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March Dinner Meeting

- Date:** March 19, 2009
- Place:** TexasStar
- Topic:** Emerging Contaminants
- Speaker:** Glenn Clingenpeel, TRA,
Exec. Assist. To the GM
Lorien Fono, P.E., PhD,
Carollo Engineers,
Project Engineer
- Social Hour:** 5:30 pm
Dinner/Presentation: 6:30 pm
- Dinner Tickets:** \$20 Members
\$10 Spouses & Guests

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Speaker

The presentation will cover two components regarding emerging contaminants. Mr. Clingenpeel will first provide a general overview of emerging contaminants (micro-constituents) and how they affect both drinking and ambient waters. Mr. Clingenpeel will also discuss the Trinity River system in terms of geography, hydrology, and the relationship between discharges and drinking water supplies. Ms. Fono will discuss treatment technologies, and the results of her work sampling for pharmaceuticals on the Trinity River in 2005. Attendees will gain a better appreciation for the issue of emerging contaminants and will be provided with a more holistic perspective on the nexus between wastewater treatment and water supplies in the Trinity Basin.

President's Message

It's Texas Water Season! And this year we'll return to Galveston April 14-17, 2009. Some of the special topics include Workforce Issues, Pharmaceuticals and Emerging Contaminants, and Emergency Recovery. Students and YPs have an expanded opportunity to learn more about the industry, demonstrate their talents, and participate in the expanded Career Fair. Not only can we enhance our technical knowledge we can also enhance our well being by participating in the Golf Tournament and 5k Fun Run. Did you know that an average person can burn up to 250 calories an hour playing golf, and even more carrying your golf bag? The 5k Fun Run is Wednesday morning and is a great way to explore the sea wall and get some fresh gulf coast air. Highlight events include the annual silent auction benefiting Water for People and a fun-filled program for attendees' spouses or companions where they can tour Haak Winery, go sightseeing and shopping around the Galveston Bay area, and more. Hope to see you there. For more details about Texas Water events go to www.texas-water.org.

The annual WEAT-NTS Seminar, "Sustainability: Making Your Brown... Greener", was held last month. Attendance was down from previous years with 96 people in attendance but the seminar was a great success. A portion of the proceeds goes to support the WEAT-NTS Scholarship fund. A special thanks to all the sponsors who allow us to put this seminar together every year and help keep the costs reasonable. A great big thanks goes to Gilbert Trejo for volunteering his time to organize this event and pull together the topics and speakers. Organizing this event is not an easy task and Gilbert made it flawless. Thank you everyone who worked hard to make this seminar such a success.

WEAT-NTS is currently accepting nominations for the positions of President elect, Secretary and Vice President. Please contact Jody Zabolio if you are interested or know of someone who would make a great fit for these positions.

I hope everyone is planning on attending this month's dinner meeting March 19th at Texas Star. Glenn Clingenpeel (TRA) and Lorien Fono (Carollo), together, will be speaking about results of the NSF Study as it relates to Bio-transformation of Wastewater-derived Micro-constituents in the Trinity River. You can contact me at Robinsonar@cdm.com for reservations.

Upcoming statewide activities include a Biosolids and Odor and Corrosion Conference in San Marcos August 27th & 28th and a FROG Workshop November 5-6th in Houston. WEFTEC is October 10-14th in Orlando, FL.

If you would like to get involved in any Section activities or if there's anything that you would like to see happen, please contact me or another officer or committee chairperson. Contact information for the officers and committee chairs for the Section is listed in the newsletter or on our website. We are always looking for more people to help out.

And finally, have a safe and fun Spring Break!

Amy Robinson
President 2008-2009
WEAT-NTS
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Highlights from the WEAT-NTS January Meeting

In Memoriam Forrest Johnson

Bob Landry spoke on behalf of the late Forrest Johnson and shared some personal stories of his long-time friendship with Forrest.

Record Attendance

We had a record attendance for the January 2009 dinner meeting! A total of 100 persons were in attendance! Thank you for your support of WEAT-NTS!

WEAT-NTS Past President Recognized

Current WEAT-NTS President Amy Robinson presented WEAT-NTS Past President Randy McIntyre with an engraved plaque and gavel identifying his support and past leadership in WEAT-NTS. Thank you Randy!



TRA CReWSers Recognized for Ops Challenge WEFTEC '08 Championship

The Trinity River Authority CReWSers were recognized by Rhonda Harris for their Operations Challenge National Championship win at WEFTEC 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Framed

photographs of the WE&T December 2008 publication cover were presented to the CReWSers team members, with a larger framed version presented to Patty Cleveland and Mike Young. The CReWSers presented their sponsors with T-shirts as a show of gratitude for their support.



Hurricane Ike Presentation

Joseph Majdalani from the City of Houston Public Work and Engineering Department spoke on Hurricane Ike and the City of Houston's response, actions, and lessons learned. Darryl Corbin (left) presents an appreciation plaque to Joe Majdalani (right) from the City of Houston for his presentation on Hurricane Ike.



