



NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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March 2016 Dinner Meeting

Date: March 17, 2016
Location: Texas Star Conference Center, Euless, Texas
Speaker: Cynthia Baughman - Public Works Operations Technology Manager for the City of Garland Water Utilities
Time: 5:30 – 6:45 Networking;
7:00 - 8:00 Dinner and Presentation

Presentation Title: “Minimizing Failures – Communications During Crisis Response ”

Presentation Synopsis: During 2015, the City of Garland experienced deadly floods and tornadoes, and a terrorist shooting within a span of eight months. With water and wastewater infrastructure spread across two cities and covering over 2000 miles of pipe combined, communications and response during a crisis becomes critical for staff to respond and react appropriately. I will discuss the communications and response during and after these events, the impact these events had on our water and wastewater operations, our post-event recovery, and some of our overall lessons learned.

Speaker Biography: Cynthia Baughman is the Public Works Operations Technology Manager for the City of Garland Water Utilities. In addition to her duties in Public Works, she serves as the Logistics Section Chief on the City’s Disaster Response Team. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Information Management, and is a Project Management Professional (PMP), a Business Relationship Management Professional (BRMP), and an Associate Business Continuity Professional. Her recent projects include implementing Cityworks Asset Management System for Water, Wastewater, and the Wastewater Treatment Plants and upgrading both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA software packages.

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Leadership Message - by Eva Gorgi

The first few months of the year are typically the busiest for WEAT-NTS and we started off 2016 with a bang:

- The January lunch meeting was sold out, we had 104 people in attendance, and what a treat we had. [Buster Fishera's](#) mom made meatballs that were to die for! Whoever did not come, missed out not only a great presentation, but also delicious food made by a real Italian lady.
- February Seminar was another successful WEAT-NTS' event. "Taking Control" (this year's topic) attracted 145 attendees. A huge kudos to [Fred Holmes](#), February Seminar Chair, and his team for a second year of the phenomenal seminar and the great program. This year Fred could sleep well at night before the seminar without worrying about icy roads and making a difficult whether or not cancel the seminar (do you remember last year's weather condition?).
- [Amy Robinson's](#) education outreach program sponsored the Future City Competition in January and Dallas and Fort Worth Science Fairs in February. Thank you to all the volunteers for judging at these events, promoting our industry, and making a positive impact in the community.
- [Nash Reddy](#), Awards Chair, promoted and coordinated 2016 WEAT and WEF awards. Our section submitted numerous award applications in all listed categories. Great job, North Texas Section!
- Professional Wastewater Operator (PWO) Committee has been working on a new webinar program for operators. Webinars topics will target operators' interest, provide their professional development, and offer TCEQ continuing education hours. The first webinar will be launched on May 4th.
- Another event is around the corner! [Heather Compton](#) has been working hard on organizing the 7th Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Tournament. Let's just hope for better weather. Do you remember how freezing cold and wet it was last year? This year the event will take place at the Dallas Gun Club- a very nice and exclusive private club. Many thanks to [Gary McNiel](#) from Prime Controls for his assistance and coordination. Have you already registered your team? A few years ago, I was a part of Erin Flanagan's "Bullets & Bombshells" team. As a very green shooter, I still got a double digit score.....please do not ask me what the score was. Additionally, our team got "The Most Honest Team" award. It was tons of fun, however, after this remarkable experience, I decided to volunteer instead. Last year, I became a cook first assistant. I am sure you remember great BBQ smoked by [Jeff Lungrin](#). Jeff has offered to BBQ for us again this year. Please come and join us as a shooter or volunteer!

I look forward to seeing you at a future event!

Eva Gorgi, WEAT-NTS President



WEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Are you interested in helping our organization and industry? Please contact any of the WEAT-NTS Officers for opportunities to help your community!

WEAT-NTS 2015 - 2016 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location (*Tentative)	Topic/Speaker (*Tentative)
3/11/16 (Fr)	Sporting Clays	TBD	
3/17/16 (Th)	March Dinner Meeting	Texas Star, Euless	Communications During Crisis; Cynthia Baughman, Garland Water Utilites
3/31/16 (Th)	YP Dodson Drive Fundraiser Happy Hour	Free Play, Richardson	See flyer for more info
4/19/16 - 4/22/16	Texas Water 2016	Fort Worth Convention Center	
5/19/16 (Th)	May Plant Tour Dinner	Doe Branch WRP; Prairie House Restaurant, Aubrey, TX	Jody Zabolio, UTRWD; Smir Mathur, CDMSmith; Dean Gorell, CDM Constructors
6/30/15	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!!!		

WEAT-North Texas Section Call for Officer Nominations!

