October Meeting

Operation’s Challenge Awards & Drive-In Movie Night

Please join us as we recognize our 2019 Operation’s Challenge North Texas Teams and stay to enjoy a drive-in movie night to watch the WEF produced Brave Blue World. 40 spots are available with a maximum of 6 people per spot. Registration is limited and recommended prior to the event.

When: October 23rd 6-10 PM
Where: Warren Sports Complex 7599 W Eldorado PKWY, Frisco

REGISTER ONLINE

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Dear WEAT-ies,

It is October in Texas, which means this President's Message is brought to you from a blind in the woods. If you know my husband Jeff, you know he's an avid hunter and sits in a tree somewhere nearby with his two best friends, his bow and his laptop. As for me, it is binoculars and a book. I'm not opposed to putting meat in the freezer, but if you've tried the culinary delight of east Texas buck in rut, you know one or less in your freezer is enough for the year. For me, it is about the sunrise and the sunset. Say what you will about hunting but starting and ending your day with just your thoughts and the sounds of nature is something magical. It's also something constant and reliable amidst the notorious tumult of 2020, which brings us to the point of this message – your WEAT NTS officers and members have been working hard to ensure we are maintaining our consistency in meeting the goals of our Organization. Please read on for an exciting snapshot of our fall events and ways you can get plugged in!

Daryl Hall Golf Tournament – Going on now!!!

Several years ago, fellow WEAT-ie and wastewater enthusiast, Mr. Daryl Hall, passed away unexpectedly, but not before leaving a legacy of his two amazing children, Jared and Stephanie, and wife, Lynn. A few WEAT-ies banded together and made a commitment that there would be no financial obstructions to Jared and Stephanie's higher education and the Daryl Hall Golf Tournament was born. Since then, we have had the honor of watching both Stephanie and Jared graduate and are now funding several scholarships a year for operators and their family members. We made the tough decision to go virtual with the golf tournament this year, please help us continue the awesome legacy of funding scholarships by registering a virtual team and getting out on the golf course!! Read on in the newsletter for more information. Big thanks to fellow Longhorn, Brandt Miller, with Hazen and Sawyer for leading this effort.
Brave Blue World Movie Screening and Saw Cut Event / OPStoberfest BBQ

If the Daryl Hall Golf Tournament isn’t your favorite WEAT event of the year, there’s a good chance it’s our OPStoberfest BBQ cookoff. Every year, we get together with our families and friends to celebrate our North Texas Operation’s Challenge Teams and eat delicious BBQ. As a judge at both the Texas Water and WEFTEC Operation’s Challenge Events, I love the opportunity to see our Operators honored on stage for the hard work and leadership they put into these competitions.

This year, we have had to cancel the BBQ cookoff, however, we are excited to announce we will be hosting a family movie night in the City of Frisco, Friday, October 23rd, featuring a screening of the movie Brave Blue World, and a fastest saw cut competition. If you haven’t heard the buzz, Brave Blue World is a documentary focused on driving positive change in the water industry. The official film trailer can be watched here: https://www.braveblue.world/

Big thanks to Richard Britton, Dallas Water Utilities, and his crew of operators for loaning us their equipment to pull off the saw cut competition. I look forward to seeing you all at the saw cut table for some friendly competition and fun!! John Durbin, if you’re reading this, please let us know how we can twist your arm into finding another excuse for you to smoke up some of your wild game for our enjoyment, not sure we can go a year without it!

November Lunch Meeting

Date: November 19, 2020, 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Presentation Topic: NTMWD Wilson Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant: Where you see yourself in 5 years?

The presentation will include a virtual tour to key process units at the plant. Discussion of prior O&M challenges and drivers to several expansion projects in the last 5 years and how these expansion projects helped improve overall operation.

Register Here
Walter Chiang, Founder of CP&Y and nationally known leader in civil engineering, passed away on Friday, August 7 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Walter was an extraordinary man who lived a life devoted to the improvement of environmental services and the civil engineering discipline. He had a passion for teaching and mentoring others and helped to inspire countless individuals throughout his distinguished 50-plus year career. His area of expertise was in water and wastewater treatment plants, specializing in water quality assessments, process design, treatability studies, pilot plant studies, and alternative treatment technologies.

