



NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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July 2017 Newsletter

July 2017 Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017

Location: Cowboys Golf Club (Remodeled!), 1600 Fairway Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051

Time: 5:30 P.M. — 6:30 P.M. Social Hour

6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. Dinner and Presentation

Presentation Title: “Characterizing Non-Dispersibles in the Trinity River Authority’s Regional Systems”

Presenter: Jennifer Moore, Environmental Services Coordinator, Trinity River Authority of Texas

What are Non-Dispersibles?

See the Video Here!

https://www.facebook.com/officialTRA/videos/502016216796141/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

I am excited to be stepping into the role as WEAT-North Texas Section President! We have some exciting events coming up this year that you don't want to miss. The Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 15th at Waterchase Golf Course. We are looking for sponsors and volunteers so please reach out to Brandt Miller. Our annual Opstoberfest event is scheduled for October 27th at the Knights of Columbus, this event helps support our Operations Challenge teams to compete at both the state and national level. The North Texas Section has several teams representing the North Texas Section at WEFTEC this year in Chicago and the Opstoberfest event helps support our North Texas utilities compete in this event. We have a lot of great events planned for this fall and spring including river cleanups, February Seminar and a newly created event (Young Professional Reception). I look forward to seeing all the members at these events as well as the bi-monthly meetings. Don't forget to register for the July 20th Dinner Meeting, which will be hosted by the Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine, Texas. Our section has an outstanding Executive Committee that works hard to put these events together. I look forward to this new year.

Matt Jalbert
WEAT-NTS President



WEAT-NTS & WEF 2017-2018 EVENTS

Date	Event	Location (*Tentative)	Topic/Speaker (*Tentative)
7/20/17 (Th)	July Dinner Meeting	Cowboys Golf Club, Grapevine, Texas	Characterizing Non-Dispersibles in the Trinity River Authority's Regional Systems" - Jennifer Moore, Environmental Services Coordinator, Trinity River Authority of Texas
8/14 & 15/17	WEAT CMOM Conference	Austin, Texas	
8/9 & 10/17	WEAT Biosolids Odor & Corrosion Conference & Expo	San Marcos, Texas	
9/15/17 (Fr)	14th Annual Daryl Hall Golf Tournament	Waterchase Golf Club, Fort Worth, Texas	Teams and Volunteers needed—Registration Opens June 1st, 2017
9/16/17 (Sa)	Trinity Trash Bash	Fort Worth, Texas	
9/30-10/5/17	WEFTEC	Chicago	
10/27/17 (Fr)	Opstoberfest 2017	Knights of Columbus, Arlington, Texas	Great BBQ and fun time with WEATies! REGISTRATION OPEN
11/16/17 (Th)	November Meeting	TBD (Phil Spitzer)	TBD (Phil Spitzer)
1/16 & 17/18	WEAT Collection System Conference	San Marcos, Texas	
4/23-26/18	Texas Water 2018	San Antonio, Texas	

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MEMBER NEWS



On January 28, 2017, Stefi Massey and her husband Taylor welcomed Jethro Ray Massey, weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs, 11.2 oz and 21.5" long. Jet loves his doggie siblings and just like them, he loves chewing on his toys.



Allison Blake (Student Section Rep and WEAT Student Design Competition) wed Sami Hage on June 3rd in Allison's hometown of Rochester, New York. They just recently returned from a honeymoon in Thailand and a few other cities



Brandy Martinez and Justin Angel, with Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc., completed master's degrees in the Spring of 2017.

Brandy Martinez received an M.A. in Sustainability and Development in Environmental Resources; Focus: Water/wastewater process, management and policy.

Justin Angel completed a Master of Environmental Engineering degree from Johns Hopkins University.



Mark Reeves, P.E., with the Trinity River Authority, received his Class A Wastewater Operators License on June 1, 2017. He also obtained his Texas Professional Engineer's license in December 2016. Mark is a Plant Engineer at TRA's Central Regional Wastewater System Treatment plant .

