congratulations to all Excellence Award Recipients!**

One outstanding employee from each partner location is selected to receive the Employee Excellence Award. Eligible employees are hard working, dependable, exceed expectations, receive consumer compliments, and have a record without complaints and/or incidences. These employees receive \$500 along with an excellence pin during an Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Strive to obtain and uphold these attributes and you could be the next winner.

#### **Spring 2018 winners are:**

**Bux-Mont Transportation - Vince Capone** 

Easton Coach Company dba Mid County Transportation - Geoff Patton

Easton Coach Company dba Norristown Transportation - Alan Scheidhauer

Tri County Transit - Jack Cracchiolo

Valley Transit - Alissa Fisher

### Maria Church Wins Gold Medal at Montco Senior Games

TransNet's Risk Management Director, Maria Church, received the Gold Medal in her age bracket for the Montgomery County Senior Games for golf at Lederach Golf Club on May 7th.



#### **No Weapon Policy**

Possession, use, or sale of weapons, firearms, or explosives is prohibited for all employees in any company-owned vehicle during work hours. This policy applies to all employees, including but not limited to, those who have a valid permit to carry a firearm or weapon. Employees must seek approval from senior management for a waiver of this prohibition based on unique circumstances, where permitted by state and local laws. Such a request is required to be in writing and include the basis for the exception. If you are aware of violations or threats of violations or threats of violations or threats of violations to your supervisor immediately. A violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### **2018 National Roadeo**

TransNet and Easton Coach Company's (ECC) staff attended the 2018 National Roadeo in Pittsburgh as judges and team leaders throughout the event. James Downam, driver for TransNet's partner, ECC, competed in the roadeo among 69 other drivers in the Body on Chassis division. He trained for many hours and after receiving first place in the state roadeo in 2017, was asked to compete in the national roadeo among the best drivers throughout the country.



## Refer a Friend and \*Receive a \$250 Bonus

TransNet and our partners are searching for drivers and aides. All employees can refer a friend/acquaintenance for the job and will receive a \$250 bonus \*once the employee is hired and stays for at least six months. The person who is hired will also receive \$250 after six months and another \$250 after a year of employment. Both full-time and part-time positions are available. Do you know someone who is retired and wants to be busy and help others, someone who needs extra money, or someone who enjoys having a job that makes a difference in people's lives? They should apply as a driver or aide.