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North Texas Section



16th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, October 20, 2023

St. Jude Event Center
 2625 S Cooper Street
 Arlington, Texas 76015

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Leadership Message

Message from the **President**

Our community is as close-knit as they come. It's amazing to look back on the last 10 years and see those that I've crossed paths with at one point or another. Sometimes knowingly, but other times working alongside the **titans of water** without even realizing it. The impact our industry has on our communities is clear. We provide a necessary service to maintain public health. The individuals behind that impact is what keeps us moving forward and progressing.

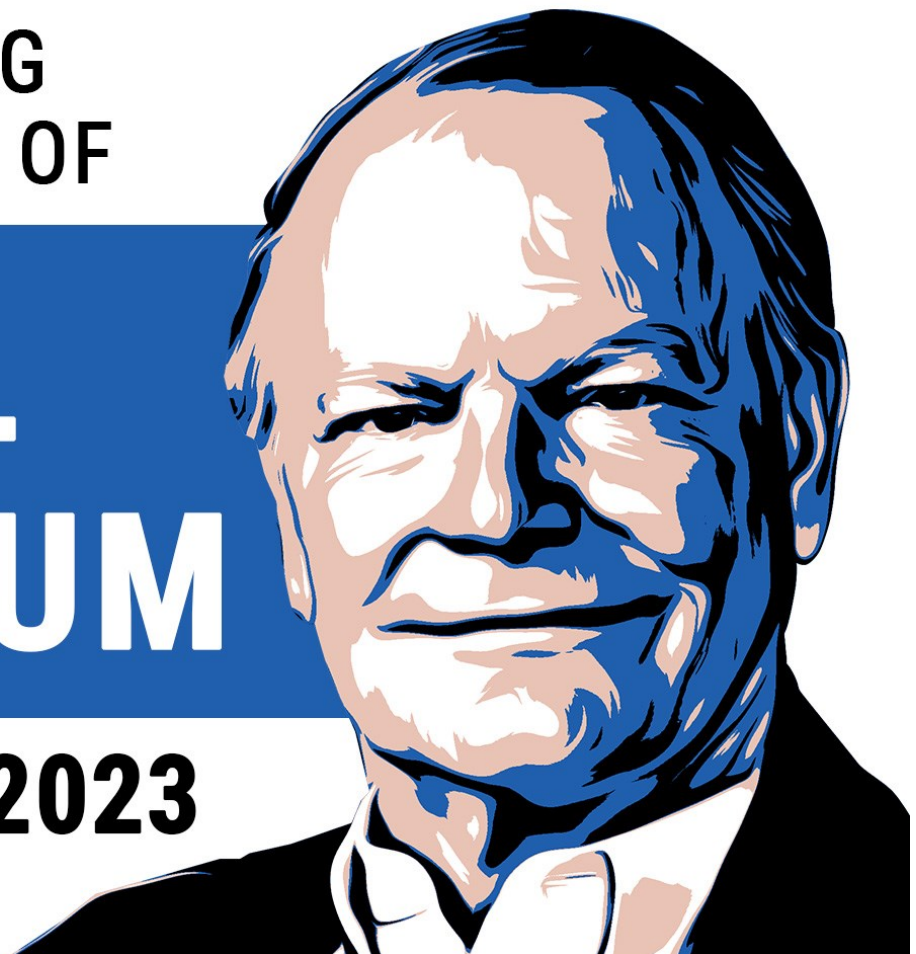
WEAT-NTS provides opportunities to connect and continue to build our communities. Seize these opportunities to meet the titans of water. Remember those we have lost and their lasting impact. It is our responsibility to keep their legacy moving forward.

Heather Wootton

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1952 - 2023



WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
10/20/23	WEAT-NTS OPStoberfest	St. Jude Event Center 2625 S Cooper St Arlington, Tx 76015
11/8/23	Eckenfelder Lecture Networking Event	Harvest House 331 E Hickory St Denton, Tx 76201
11/9/23	Eckenfelder Lecture 2023	Denton City Civic Center 321 E McKinney St Denton, Tx 76201
11/16/23	November Meeting	TBD
3/1/24	WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Tournament	Dallas Gun Club 3601 S Stemmons Fwy Lewisville, Tx 75067
2/6/24	February Seminar	Hurst Convention Center 1601 Campus Dr Hurst, Tx 76054