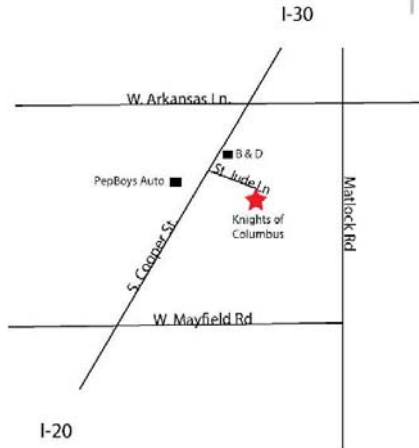


Jeff Sober (WEAT President; former NTS President) and Grace Wike (NTS Treasurer) were married on June 24th in Playa Mujeres, Mexico

NORTH TEXAS
SECTION
WEAT



Spstoberfest



11th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, October 27, 2017

The Knights of Columbus Hall

2625 S Cooper Street

Arlington, Texas 76015

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 5:30pm!

Drinks (soda/water/beer)
must be purchased from
venue after 5:30pm.

Hard liquor is BYO all day!

**BENEFITS THE NORTH TEXAS
OPERATIONS CHALLENGE TEAMS AT
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Join us!

Members and Guest: \$20

City/Utility and Guest: \$10

Kids 15 and Under: Free

Email Phil Spitzer at

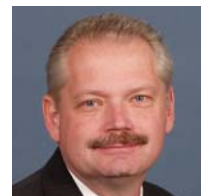
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Online payment and sponsorship: [WEAT Square](#)

Team registration is due by October 20th,
additional details on team registration are
included in the attached team information
packet.

Awards

- BBQ: Chicken, Beef, Pork, Wild Game
- Dessert, Beer
- Pitmaster
- Costume Contest
- Best Decorated Team Site
- Most Hospitable Team



For more information contact Phil Spitzer pspitzer@ntmwd.com

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Thank you to all who attended the North Texas WEAT YPs geotechnical laboratory tour hosted by HVJ Associates. The laboratory tour was followed by a happy hour at Cidercade. The YPs enjoyed an evening of learning, networking, and competitive arcade play on June 15th. A very special thank you to Municipal Valve & Equipment for sponsoring this event!



For more information contact Reyna Reyes ROReyes@lan-inc.com



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

AWWA/WEAT YP
night out

COWBOYS RED RIVER TWO-STEPPIN' NIGHT OUT

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10310 Technology
Boulevard West
Dallas, TX 75220

DATE/TIME:
THURSDAY

August 3rd @ 7 pm

DETAILS: free food, first two drinks free, no cover charge, socializing, dancing lessons, and two-steppin' the night away!

Who's Invited?

YP's and YP's at Heart and Significant Others are Welcome!



For more information contact Kaylee Dusek kpducek@GarverUSA.com

DARYL HALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament 2017 Registration and Sponsorship Details

Sponsorship Options

- **\$850 Titanium Sponsor**
Registration for (4) players, (4) Activities Packages, (20) Drink Tickets AND an EXCLUSIVE sign (no other sponsor signs) at one tee box.
- **\$650 Diamond Sponsor**
Registration for (4) players, (4) Activities Packages, (20) Drink Tickets AND a sign at one tee box.
- **\$550 Platinum Sponsor**
Registration for (4) players AND a sign at one tee box.
- **\$400 Gold Sponsor**
Registration for (4) players
- **\$1,750 Customized Logo Golf Ball Sponsor (only 1 available)**
Sponsor's logo and 2017 Daryl Hall Golf Tournament logo will be printed on Dixon golf balls. Each player at the tournament will receive one sleeve of balls and the sponsor will receive any extras.
- **\$1,200 Scoreboard Sign (only 1 available)**
A large EXCLUSIVE sign (no other sponsor signs) will be posted on the score board.
- **\$400 Golf Cart Sponsor (only 2 available)**
An EXCLUSIVE sign (no other sponsor signs) will be attached to the golf cart.
- **\$300 Long Drive Contest (only 2 available)**
An EXCLUSIVE long drive contest sponsor sign (no other sponsor signs) at the tee box for long drive and recognition for the long drive prize during the awards ceremony.
- **\$300 Closest to the Pin Contest (only 2 available)**
An EXCLUSIVE closest to the pin contest sponsor sign (no other sponsor signs) at the tee box for closest to the pin hole and recognition for the closest to the pin prize during the awards ceremony.
- **\$300 Putting Contest (only 1 available)**
An EXCLUSIVE putting contest sponsor sign (no other sponsor signs) at the practice green for the putting contest and recognition for the putting contest prize during the awards ceremony.
- **\$150 Silver Sponsor**
A sign at one tee box.
- **\$100 Individual Sponsor**
Individual registration and individuals will be paired up to form a team or fill a team.
- **Open Donation**
If you cannot participate, you can also give a donation