Photos By Malcolm Cowdin, TRA

Announcements

FROM THE D/FW METROPLEX



Randy Romack Joins Black & Veatch as Client Service Manager in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area

In this role, Mr. Romack will lead Black & Veatch's efforts to build and maintain strong client relationships throughout the Dallas / Fort Worth area.

Romack brings more than 18 years of experience with numerous municipal, federal and private water and wastewater projects. At Black & Veatch he will lead business development and oversee a wide variety of engineering and construction projects, including water and wastewater treatment plants, stormwater management/watercourse improvements, water pumping and conveyance.

Romack is an active member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT).

Don't Forget....

Please come out to support the North Texas Operations Challenge Teams TRA CReWSers and Dallas Aquatecs, during the upcoming Texas Water 2009 Conference in Galveston. The teams will compete on Thursday, April 16th in the exhibit hall.

TRAINING COURSES

City of Carrollton will be hosting TWUA educational programs

- ★ Basic Wastewater on March 24-26, 2009
- ★ Wastewater Collection on March 31-April 2, 2009
- ★ Utility Safety on May 5-7, 2009

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8am-5pm

Thursday: 8am-12pm

At: 4750 N. Josey Ln., Carrollton, TX 75010

For any further information contact Kevin Pike @ 972-466-4206, or kevin.pikes@cityofcarrollton.com

Bharath Ramalingam Joins MWH's Dallas Staff



MWH, a global provider of environmental engineering, construction and strategic consulting services, is pleased to announce it hired Bharath Ramalingam to join the staff of its Dallas office. Mr. Ramalingam is an engineer in training (EIT) with experience in water and wastewater engineering. Prior to joining MWH, he was an EIT for HDR Engineering where he designed pump stations and water and wastewater treatment units, and he prepared construction documents engineering reports, proposals, and water and wastewater quality analyses. Mr. Ramalingam holds a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Idaho State University and bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Madras in India. He can be reached by calling MWH's Dallas office at 214.360.9929.

Announcements continued



DOUG BIGLEN JOINS HDR

Doug Biglen, P.E., has joined HDR's Water Business Group as the Water and Wastewater Program Leader for the Dallas and Ft. Worth offices. After working in the DFW area for 6 years, Biglen is returning to Texas after spending the past 2 years working on large water and wastewater program assignments for CH2M HILL in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Chicago.

"Doug has tremendous experience with pipelines and pump stations, including the wet weather program work in Puerto Rico," said Susan Gilbert, Senior Vice President at HDR. "We're very excited that Doug has decided to join us and help expand our water program in North Texas and the surrounding areas."

The WEAT North Texas Section Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for the following offices: President Elect, Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact *Jody Zabolio* at [972-219-1228](tel:972-219-1228) or jzabolio@utrwd.com. All nominations must be received by April 1, 2009.

EI² has a new website
www.ei2texas.com

Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. is pleased to announce that James S. McMillen, P.E. has joined the firm as a project manager.

The E&I Committee of WEAT will be sponsoring its first technical seminar of 2009 next week. This presentation will be on "Network Communications." This looks like an exciting seminar with a variety of different speakers. The presenters are:

Network Architecture	Steve Woram (Industrial Networking Solutions)
Field Bus	Ernani Verissimo (SMAR)
Wireless	Jim Johnston (Johnston Technical Services)

The meeting details are:

Date:	Wednesday, 18 March 2009
Schedule:	08:30AM – 12:00AM (Lunch following provided by Reynolds Electric)
Location:	Reynolds Electric 2680 Sylvania Cross Fort Worth, Texas 76137

For more information about this seminar, or about other activities of the WEAT E&I Committee, please email VK Gupta at vkgupta@gaiconsulting.com or George Luke at gluke@gaiconsulting.com. Please RSVP for the meeting to George Luke.



RJN hires Thomas Curl, P.E.

Thomas Curl, P.E., was recently hired at RJN Group, Inc. and will work out of the Dallas, Texas office. Mr. Curl has a Bachelor of Science from Tarleton State University. He is a NASSCO PACP Certified Inspector, and has 10 years of experience in hydraulic modeling and collection system condition assessment. Mr. Curl has a Professional Engineering license in the state of Texas. He will focus on wastewater collection projects at RJN Group that include hydraulic modeling, pipeline rehab design, geographic information systems (GIS), and flow data analysis. He is currently assigned to the Find It – Fix It program for SAWS.

Save the Date


What: 6th Annual Daryl Hall Golf Tournament

When: Friday, September 25th


Where: Waterchase Golf Course, Ft. Worth



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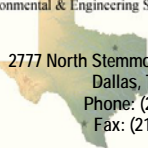
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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

March 19, 2009	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	Biotransformation of Wastewater-Derived Microconstituents in the Trinity River
April 14-17, 2009	Galvestone	WEAT-AWWA	TexasWater '09
May 21, 2009	CityPlace	WEAT-NTS	Trenchless Collection System Rehabilitation—Lessons Learned
July 16, 2009	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	TRA CRWS On-Site Storage Basin—From Concept to Design
September, 2009	TBD	WEAT-NTS	Picnic and Cook-off
November 19, 2009	TBD	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting

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