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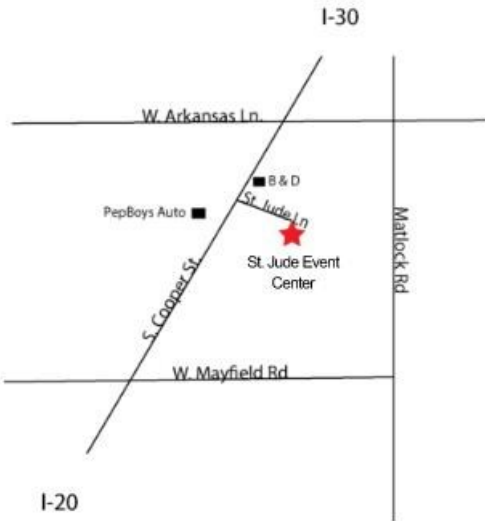
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Opstoberfest



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Costumes Encouraged
Get in the Halloween spirit! Costumes are encouraged for kids AND adults.



Family-friendly festivities including a photo booth, balloon artist, and face painting!

Interested in sponsoring another family activity?
Or have questions? Email Paula Monaco at pmonaco@plummer.com

Schedule of Events

Teams May Arrive	8:00 AM
Social Hour	5:00 PM
Food Judging & Costume Contest	6:00 PM
Kid's Dinner Buffet	6:15 PM
General Buffet & Program	6:30 PM
Awards	7:30 PM

BYO beer until 5:30 pm! BYO liquor all day!

Join us!

Cooking Team Non-Utility: \$100
(includes 4 wristbands)

Cooking Team Utility: Free (includes 4 wristbands)

General Attendance Non-Utility and Guest: \$20

General Attendance City/Utility and Guest: \$10

Kids 15 and Under: Free

[Register your team online](#)

Team registration is due by

October 13. Additional details on team

registration are included in the team information packet. Field spots will be assigned based on time of registration. A map of the assigned spots will be provided two days before the event.

Awards

- BBQ: Chicken, Beef, Pork, Wild Game
- Dessert
- Beer
- Pit Master
- Most Hospitable Team
- Best Kids' Costume

Visit WEAT-NTS.org for more information.





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WEAT-NTS 16th Annual Operations Challenge Cook-Off
Friday, October 20, 2023

Team Information Packet

General Information:

- Opstoberfest Cook-Off will be held at:
St. Jude Event Center, 2625 S. Cooper St., Arlington, Texas 76015.

Registration of Cook-Off Teams:

- Teams must register by Friday, October 13, 2023. Please visit <https://form.jotform.com/232505092121140> to register online.
- There is no registration fee for Teams, but individual team members must pay the event entrance fee, except for Utility or City sponsored Teams:
 - For a Utility or City sponsored Team, the dinner fee is waived for up to four (4) members maximum. Every team member must be an employee of the utility (or a family member) to qualify for the waived fee.
 - Utility and City sponsored teams will also be reimbursed up to \$100 for each entrée entry and up to \$25 for a dessert entry. Bring your receipts to the registration table at the event for reimbursement.

Setup and Cleanup:

- Teams may arrive at the Knights of Columbus facility as early as 8am, Friday morning.
- Teams need to check in at the registration table to collect the teams 4 wristbands.
- Each team will be assigned a designated spot in one of the two fields based on time of registration. Assigned spots and maps of the event space will be shared with registered teams two days ahead of the event.
- Each team must provide their own needed equipment and supplies. Electrical hook-ups are available on a limited basis.
- The facility kitchen will be available for sink use only and must be cleaned after use. No facility equipment and/or utensils will be removed from the kitchen area for any reason.
- Teams will be allowed to bring their choice of beverages, but after 5:30 pm all beer, bottled water, and soft drinks must be purchased at the bar (with exception of hard liquor).
- Teams are responsible for cleaning their own area and removing all equipment and trash by the end of the competition (10 pm).
- Team vehicles are to be parked outside the cooking field in the designated parking lots to allow room for festivities.

Judging:

- All teams must check-in no later than 4:00 pm. Your team's number, containers, and four wristbands for team members will be provided to the first team member checking in at the registration table.
- Numbered containers will be provided (B1, B2, etc., for beef entrées; C1, C2, etc., for chicken entrées; D1, D2, etc. for desserts; etc.) and matching numbered containers. At 5:45 pm, a representative from each team should take their entrée/dessert/beer in the assigned containers to the judging area.
- A side dish **must** be provided by each team for attendees, but will not be submitted for judging. Each team will be responsible for regulating dish temperature and serving. Side dishes will be served alongside the meat for attendees.
- While judging is underway, teams should cut up the entrée meat and bring the entrées/desserts to the designated serving tables. Meat should be cut up in the kitchen area or outside, not at the serving table.
- A designated serving station will be labeled with your team's name for serving. Teams are responsible for regulating dish temperature. Teams with no representatives serving food will be removed from consideration in judging.
- Judging begins at 6:00 pm. Late submissions cannot be included in the judging.
- Food service for the buffet will begin at 6:15 pm.
- The results of the judging will be announced after the food has been served.
- **Teams not providing a side dish or not serving entrees will not be eligible for awards.**

Judging Categories and Awards:

Each team is allowed to submit only one (1) entry per entrée category, and two (2) entries in the beer category and dessert category.