Extras

- **\$10 Cadillac Wheel Raffle Ticket: Winner receives at least half the pot.**
- **\$10 Lady's Tee Box: One ticket allows ONE player to tee off from ONE ladies tee box of their choice.**
- **\$10 Putting Contest: Participate in the putting contest; winner receives a prize.**
- **\$20 Activities Package (saves \$10): Includes one ticket of each: Cadillac Wheel, Lady's Tee Box and Putting Contest**
- **\$2 Drink Tickets: 1 drink ticket = 1 beer or 3 drink tickets = 1 mixed drink**

Registration

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2017

To register, please visit:

<https://form.jotform.us/71295693111153> (Payment by Check)

<https://form.jotform.us/71455288511155> (Credit Card payment via WEAT_NTS Square)

For volunteer opportunities or questions contact: Brandt Miller at 469-250-3784 or bmiller@hazenandsawyer.com



SCHOLARSHIPS

Annual Scholarship applications were due June 30, 2017, and after very few early applications, there was a flurry of applications submitted just before the deadline (...imagine that!) More than a dozen new applications were received, in addition to renewal requests, and throughout the month of July scholarship applications will be evaluated. WEAT North Texas has two scholarships available:

- ⇒ The WEAT NTS (targeted at students on a 4-year degree path, with preference given for STEM degrees related to the water industry, and the student or immediate family member must be a WEAT member)
- ⇒ The Daryl Hall Memorial Scholarship (targeted at students not necessarily on a 4-year degree track, and will support Associates Degrees and other similar continuing education. Eligibility requires the student or immediate family member to work for a North Texas Water / Wastewater Utility, with preference given to those in Operations, Maintenance and Laboratory work.)

In the 2016-2017 school year, WEAT NTS awarded scholarships to 21 individuals, and WEAT NTS has the most robust local chapter scholarship program in the state. Given the slate of applicants this year, it appears to be another robust and competitive field of applicants.

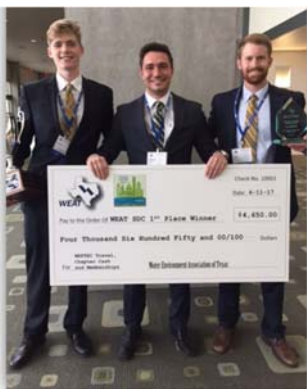
Please note one change in 2017 for the Scholarship process: the WEAT NTS Executive Committee recently made a change to require that scholarship applicants technically “reapply” each year. (In years past, once an applicant was awarded a scholarship, it was considered a 4 year award, with a simple renewal request and transcripts each semester). The primary reason the Executive Committee made the change to annual “reapplication” was this: in the event more qualified applicants came in future years, and given relatively fixed scholarship budgets, the Committee wanted to ability to make awards to the most qualified candidates that year, independent of prior year awards. The Scholarship Committee is still working out how to make this minimally cumbersome to re-applicants, and we hope to have features added to the online application (such as “Upload My Draft from Last Year” or “Save My Draft for Next Year”) to help. Finally, given the strong applicants we have seen in the last 1-2 years, awards to prior year re-applicants are highly likely.

For more information contact Chris Young 214.346.4300, or chris.young@stantec.com)



PUBLIC EDUCATION

WEAT STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION



Southern Methodist University Team: Daniel Roberts, Marco Miranda, and Joseph Hutchinson

For the past eleven years at Texas Water, undergraduate and graduate students have participated in the WEAT Student Design Competition, a regional event that includes Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas universities.

We are so proud that a university team from the North Texas Section won first place at the Regional WEAT Student Design Competition this past April! WEAT-NTS will host the student winners at our July Dinner Meeting to congratulate them, and hear about their experience. Please stop by to chat and show your support!



For more information contact Elle Holbrook eholbrook@cpyi.com or Allison Hage Allison.Blake@freese.com

TREASURER REPORT

1. Current Balances:

- Checking: \$32,744.31
- Investment Account: \$345,060.53
- All FY 2016-2017 scholarship payments have been made from checking.

2. Fourth quarter (April through June) books are being compiled by our accountant – summary in progress and will be reported at November meeting.

