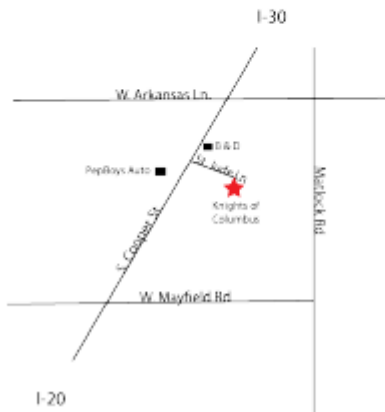




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North Texas Section



13th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, October 25, 2019

The Knights of Columbus Hall

2625 S Cooper Street
Arlington, Texas 76015

BENEFITS THE NORTH TEXAS OPERATIONS CHALLENGE
TEAMS AT NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

October 2019 Dinner Meeting

Date: Friday, October 25, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall
2625 S Cooper Street
Arlington, TX 76015



13th Annual OPStoberfest Cook-Off

Family-friendly event with a Halloween theme! See page 6 for more details.

[CLICK HERE FOR TEAM REGISTRATION](#)

Leadership Message



Message from the **President**

Phil Spitzer

I am pleased and proud to be your WEAT-NTS president. I look forward to a productive and fun year. Each president has a vision of what they want WEAT to be all about. We are in great shape financially, organizationally, and engaged in the business (programs, ops challenge, awards, scholarships, etc...). We give credit to a lot of hard working people over the past few years. We have a terrific set of officers and committee chairs. Please go to the website and get familiar with them. I invite you to never hesitate to introduce yourselves to us at the meetings. It's hard for us to meet all of you, but we will try.

I really don't feel like I have to "fix" anything from the past. Therefore, I want to focus on the future. Of course, the executive committee will do our due diligence in operating the section; however I want to direct our interests in supporting our YP's and bringing new, young people into the section. It's not just about bringing in new recruits it's also about maintaining the ones we have. When you are straight out of school you are looking for activities. At a later age, many of us know the stresses we have by the time we are getting married, buying houses, having kids, and trying to advance at work. It is a good thing I am beyond most of that. I understand why it is difficult to be involved in WEAT on top of all that.

Maybe you should get to know me. I was born in a land long ago and far away – early sixties and western Kansas. I grew up playing sports, building muscle cars, and working on the family farm; part of which I still have today. I have degrees in biology and civil engineering from Kansas State University and my graduate work from KU. My education was in structural engineering, but I guess the powers that be at Black

& Veatch thought I should be a process engineer because of my biology background. At my eleventh year at B&V, I was transferred to Dallas. The summer we moved here I couldn't believe how hot it could be, and also I couldn't believe how fast you can get over your resistance to the cold.

I spent 25 years in the consulting business then moved to the public sector for the past 5 years. It is very rewarding. The day to day activities are very similar. The difference is the consultant's objective is to make a profit. In the public sector, our goal is to provide value to our customers. In the end, we all try to serve our clients the best we can. I work for the North Texas Municipal Water District. My role is the wastewater treatment engineer. We have 13 operating plants – there is never a dull moment.

I look forward to a great year. If anybody has any ideas on how to improve the section or an activity we should consider, please let me know.



Message from the
Past President

Mark Perkins

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as WEAT-NTS president for the past year. It has been incredibly exciting to be part of such an active and vibrant section, with so many dedicated people willing to make the Section great! Special thanks to all of our officers, committee chairs, and to the numerous volunteers who show up and make our special events special. The Section is in great hands for years to come with the slate of leaders recently elected.

See you at the next meeting!



Treasurer's Report

CURRENT BALANCE

Checking	\$88,480.02
Investments	\$406,048.95

JULY 25 MEETING

Revenue	\$3,250.00
Cost	\$3,048.31
Paid Registrations	110
Walk-ins	4
Total Attendance	86

For more information, contact:

TREASURER

Rami Issa



WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location (*Tentative)	Contact Person
9/13/19	Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament	Waterchase Golf Club – Fort Worth, TX	Brandt Miller
9/21/19	Trinity Trash Bash	TBD	Chris Vela
10/25/19	OPStoberfest & Dinner Meeting	Knights of Columbus—Arlington	Nicole Conner and Monique Florez

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

INTERESTED IN MENTORING?

