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Chapter Spotlight: Tracy Baumgartner, 2010 Chapter President of the Year



We're introducing a new feature with this issue of the WICT Wire, the **Chapter Spotlight**. Throughout the year, we'll highlight a chapter leader or volunteer who exemplifies the WICT mission.

For our first Chapter Spotlight, we interviewed [Tracy Baumgartner](#), Vice President of Public Relations, Comcast - West Division. Tracy is the past president of the WICT Rocky Mountain Chapter, an

alumnae of the Betsy Magness Leadership Institute (Class XIII), and she was recently named 2010 Chapter President of the Year.

What does leadership mean to you? Creating and sharing a compelling vision that everyone on the team, no matter their function, background, experience or opinion, can get behind and help make happen. Inspiring others to be even better than they thought they could possibly be.

How has your involvement in WICT contributed to your growth as a leader? WICT has been an incredible gift for me. Since I've been involved with the WICT Rocky Mountain Chapter, I've had the opportunity to work with a number of amazing women in senior leadership roles, and they have been so generous with their time and

so open with their experiences. I've learned from others about what it means to be authentic, honest, motivated and collaborative - and I hope that I can pass along the wisdom I've learned to the next generation of leaders in WICT.

What attracted you to the cable telecommunications industry as a potential career, and what about it has kept you engaged? When I was in college, I was a temp at Mind Extension University (ME/U): The Education Network, a Jones network devoted to distance education. Those few brief days showed me the power of a broadband connection, and I was hooked. Eighteen years later, I'm still blown away by the amazing information, education and entertainment available thanks to that broadband connection. It just keeps getting better every day.

What advice would you share with someone who is entering the industry today? Raise your hand and take on extra responsibility. Try new things. Learn from everyone. Join WICT and get involved. Give back.

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Friday is Application Deadline for 2011 Rising Leaders Program

Time is running out! Applications for all four classes of the 2011 WICT Rising Leaders Program (RLP) are being accepted now and must be submitted [online](#) no later than noon (12:00 pm) EST on **Friday, January 28**.

The WICT RLP is designed for emerging cable executives with approximately 5-7 years of professional experience who are ready to undertake increased leadership responsibilities. During this intensive immersion program, participants take part in leadership analysis and case study work, while expanding their cable business acumen. After completing this program, participants will know how to:

- Leverage key management tools to build and develop high-performance teams.
- Utilize advanced tactical and strategic methods to maximize organizational impact.
- Map the landscape, build alliances and become an effective advocate.
- Assess diverse leadership styles and align team competencies to exceed organizational goals.

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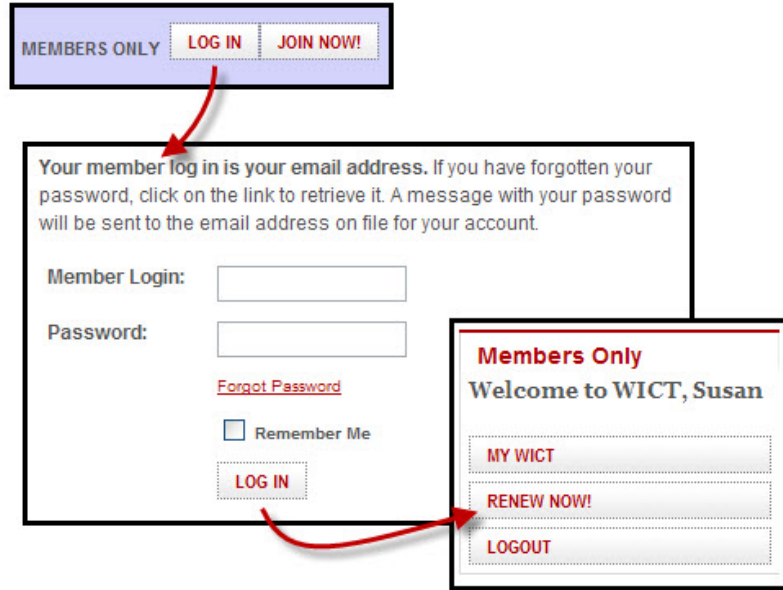
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2. Enter your email address and password under "Current Members," and click the log in button
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