3. May Dinner Meeting

Revenue (Including Classic Sponsor Allocation)	\$2,473
Expenses	\$3,125
Net Proceeds	(\$652)
Approximate Actual Attendance	85-90
Preregistered	72
Prepaid No-Shows	5
Walk-Ins	5
RSVP / Unpaid No-Shows	0
Estimated Science Fair Students & Families Not Charged	15
Guaranteed / Paid Meals	90



For more information contact Grace Sober gdsobor@lan-inc.com

UNIVERSITY CORNER

Universities are gearing up for the start of their semesters in August! Last year, Texas A&M had a successful year with their Student Chapter and have plans to increase water and wastewater interest within student membership, outreach and services project, and profession networking opportunities. Texas Tech students participated in river and park cleanups last year and would like to grow their student involvement this upcoming year. These are just some of the great accomplishments and goals from our Universities!

LeTourneau University is looking for speakers this Fall for their ASCE Student Chapter to increase water & environmental industry interest within their students.



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WEAT STATE UPDATE

2017 Leadership Summit

WEAT recently held the Annual Leadership Summit on July 13, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Members of the WEAT board, Austin Section and guests came together to learn more about the WEAT organizational structure and leadership development. This open forum meeting covered a variety of topics where each section provided feedback and insight on what each respective section is doing that other sections might not.

- Advanced Operator Training Program
- Member Services and Promoting Growth
- Communication and Outreach Discussion (WEAT's Proactive Communication Plan)
- Committee Structure

WEAT Leadership	
POSITION	NAME
President	Jeff Sober
President Elect	Buster Fichera
Vice President	Heather Cooke
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Secretary	David Bennett
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WEF Past Delegate	David Briggs
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Executive Director	Julie Nahrgang

Our WEAT Leadership switched over at Texas Water with the passing of the gavel.

President Jeff Sober's Goals Goals the size of Texas!



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Reuse	Ken Hall		khall@ch2m.com



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NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

July 17, 2017

Re: Water Environment Association of Texas – North Texas Section
Sponsorships for 2017 – 2018

Dear WEAT Colleague,

The North Texas Section of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT-NTS) is one of the most dynamic and proactive organizations in the entire Water Environment Federation. This is possible in large part because of the substantial financial assistance provided by our supporting organizations.

With the help of our corporate sponsors we provide services and educational benefits to our professional membership, outreach to the environmental community, and financing to numerous students through our scholarship programs. The generosity of our sponsors has enabled the North Texas Section to award scholarships totaling over \$23,000 in the last 12 months, to provide substantial financial support for our operations challenge teams, support outreach programs like the Trinity River Trash Bash and local science fairs, and to bring quality educational and networking opportunities to our membership. Your support has been vital and is greatly appreciated. For this reason, we are diligent in making sure firms like yours are recognized for their commitment.

Please see the enclosed flyer for a description of the sponsorship categories. For your convenience, SquareUp is available on-line (<http://mkt.com/weat-nts>) for sponsorship payments. Sponsorship payments can also be made via mail (check) or by phone (credit card) through the WEAT-NTS Treasurer, Grace Sober.

We hope you will be a supporter of WEAT-NTS. Please use the accompanying form to indicate your participation for the 2015-2016 year (July 1st 2017 through June 30th 2018). If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 469-626-4918.

Sincerely,

Phil Spitzer

Phil Spitzer, P.E.
Vice-President, WEAT-NTS

NOTE:

If contributing by mail, please **circle** your level(s) of support on the attached flyer and send with your check payable to WEAT-NTS to Grace Sober, Treasurer, WEAT-NTS, c/o Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., 8350 North Central Expressway, Suite 1400, Dallas, TX 75206 (214)765-8731



NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2017 – June 2018 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:

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

Other Individual Sponsorship Opportunities:

Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250

- For One Dinner Meeting
- Recognition of Classic Sponsors:
 - ✓ 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

Gold Sponsor \$1,250

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

○ Opstoberfest BBQ Cook-off Sponsor	\$250
○ Daryl Hall 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 event sponsorships are advertised separately.*

Platinum \$1,950

- Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings, including Opstoberfest
- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, *plus:*
 - ✓ Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder e-mails, 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
 - ✓ NEW THIS YEAR – Recognition as YP Sponsor
 - ✓ Recognition as WEAT-NTS scholarship funds contributor
 - ✓ Includes February Seminar sponsorship, with signage and digital banner recognition at February Seminar
 - ✓ NEW! Recognition as YP sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events