Walter received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1967 from Chung Yuan Christian University in Taiwan. He came to Texas in 1968 where he was an Engineering Research Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin and went on to receive his Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering in 1970. He also served as a long-time adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and was a member of its Civil Engineering Advisory Board.

On October 1, 1980, Walter started his own firm, Chiang and Associates, Inc., where it would later become known as CP&Y, Inc., located in Dallas, Texas. Under Walter’s leadership, CP&Y flourished and has grown to nearly 400 employees across 15 different locations. He also previously served as the former Chairman of the Board of CP&Y, Inc. He will best be remembered by his colleagues for his kindness, his warmth, his humility, his dedication, and his passion for teaching others. He had the ability to light up the room with his presence, put people at ease with his unique sense of humor,
and he constantly showed a deep interest and enthusiasm for all employees. Up until recently, he would still go into the office nearly every day and take the time to connect to employees and mentor countless others. He touched so many lives at CP&Y, and the incredible joy he brought to so many with his presence will be cherished for a lifetime. Walter’s legacy will forever remain a tremendous example of someone who continued to make exemplary progress and find purpose in meaningful and passionate work.

The impact he had on the engineering community was also immeasurable. For Walter, business was personal, and he had a unique ability to connect with people through his genuine compassion for others and profound commitment to the mission of helping communities. Walter was a highly esteemed leader in the engineering community and well-regarded across many professional circles. He was an active member of many professional associations and continued to play a significant role in client development. A well-known global leader and lecturer, he also published dozens of technical papers and co-authored several books. He won numerous awards and accolades, including the Hall of Achievement Award from the College of Engineering at the University of Texas; a Lifetime Achievement award from the Water Environment Association of Texas; the Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering Distinguished Alumni award from the University of Texas; and the US Immigrant Entrepreneur Award from North Texas.

Walter is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his son Darrell and wife Trisha; and his grandson, Ethan. A virtual memorial service will be planned in the future to celebrate Walter and his extraordinary life.

**Share Your Memories and Thoughts to Walter’s Family**

rememberingwalter@cpyi.com

**Donations:**
In lieu of flowers, to commemorate Walter, donations can be made to:
Dallas Chinese Bible Church
1707 Campbell Trail
Richardson, TX 75081
or The American Cancer Society or Ark House

Representatives with CP&Y and WEAT leaders have also established the Walter Chiang Memorial Scholarship Endowment through the WEAT Scholarship Fund.

The direct donation link benefitting students with scholarships awarded in Walter’s name is: https://www.weat.org/donate/walter-chiang-memorial-scholarship-endowment
# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

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Section meetings are typically held in the months of January, March, May, July, October, and November.

## Call for Newsletter Committee Volunteers

Interested in helping develop content for the WEAT-NTS newsletters? Do you have ideas to improve our platform? Join the new committee!

Please contact Kaylee Dusek at kaylee.dusek@kimley-horn.com for more information.

## JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Receive newsletters, organization announcements, and other relevant information by e-mail.

Text **WIATTS** to **22828** to get started!
Due to COVID-19, the conference many of us have been waiting for all year has come to us virtually. And hats off to those that pulled off this conference! This conference is the largest water-related conference in North America, and our conference Chairmen Mark Perkins of Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. (WEAT Co-Chair) and Mary Gugliuzza with the City of Fort Worth (Texas Section AWWA Co-Chair) and committee members pulled off an amazing feat moving this event virtually, and in such a short amount of time!

This year’s conference literally had everything our conference normally has - just virtually - and was kick-started with the Young Professionals Dodson 5K Virtual Race Tuesday July 14th. Congrats to RunCDM (1st), Plummer (2nd), and Supply Chain Alpha Dawgs (3rd).