It is that time of year again to round up all interested individuals who wish to serve in a WEAT officer role. Please send in nominations of individuals that you feel would best assist in carrying out the duties and mission of the North Texas Section.

We are receiving nominations for the following Officer Positions:

President-Elect
Vice President
Treasurer
Section Representative

Nominations should be sent to the Nominations Chair, Jeff Sober, at ecf@freese.com. Nominations are due by the last day of April. The election of officers will occur at the May Dinner Meeting.

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WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2015—June 2016 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities

The sponsorship will support:

- WEAT-NTS and Darryl Hall Scholarship Funds
- Meeting Dinners
- Sections activities (fall BBQ and Sporting Clays Tournament)
- February Seminar
- Young Professionals
- Outreach Program (Science Fair, Future Cities, etc.)

Dinner Meeting Sponsors:

Platinum \$1,850

- Recognition at **ALL** six meetings
- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is the same as a Gold Sponsor plus
 - ✓ Company name included in newsletter announcements, reminder emails, and sign at meeting
 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
 - ✓ Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of the meeting
 - ✓ Includes Sponsor Ship of
 - ✓ February Seminar
 - ✓ Weat NTS Scholarship
 - ✓ Daryl Hall Scholarship
 - ✓ Business card ad in the NTS newsletter

Gold \$1,250

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

Classic \$250

- For one dinner meeting
- Recognition of Classic Sponsors
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 - ✓ Sign at meeting listing the sponsors (name of firm)
 - ✓ Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

Individual Sponsorship Opportunities:

• Fall BBQ Picnic Cook-off	\$250
• Sporting Clay Station	\$150
• Weat NTS Scholarship Fund (annual contribution)	\$100
• Daryl Hall Scholarship Fund (annual contribution)	\$100
• Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
• NTS February Seminar	\$300
• NTS February Seminar Table	\$500
• NTS February Seminar Break Area	\$1,000
• NTS Young Professionals	\$100

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

By Erin Flanagan

The January WEAT-NTS meeting was held at the City of Fort Worth's Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility (VCWRF), on Thursday, January 21, 2016. This meeting was the second lunch meeting held by the NTS in an initiative to provide additional opportunity for operations staff involvement.

Jerry Pressley (VCWRF), David Jackson, P.E. (Freese and Nichols, Inc.), and Dr. Farida Goderya (City of Fort Worth), presented on the design criteria development, piloting, hydraulic modeling and construction of filter improvements that helped achieve expansion of the filters from a pre-renovation capacity of 110 MGD to the sustained peak wet weather capacity of 220 MGD. Mr. Pressley also discussed operational procedures for managing the VCWRF flow during a historic wet weather event, challenges faced by the VCWRF staff, operating procedures used by the plant to handle the peak and push the filters to their maximum sustained capacity, and the operational successes achieved. Thank you Mr. Pressley, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Goderya, VCRF staff, and other meeting coordinators for your time and commitment to our organization!



Standing Room Only for the presentation and delicious Mama Fichera's meatballs.



WEAT-NTS President Eva Gorgi (right) presents (from left) Jerry Pressley (VCWRF), Dr. Farida Goderya (City of Fort Worth), and David Jackson, P.E. (Freese and Nichols, Inc.) *statuettes* of appreciation.

FEBRUARY SEMINAR RECAP

By Fred Holmes

WEAT-NTS held its annual February Seminar at CityPlace on February 16th. The event featured 22 speakers giving attendees a wide variety of presentations on the theme of Taking Control. Presentations ranged from topics on Asset Management and Handling Extreme Events to Operational Controls and Risk Mitigation.



The 145 attendees were treated to a Star Wars theme this year complete with lightsaber pointer, Imperial March and the scrolling list of sponsors. 35 sponsors supported the event this year including the two platinum sponsors Municipal Valve and Equipment Company and Hach Company.



Left: Panel speakers Shrirang Golhar, John Durbin and Travis Andrews provided exciting success stories about municipalities working through the tough situations that nature provides.



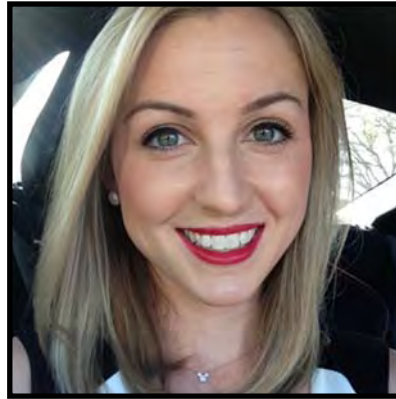
Together we were able to raise more than \$15,000 in scholarship money for college students, the future of the industry!

