

In This Issue

- [Message from the President](#)
- [OWIT Celebrates its 20th Anniversary!](#)
- [Meet Your 2009 Executive](#)
- [Awards Recognize Outstanding Achievements](#)
- [Wisdom Shared by Toyota Exec](#)
- [Toronto Hosted OWIT's Spring Board Meeting](#)
- [Chapter Update](#)
- [Join OWIT Group on LinkedIn](#)
- [Room to Read](#)

chapter spotlight

The Geneva Chapter shares its key success factors for growing and retaining members.

- [Learn more](#)

best practices

How OWIT-Toronto Brought a Trade Mission to Mexico Would your chapter like to organize a trade mission?

- [Find out how OWIT-Toronto did it.](#)

did you know?

OWIT was featured in the [International Trade Forum magazine](#).

OWIT is a strategic partner of [The International Alliance for Women \(TIAW\)](#)

Welcome

Our newsletter seeks to inform you of the many events and involvements of our dynamic organization, one that continues to grow in membership and expand its dedication to advancing global trade opportunities for women around the world.

As OWIT marks its 20th anniversary, we are tapping into the innovation and ideas of our diverse chapters to foster connections and a greater sense of our collective strength. We encourage you to help us celebrate this milestone with your own chapter and to promote our vibrant international association in your broader communities.

Susan Baka, susanb@owit-toronto.ca
Editor & VP, Communications, OWIT International

Tamara Prymak
Editorial Assistant

Message from the President

Stepping into the role of OWIT President is a lot of things ... wonderful, an honor, and at the same time very daunting. [Read the President's full message here.](#)



OWIT Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary!

This year, OWIT celebrates 20 years of fostering international trade and creating opportunities that allow women around the world to reach unthinkable levels in business! [Learn more about this important milestone.](#)

Meet Your 2009 Executive

As our organization expands globally, we have added new roles. [Find out more about this year's executive.](#)



Awards Recognize Outstanding Achievements

Congratulations to Marian Duntley, winner of the first OWIT Lifetime Achievement Award, Pamela Davis Heilman as OWIT 2008 Woman of the Year, Carmen Romero as Member of the Year, and OWIT Peru as Chapter of the Year. [Find out why they stand out.](#)



Wisdom Shared by Toyota Exec

At our 2008 World Conference in Monterrey, Jo Cooper, Group Vice President at Toyota Motor North America – OWIT's platinum sponsor – shared highlights of Toyota's commitment to engaging in and enhancing international trade. [Get the full story on the importance of international trade in today's uncertain economic times.](#)



Toronto Hosted OWIT's Spring Board Meeting

Chapter representatives, Presidents, and members of our International Executive gathered in Toronto for the Spring Board Meeting on April 24 and 25, 2009. [Get the highlights.](#)



Chapter Update

We are pleased to welcome Mexico City as OWIT's newest chapter! OWIT now has 21 active chapters worldwide. [Get the full update on chapter developments.](#)

Join the OWIT Group on LinkedIn!

Looking to leverage OWIT's international nature and network with members outside of your local chapters? Then join the OWIT Group on LinkedIn. [Find out how.](#)



Corporate Social Responsibility: Room to Read

OWIT is proud to support our designated charity, Room to Read, an organization that strives to end the cycle of poverty by building schools and libraries and providing long-term scholarships to female students in developing countries. [Learn more about Room to Read and how your chapter can officially adopt the organization.](#)

Forward to a Friend :|: [Unsubscribe](#)

OWIT International, www.owit.org

Web design by [Black Dog Dzine.](#)