Texas Water 2020 opened Wednesday morning with a keynote address by Representative Dade Phelan and Comptroller Glenn Hegar. WEF Trustee Mark Poling and AWWA President Jim Williams also provided remarks.

Later that afternoon, Gina Smith and Bob Pence from Freese and Nichols, Inc. hosted an interactive, thought-provoking Professional Ethics Workshop for Engineers, which was only available to those that preregistered. Technical Sessions also became available that afternoon. However, the videos of these sessions – all 120 of them – will be available for several months through November 9th! The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has approved many of these sessions for operator training credit. Up to 37.5 hours are available for water operators and up to 29 hours for wastewater operators. To access these sessions, visit www.txwater.org and click on Attendee Login. Make sure to write down the passwords provided in each video so you can claim your hours.
**Virtual Silent Auction** – Proceeds to this year’s silent auction went to help *Water For People (WFP)* – a global, non-profit that helps provide water and sanitation to areas in need around the Globe. All sorts of interesting items and experiences were up for bids: such as Texas Rangers tickets, a Traeger pellet grill, financial planning help, wine and snack baskets. Committee members cleverly chose the HandBid app, which made bidding a bit more fun by encouraging bidding wars between bidders. Once bidding closed, over $7,500 was raised! When you take into account how WFP leverages co-investments and all of the co-benefits of WFP’s programs (women not having to retrieve water, children able to go to school, women not being exposed to dangerous situations on their way to latrines), that turns into $80,000 of impact!

If you are kicking yourself because you missed this opportunity to help out, you can assign them as a charity you support at Amazon Smile. Once you sign up, 0.5% of all your Amazon purchases will go to WFP. Check out their [website](#) to read more about Water for People and how you can help:

Save the date for next year! **March 29-April 1, 2021 in Austin** at the Austin Convention Center.
**Awards**

Thanks to COVID, the conference many of us were waiting for all year has come and gone virtually. Special thanks and a virtual standing ovation to the organizers that happen to be in North Texas: Mark Perkins of Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. (WEAT Co-Chair and WEAT-NTS Past-President) and Mary Gugliuzza with the City of Fort Worth (Texas Section AWWA Co-Chair) and all the committee members pulled off an amazing feat of re-arranging to a virtual conference in a short amount of time!

This year’s conference was kick-started with the Young Professionals Dodson 5K Virtual Race Tuesday July 14th and three local teams came out on top. Congrats to RunCDM (1st), Plummer (2nd), and Supply Chain Alpha Dawgs (3rd)!

WEAT-NTS members shined, as usual, and brought home some hardware. Please join us in congratulating our WEAT-NTS members:

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| Water Conservation and Reuse Awards; Small Utility Indirect | City of Allen’s Water Conservation Block Leader Program |

We are thrilled to announce that our very own **Gary Sober** is one of the **2020 WEF Fellows** recipients! This prestigious designation recognizes members’ achievements, stature, and contributions in the water profession and we’ll be sharing more about the Fellows in the coming weeks: [https://bit.ly/3aMdZDP](https://bit.ly/3aMdZDP)

**Congratulations to Gary and his family on this tremendous honor!**
It's WEAT and WEF 2021 Awards Nomination time!

Is there someone you work with deserving of recognition by WEAT or WEF? How about a Treatment Plant who has shown the true dedication to service a quality representative of our industry amidst the challenges of COVID? Have you ever just wondered how the nomination process works? Are you an awards expert and willing to help our committee nominate deserving candidates?

If you answered yes to any of these questions we want to hear from you!

We are currently looking for nomination and additional committee member to help us submit complete and compelling nominations before the approaching nomination deadline. Contact Andre Garc-es for more information or to volunteer at 214.631.6100 or agarc- es@plummer.com
Scholarships

Over the past couple of months, the WEAT NTS Scholarship committee has been busy reviewing scholarship applications for academic year 2020-2021. After reviewing over 30 applications, the committee selected 24 candidates, based on academic prowess, community involvement and prospective career paths. While 11 of the recipients are return candidates, 13 new applicants were awarded first time scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year.