WEAT-NTS SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Chair: Chris Young



Stephanie Willey



Kylee Kitrell



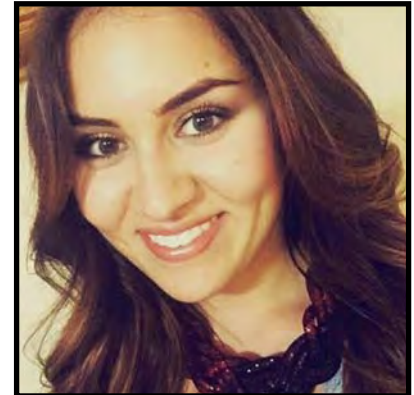
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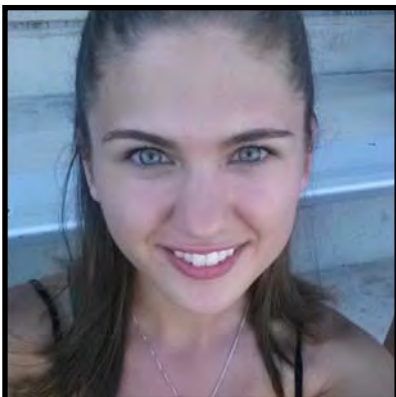
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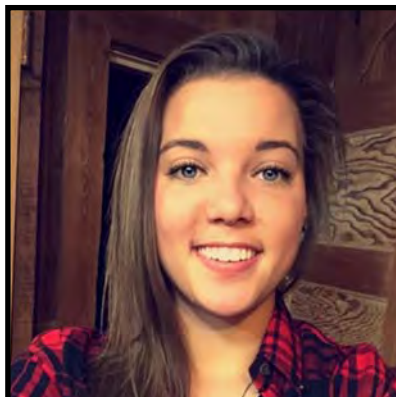
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Additional Scholars (Not Pictured): Patricia Gorgi, Matthew Longoria, Beatriz Manrique, Elizabeth Allen, Connie Xavier, Emily Benton, Kinney Xavier, Colin McDonald, Claudia Gorgi, Ryan Cottingame, John Bennett, Hannah Foster

E&I COMMITTEE

By George Luke

The WEAT E&I Committee held its first technical seminar of 2016 on Wednesday, 20th January. This session presented various topics regarding critical power applications. The presenters were:

Jim Tubbesing and Heath Wilson, Tubbesing Solutions:

1. Electrical Equipment Layouts for Critical power Applications
2. Smart UPS Features for Critical Power Applications
3. UPS Topologies for Critical Power Applications
4. Power Distribution Trends for Critical Power Applications
5. HVAC Design Trends for Critical Power Applications

Scott Thomas, Cummins Power Generation

1. Emergency Power Systems

We had about 35 attendees from across the Metroplex representing owners, consultants, and contractors. A copy of each presentation is available for download from the WEAT website. The seminar was held at the WESCO's Facility in Irving and they provided lunch immediately following the seminar. As you know, we have not charged, nor do we plan to begin charging any fee for participation in these seminars. It is through the generosity and support of organizations (such as WESCO in this case) that we are able to host the meeting and provide a meal for free.

Please notice that we will drop down to one presentation a quarter instead of every-other month. Therefore we will only do four seminars this year instead of 6 (January, April, July, October). Our next seminar is scheduled for 20th April and the general topic is "Site Inspections". It will address such things as: Lessons Learned, Budgeting, What to Look For, Documenting, Enforcing, Manufacturers' Certification, Commissioning. More information will be forth coming in a couple of months.

YP COMMITTEE

WEAT/AWWA Happy Hour
Benefiting the YP Dodson Drive 5k

Thursday, March 31, 2016
6 – 9 PM

Join us for some fun at Free Play in Richardson!
For every entry during our "Happy Hour," Free Play
is donating a portion towards the YP Dodson Drive 5k!

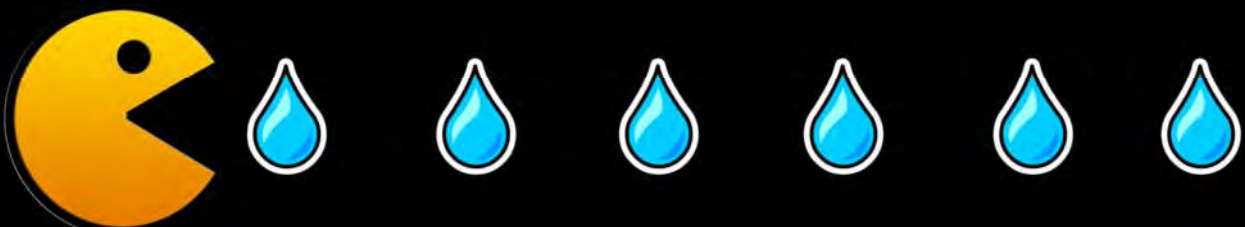
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About

\$10 Entry Fee (plus tax)
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EVENT DETAILS

The 7th Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Event will be filled with food, fun, and good old-fashioned competition between friends. Proceeds will benefit the WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund.