Traditional BBQ

1. There will only be 4 categories: **Beef, Chicken, Pork and Wild Game.**
2. Must submit serving portions for three (3) judges by 5:45pm, at the designated area.
3. First, Second, and Third place will be awarded for each category.

Homemade Dessert

1. Must submit serving portions for three (3) judges by 5:45 pm, at the designated area.
2. Store-bought desserts will not be included in the judging.
3. First, Second, and Third place will be awarded.

Homebrew Beer

1. Must submit serving portions for three (3) judges by 5:45 pm, at the designated area.
2. First, Second, and Third place will be awarded.

Contact Paula Monaco 214.223.8777 or pmonaco@plummer.com with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Eckenfelder Lecture 2023

November 9, 2023

Denton City Civic Center | Denton, Tx



Water Environment Association of Texas



Save the Date! WEAT's 2023 Eckenfelder Lecture Series will be held on November 9th at the Denton City Civic Center in Denton, TX.

The Eckenfelder Lecture Series was developed to honor Dr. W. Wesley Eckenfelder's distinguished career as an environmental trailblazer spanning more than 60 years, during which time he taught and trained thousands of graduate and undergraduate students and professionals in the art and science of wastewater treatment.

Early Registration Fees (Deadline: October 19, 2023)

- WEAT/WEF Member (Government/City Staff) - \$80 (\$120 after October 19, 2023)
- WEAT/WEF Member (Private Sector) - \$120 (\$160 after October 19, 2023)
- Student - \$20 (reach out to Paula at pmonaco@plummer.com for additional information)
- Non-member (Government/City Staff) - \$155 WEAT-only membership included (\$175 after October 19, 2023)
- Non-member (Private Sector) - \$195 WEAT-only membership Included (\$220 after October 19, 2023)

[Register Here!](#)

A **networking event** will be held on **November 8th at Harvest House** in Denton, Tx from **5:30PM-7:00PM**. We hope to see you there!



Harvest House
331 E Hickory St
Denton, Tx 76201

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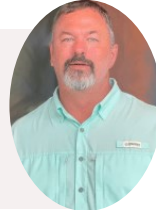
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July Dinner Meeting