A list of the recipients is provided below:

**Daryl Hall:**
- Amanda Davis
- Gabriel Juarez
- Jamie Hopper
- Justin Halter
- Mallory McBride
- Maygan Paul
- McCartney Paul
- Tiffany Tran

**WEAT:**
- Ania Cadena
- Brennan Welch
- Brooke Rogers
- David Edelman
- Emma Young
- Hernan Tijerina
- Juli Diviney
- Julia Gorthey
- Mary Grace Young

- Monica Lange
- Naman Mathur
- Neelam Patel
- Neha Irrinki
- Rebecca Zabolio
- Sarah DeBaro
- Sierra Waldock

More information regarding the two types of scholarships offered through WEAT North Texas can be found on the [WEAT North Texas website](http://www.weat-nts.org).

As always, **WEAT NTS would like to thank our sponsors and members**, without who none of this would be possible.

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WEAT-NTS PRESENTS

OPERATION’S CHALLENGE AWARDS & DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

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OCTOBER 23, 2020 • 6-10 PM
WARREN SPORTS COMPLEX
7599 W ELDRADO PKWY, FRISCO

REGISTRATION TO RESERVE A MOVIE VIEWING SPOT:
• NO COST FOR OPERATORS AND FAMILY
• TICKETS $10/SPOT FOR FAMILIES
• TICKETS $50/SPOT FOR SPONSORS (SIGNAGE ALLOWABLE BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM. STAKES ARE NOT ALLOWED.)

EVENING SCHEDULE:
• 6-7PM | ENJOY A PICNIC WITH YOUR FAMILY ON THE LAWN. PARTICIPATE IN A LIVE PIPE SAW CUTTING COMPETITION ALONGSIDE PROFESSIONAL OPERATORS FROM THE OPERATION’S CHALLENGE TEAMS!
• 7:15PM | BRAVE BLUE WORLD SCREENING WILL BEGIN (50 MINUTE DURATION)

REGISTER AND SPONSOR HERE

Suggested items to bring: snacks, soft drinks (alcohol not allowed), blankets, and chairs for comfortable seating.

Questions? Please contact Grace Sober (GDSober@LAN-inc.com) or Rami Issa (Rami.Issa@AECOM.com).

WATCH THE BRAVE BLUE WORLD TRAILER
Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament (DHMG) 2020 Registration and Sponsorship Details

The DHMG is going remote for 2020! In these trying times we want to consider those less fortunate than ourselves and help where we can. The goal of the Daryl Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance for higher education to our community of operators and their families in the memory of Daryl Hall. What better year to recognize and support these essential workers than during this pandemic?

We have set aside two weeks in October to encourage this community to remember Daryl and to be thankful for what we have by giving back. There are multiple opportunities to give and we are offering a competition to encourage people to get outside and participate in a socially distant activity – golf.

Those who form a team and register for a round of golf will be required to:

1. Complete round by the 28th at the course of their choosing (team is responsible for green fees)
2. Submit scramble score and photo of the team to Brandt Miller by email at bmiller@hazenandsawyer.com

The winners of the tournament will be announced during our virtual post-tournament ceremony along with a virtual message from the Hall Family and the Cadillac Wheel raffle; the date and time will be announced separately.

Sponsorship Options

- $250/round Team Registration
  Registration includes sponsorship recognition in the DHMG Newsletter Article, Virtual Awards Ceremony and four commemorative DHMG Pandemic tee-shirts. The first, second, third and last place finishers will receive a plaque.

- $50 Commemorative DHMG Pandemic Tee-Shirt Sponsorship
  Sponsor’s logo included on the back of the commemorative tee-shirt.

Extras

- $10/EA Ladies Tee Box: One purchase allows ONE player to tee off from ONE ladies tee box of their choice. Must be purchased ahead of the round and used with honor system.

- $20/hole Team Moves up 150 Yard Marker (limit 2/team): One purchase allows TEAM to tee off from the 150 yard marker on ONE hole of their choice. Must be purchased ahead of the round and used with honor system.