Are you interested in educating college students about our industry?

Contact [Allison Blake](#) to speak at Universities and Colleges around the state!



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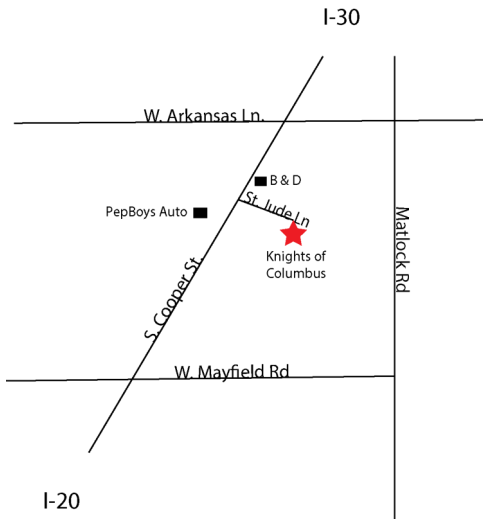
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Costumes Encouraged

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

Entertainment provided by the
DWU Central Snappers



Family-friendly festivities

including a photo booth!

Join us!

Members and Guest: \$20

City/Utility and Guest: \$10

Kids 15 and Under: Free

Email Agata Ristow at
a.ristow@prime-controls.com



[Register online](#) or complete the form in the team packet (attached or on the [WEAT-NTS website](#)).

Team registration is due by October 18th. Additional details on team registration are included in the team information packet. Two vehicle limit per team in field.

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

BYOB until 5:30 pm! Hard liquor is BYO all day!

Awards

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



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6:30PM TO 9:30PM

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Young Professionals

July 2019 Happy Hour—Dallas

Thank you to all who came out for our June happy hour at Sandbar Cantina. Our YPs bonded over volleyball and some margaritas to beat the heat! A special shoutout to Pump Solutions for sponsoring the event.



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Public Outreach



SATURDAY, September 21, 2019

8:30AM—11:00AM

Cleanup location: TBD (Information to follow)

- Supplies will be provided.
- Party Immediately Following with free food, door prizes and entertainment at:
Coyote Drive-In 600 North Jones Street

RSVP:

swalls@bgeinc.com (AWWA)

chris.vela@kimley-horn.com (WEAT)

Janine.Nguyen@freese.com (UCTA)

Volunteer Checklist:

Water bottle, sun hat, bug spray, sunscreen, long pants, long sleeves, closed toed shoes/boots, gloves, dry change of clothes if you plan to get wet.



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Chris Vela



Personal News



NEW HIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Aryana Davin joins Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. is pleased to announce that Aryana Davin, E.I.T. has joined the firm. Ms. Davin recently completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Arkansas, and is assisting with PECE's process, design, and regulatory work.

Trinity River Authority welcomes two new employees

Dusty Brannum joined the Trinity River Authority (TRA) in July of 2019. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 2003 from The University of Texas at Arlington in Electrical Engineering. He received his Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering in 2009 from The University of Texas at Arlington. He was a Project Coordinator for Thompson Pipe Group Pressure for the previous three years managing large diameter steel, pre-tensioned and pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe projects around the country. He worked with two engineering firms prior to 2016. He is an Engineer in the Capital Improvements Program in TRA's Plant Group.

Amanda Voss graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. She worked as an engineering consultant for over six years focusing on large diameter pipeline projects. Amanda recently joined the Trinity River Authority (TRA) pipeline team as an Engineer in the Planning, Development, and Construction Administration group in July 2019.



HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Send your announcements and pictures to [Phil Spitzer](#) to be included in the next newsletter.

Awards



It's time for TX Water 2020 Award nominations! Please nominate your peers or yourself to represent WEAT-NTS.