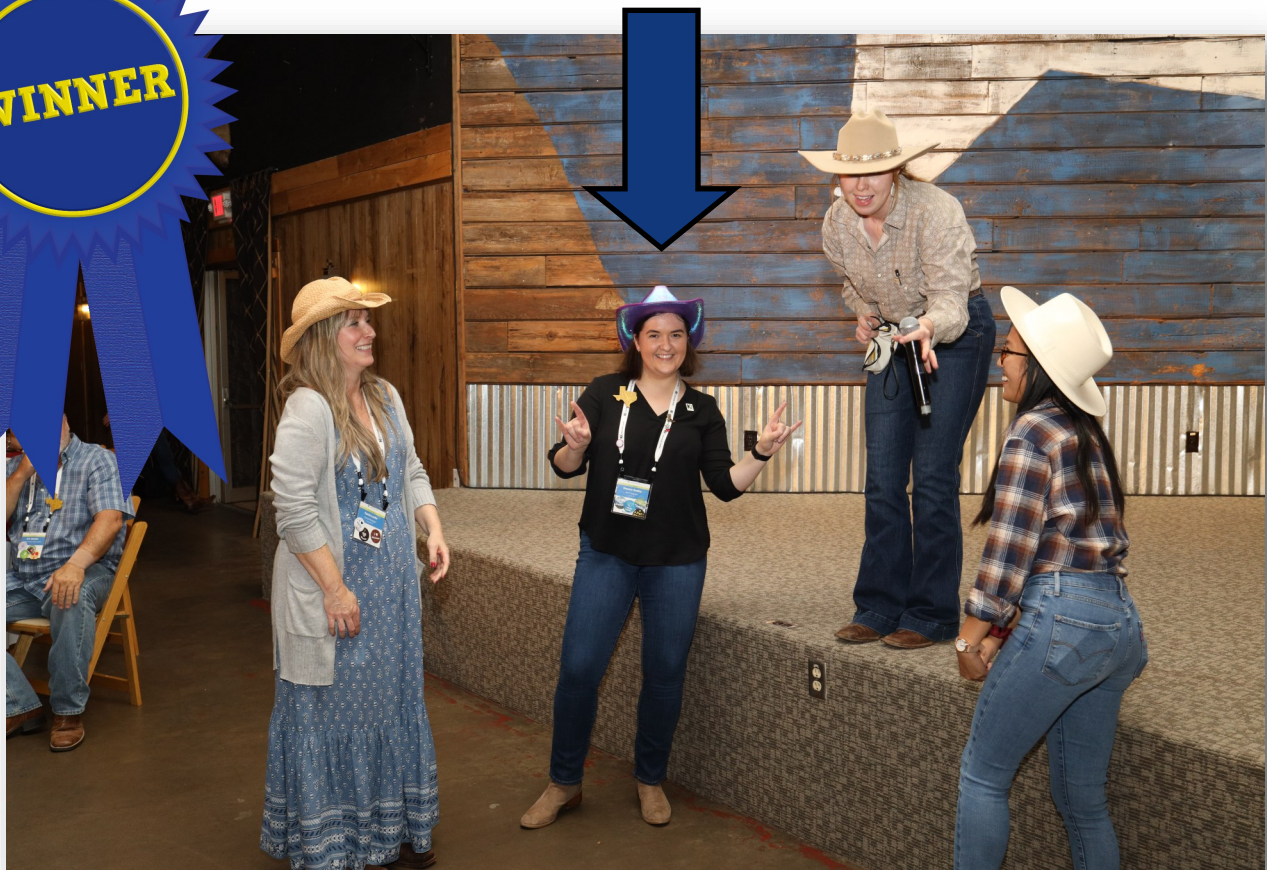
The WEAT-NTS dinner meeting was held on July 20th, 2023 at Troy's at Texas LIVE! in Arlington. The event featured a panel discussion regarding the topic **"We Know a Thing or Two, Because We've Seen a Thing or Two: First-Hand Accounts from North Texas Operators."** The panel included **Crystal Delgadillo** (Trinity River Authority), **Crystal Harness** (Trinity River Authority), **Migdalia Jackson** (City of Fort Worth), and **Patricia Rivera** (North Texas Municipal Water District). The informative panel discussion was mediated by Paula Monaco (Plummer). The event was well attended by North Texas members who received good feedback and insight into the many questions and topics submitted by the registrants prior to and during the discussion. This all-female panel highlighted trailblazers of our industry and their daily accounts on the job.



Photo Contest

The Wonders of WEAT

We are thrilled to announce that Simone Guidry has been awarded first place in “The Wonders of WEAT” Photo Campaign Contest! This contest allowed all of us to reflect on the incredible moments of the past year within the WEAT North Texas Section. It’s been an unforgettable journey, celebrating the highlights of 2022-203 and the impactful experiences we’ve had.



We encourage wastewater professionals including Operations, Suppliers, and Engineers in the DFW area to get involved with WEAT North Texas. The opportunities for growth, connection, and impact are boundless. Let’s continue to make remarkable memories together as we build the future!

#WEAT_NTS #WEAT_NTS_Photo #FirstPlaceWinner #CelebratingMoments

Young Professionals

The North Texas Section Young Professionals had an exciting summer with lots of fun events. Thank you to Newman Regency Group for sponsoring the July Happy Hour at the Rustic! Another exciting YP event this summer was the WEAT-NTS Social at the Rangers Game. Thank you to Hach for their sponsorship of the event! Both events had a great turnout for networking and fun!



We're a catch! A foul ball was caught by our group at the Rangers game!

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TRASH BASH



On 9/16 in Fort Worth, WEAT-NTS members participated in the Fall TRWD Trash Bash. Along with other members of the community, WEAT members helped remove litter from the Trinity River. Thank you to those who volunteered!



Contact Santos.Sotelo@kimley-horn.com if you wish to be involved in future Public Outreach events!

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Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2023 – June 2024 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:

- WEAT-NTS and Daryl Hall Scholarship Funds
 - Dinner Meetings
 - Section Activities (Fall BBQ and Sporting Clays Tournament)
 - February Seminar
 - Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For One Dinner Meeting •Recognition of Classic Sponsors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting - Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm) - Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint - Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>

*Daryl Hall Golf Tournament and Sporting Clays events sponsorships are advertised separately.

<p>Platinum \$1,950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings, including the fall BBQ •Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website - Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint - Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting - Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event - Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events - Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor 	
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