- $10 Cadillac Wheel Raffle Ticket: Include entry name in the purchase. Names will be entered for the live drawing at the Virtual Ceremony. The last name remaining will win half the pot.

Registration

Registration and Score Submission Deadline: October 28th
To register, please visit:
Credit Card Payment https://form.jotform.com/202715794658164
Check Payment https://form.jotform.com/202716469058158

For questions contact Brandt Miller at bmiller@hazenandsawyer.com
CALL FOR MENTORS

2021 WEAT STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION AT TEXAS WATER

WHEN: March 29-April 1, 2021
WHERE: Texas Water 2021
WHY: Support our students and future industry professionals

- Looking for industry professionals in wastewater treatment plant design or operation.
- Provide feedback to local universities such as LeTourneau University, Lamar University, Louisiana State University, Southern Methodist University, Tarleton University, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, University of Houston and more!
- Support WEAT students and future industry leaders in this experience.
- Challenge and ask thought provoking questions on their designs.
- Connect with new graduates, university faculty, and other key players in the industry.
- Help students learn about real-world design outside of the classroom!

Contact: Paula Monaco or Suparna Mukhopadhyay for more details
pmonaco@plummer.com
mukhopadhyays@cdmsmith.com
2020-2021 Eckenfelder Lecture

The 10th Annual W. Wesley Eckenfelder Lecture Series, hosted by WEAT’s Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee (MRRDC), is taking on a new and virtual appearance while still ensuring the high quality content and opportunities to connect with other professionals and students in the resource recovery industry. This year’s topic is Nutrient Removal and Recovery and our lectures will approach the material from both a theoretical and practical operations perspective. The virtual Eckenfelder Lecture Series will use GoToWebinar Software. 1.5 hours CEU credit have been requested through the TCEQ and 1.5 hours of PDH are available for each Webinar.

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Attendees will need to register for each webinar separately. Registration for each webinar is FREE for WEAT members and $60 for non-members. Non-member registration includes a full year of WEAT membership. You can register at www.weat.org/events.

Registration information and costs for the in-person lecture series will be announced as soon as details are finalized. Please reach out to Paula Monaco (pmonaco@plummer.com) to learn about Sponsorship options providing recognition with thanks in all promotional emails and during the virtual AND in-person events.
PWO Committee

The Professional Wastewater Operators (PWO) Committee is looking for member involvement and input. If you’d like to be a “voice to the operators” for WEAT, come on by and help us:

- Promote the wastewater operator career
- Support the Operations Challenge, create new activities, and help grow the skills of wastewater operators
- Enhance the visibility and recognition of the essential wastewater operators and demonstrate the professionalism and dedication needed to ensure water quality for the public
- Be the voice of your organization/utility within WEAT-NTS

WEAT-NTS is seeking committee members and bright ideas from our members so we can increase the Operator involvement and participation in WEAT-NTS.

Please reach out to shrirang.golhar@dallascityhall.com, pspitzer@ntmwd.com, or agarces@plummer.com to share your ideas for or interest in becoming a PWO Committee volunteer.
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Personal News

CDM Smith welcomes **Sterling Greback** to the firm. Mr. Greback has recently completed his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He joined the team in June of 2020 and is currently assisting with the Village Creek Grit Removal Project for the City of Fort Worth.

CDM Smith welcomes **Azucena Milan** to the firm. She graduated Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and is currently pursuing a Master of Science also in Environmental Engineering at the same university. She is assisting CDM Smith’s Dallas Water Group.

Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. is excited to announce that **Heather Goins** has joined the firm as a senior pretreatment and regulatory specialist. Heather has served as president of the North Texas Organization of Pretreatment Professionals and has been a Board member and past chair of the Region VI Pretreatment association, among other affiliations. She has extensive experience managing pretreatment programs, including developing and implementing programs for management of fats, oils and grease.
Rey Davila, Chief Operator at North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is retiring! Mr. Davila is a man who leads by example and is an inspiration to all of us. On behalf of WEAT-NTS, thanks Rey for years and years of dedication and service! Here is a snapshot of Rey’s contributions to our industry.