The deadline for nominations is November 11, 2019.

Please reach out to [Andre Garces](#) if you need assistance with the nomination process or are in need of additional references. Below is the general list of awards. Please visit the [WEAT website](#) for more details.

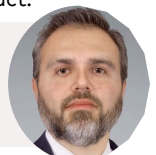
- 5S - Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers Award
- Dennis Laskowski Recruitment Award
- Alan H. Plummer Environmental Sustainability Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Exemplary Employer Award
- Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plan of the Year Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Medal of Honor for Heroism Award
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plan of The Year Award
- Outstanding Operator of The Year Award
- Outstanding Public Official Award
- Outstanding Service Award
- Pillars Of The Profession Award
- Ronald B. Sieger Biosolids Management Award
- Sidney L. Allison Award
- Susan B. Hier Award for Excellence in Education and Licensing Award
- T. L. Satterwhite Award
- Winfield S. Mahlie Award
- Arthur Sidney Bedell Award
- George W. Burke, Jr. Award
- Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award
- William D. Hatfield Award



For more information, contact:

AWARDS

Andre Garces



Scholarships



Congratulations to our Fall scholarship awardees!

WEAT NTS Scholarships

Sarah DeBaro
David Edelman
Stephen Hidalgo
Jaben Hodges
Danielle Hollbrook
Neha Irrinki
Grayson Jackson
Kate Lydzinski
Brooke Rogers
Caitlin Ruff
Jessica Walden
Brennan Welch
Kelly Xavier
Rebecca Zabolio

Daryl Hall Scholarships

Rey Davila
Amanda Davis
Justin Halter
Raudel Juarez
Maygan Paul
McCartney Paul
Tiffany Tran

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Chris Young



July Meeting Recap



Jay Chapa, Fort Worth Assistant City manager, delivering his "Keeping it Clean" presentation.

The WEAT North Texas Section July dinner meeting was held at Joe T. Garcia's Restaurant on July 25, 2019. The speaker's, Jay Chapa, Fort Worth Assistant City manager. "Keeping it Clean" presentation described the City's "One Water, One Utility, One Team" approach to taking care of water in Fort Worth. Jay gave the 86 attendees an overview of the City's water department operations and \$1 billion five-year capital program, covering topics such as asset management, workforce development, and the capital improvements program.



As a prelude to Jay's presentation, Nicole Conner and Phil Spitzer presented outgoing Section President, Mark Perkins, with a plaque and one-of-a-kind Mark Perkins bobblehead figure.

Mark Perkins, outgoing Section President, is gifted with a plaque and mirror-image bobblehead by Phil Spitzer and Nicole Conner.

For more information, contact:

SECTION REP.

Sherri van der Wege





BRANCH OUT DALLAS

The City of Dallas is proud to announce its second annual Branch Out Dallas program to provide residents with a free 5-gallon tree for their yard. Trees help reduce air pollution, help filter stormwater and urban runoff, cool the air, and slow climate change. **Now we're asking for your help!**

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS!

Help us hand out trees by volunteering your time on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Select a shift at one of the six pick-up locations by signing up at [Volunteer Here](#) or at Voly.org/cityofdallas

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

- Shelton School
- The Village Church
- White Rock Church of Christ
- Adamson High School
- Kimball High School
- C. A. Tatum Jr. Elementary

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WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2018 – June 2019 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.)*

Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250

- For *One* Dinner Meeting
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 - ✓ Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting
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 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
 - ✓ Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

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- Recognition at **ALL** six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (*for the price of five*)
- Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at **ALL** six meetings

Other Individual Sponsorship Opportunities:

○ Opstoberfest BBQ Cook-off Sponsor	\$250
○ WEAT- NTS Scholarship Fund Contribution	\$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

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

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- Recognition as a platinum sponsor at **ALL SIX** meetings, including the fall BBQ
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 - ✓ 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
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 - ✓ Recognition as WEAT NTS and Daryl Hall scholarship fund contributor

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