Dallas Water Utilities

Rey aided in the development and process control of side stream treatment of anaerobically digested sludge. He also participated on the City of Dallas’ AquaTechs Operations Challenge team as a competitor and coach, winning multiple first place awards.

North Texas Municipal Water District

Although Rey retired from Dallas Water Utilities, he wasn't ready to end his career in water. In 2015, Rey hired as a chief operator with NTMWD. His current assignment is chief operator of the solids operation at South Mesquite Creek Regional WWTP. Rey supervises a crew of solids operators and drivers and ensures there are no upsets in the plant that would cause a permit violation. In addition to the day to day, Rey also assists the engineering department in providing valuable input for capital project design and works to modify processes to accommodate construction activities. Specific items Rey has performed beyond the job description include:

- Pushed for and lead investigation of polymer shipment quality. This lead him to perform quality control checks, equipment optimization, and searches for new polymer sources ultimately saving more than $500,000 per year in polymer costs. His work has laid the groundwork for product quality control checks of vendors and optimization techniques that continues to be utilized for other products and further saves the company money.
- Is a member of the TCEQ Water Utility Operator Advisory Committee representing NTMWD. This member elected position has benefited operators across Texas. Rey has assisted in writing licensing exams, translated exams and manuals into Spanish, and pushed for policies that allow for easier access of ESL people to obtain a license.
- As a TCEQ certified instructor, Rey teaches classes with a mindset of continuous improvement and sensitivity to the needs of his students. He is certified to teach Basic Wastewater, Wastewater Treatment, Activated Sludge, and Collections. He has created multiple classes for training in Biological Nutrient Removal, mathematics, license/career advancement, and plant process control. These classes are taught at NTMWD, but open to any utility to attend.
- Currently coaches the North Texas Rangers operations challenge team and lead them to a Division II National Championship and multiple event placements.

Always looking to improve himself to help others, Rey started back to college to obtain a degree in environmental science. He currently juggles his school work with his work responsibilities and has been a WEAT scholarship recipient for this endeavor. Rey will graduate in 2020.
WEAT

Rey is an active WEAT member, mainly through Operations Challenge. For the 2019 Operations Challenge at Texas Water, Rey and the team coordinated bringing equipment for the maintenance event for all competitors to use. Rey and the team participates at the North Texas Opstober fundraising event in the BBQ cook-off. This event raises money for WEAT North Texas section to pay for travel expenses for teams to compete. Other accomplishments through WEAT include:

- Participating in the development of the current WEAT Strategic Plan.
- Recipient of past WEAT awards including Wastewater Operator of the Year and the David Barber Competitive Spirit award as voted by operations challenge competitors to recognize a participant’s spirit and drive.

WEF

Rey joined WEF in 2004 so he would be eligible to participate in Operations Challenge. In 2005, Rey joined the Aqua Techs at Dallas Water Utilities as team captain. He took that team to nine national competitions. As mentioned above, Rey served as team captain of the NTMWD North Texas Rangers where in 2019, the team won overall in Division II.

In 2012, WEF selected Rey to join the US Operations Challenge team at the Olimpiadas Sanitarias in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 2019, WEF has asked Rey to select one member of the North Mesquite Rangers to participate on the US Operations Challenge team to compete in Germany in 2020.

As you can see from above, it is truly difficult to succinctly capture all of what Rey has accomplished professionally and how he continues to support the growth and opportunity of those around him. This includes within his own family. Rey’s daughter Jessica works for Dallas Water Utilities and competes on the city’s first female pipe-tapping team, the Big D Lady Tappers. Jessica says “it is an honor to follow in my father’s footsteps, and I wish to one day leave a legacy like he did, though they are really big shoes to fill.”

Rey Davila is a legend in our industry. He has done much to develop and contribute to the next generation of water professionals. For Rey, it’s never about what he can do for himself; he continually helps others.

- Sharon Miller, P.E.
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- Dinner Meetings
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