- Suitable for experienced and inexperienced shooters
- Bring your own equipment or rent at the range
- 100 clay targets per participant
- Shells sold separate from registration
- Mulligans or do-overs available for \$5 each and can be purchased on site
- 12 stations, each with two automatic target throwers
- Four shooters per team. Individuals not on a team will be assigned a team at the event
- Barbecue lunch and drinks provided
- Event will be rescheduled only if heavy storms occur
- Shooters age 14 and younger will be accompanied by an adult

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams as well as first, second, and third place individuals. Raffle drawings during lunch.

Additional prizes for:

- Most honest team score
- Most honest individual score
- Top female shooter
- Sponsorship recognition award
- Most improved

RULES

For the safety of shooters and bystanders:

- Each station will have a WEAT-NTS volunteer
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory
- Gun breech or actions must be open to show gun is unloaded at all times unless in the cage and ready to fire
- Never load gun until in the cage and ready to fire
- Never load more than two shells in a gun
- No shot size larger than 7-1/2s (7-1/2s, 8s and 9s only)
- Guns must have full stock and minimum 21-inch barrel
- Alcohol is prohibited during
- Waiver forms will be required at check-in

Questions or volunteer opportunities contact:

Heather Compton at 214-619-9014 or

HACompton@GarverUSA.com

WHAT IS SPORTING CLAYS?

Sporting clays is “golf with a shotgun.” It is a form of clay pigeon shooting that involves shooting clay targets at multiple locations (stations). Sporting clays targets are thrown in a great variety of trajectories, elevations, and distances. Targets can come through the trees, over your head, left to right, right to left, in any path a real bird might take. The stations are designed to be unpredictable and challenging for the shooter.

Each station has two clay-throwing machines. Targets are thrown in pairs. The number of clay pairs will vary from station to station. The types of pairs will also vary.

Some stations will be “report pairs” (the second target is launched on the report of the shooter’s gun) and others will be “true pairs” (the two targets are thrown simultaneously).

Scoring is simple. Your team will receive one scoring card per shooter, with individual scoring based on 100 shots. For every target you break, the scorer will mark an X in the blank provided; if you miss, you mark an O. The number and type of pairs will vary by station. The high score is determined by the total sum of targets hit.

REGISTRATION FORM

	.Price	No.	Total
Deluxe Package	\$890	▬	\$ ▬
includes packaged sponsorship, 4 shooter fees, 4 ammo(Qty. 20 gauge, Qty. 12 gauge) and 4 raffle tickets (PAID before 3/1/16).			
Registration Fee for ShootersPrice	No.	Total
<i>includes breakfast, lunch, and giveaways</i>			
Shooter's fee (PAID registration before 3/1/16)	\$105	▬	\$ ▬
Shooter's fee (PAID registration after 3/1/16)	\$115	▬	\$ ▬
Ammunition (100 rounds)			
12 gauge	\$35	▬	\$ ▬
20 gauge	\$35	▬	\$ ▬
Optional Items			
Lunch tickets (non-shooters only)	\$20	▬	\$ ▬
Mulligan (do-over)	\$5	▬	\$ ▬
Eye and ear protection	\$5	▬	\$ ▬
Raffle ticket available on site. No limit on tickets.	\$20	▬	\$ ▬
Event Sponsorship			
Stations sponsorship: Sign at a station	\$150	▬	\$ ▬
Event sponsorship: Sign at meeting/lunch area.	\$150	▬	\$ ▬
Packaged Sponsorship: Sign at station and lunch area	\$250	▬	\$ ▬ Save \$50!
Total Amount Due			\$ ▬

Registration Deadline
Friday, March 4th

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Team Name: _____
Main Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____

Shooter 1: _____
 email: _____

Shooter 3: _____
 email: _____

Shooter 2: _____
 email: _____

Shooter 4: _____
 email: _____

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FROM DENTON - Take I 35 south. Exit # 448A – 121 Grapevine/McKinney. Go through the intersection and continue on the service road. Entrance is 100 yards on the right.





YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

DODSON'S DRIVE 5K



Registration Information

Name: _____
 Gender: male female Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL
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 c/o Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT)
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All registrations are final. There are no refunds. Checks can be made payable to Water Environment Association of Texas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Dodson's Drive was created in the spring of 2011 to honor the life and work of Kenneth Dodson. Kenny D worked in the wastewater industry for 35 years and was a tireless supporter of YP education and growth throughout Texas.

The Young Professionals' Dodson Drive 5k helps raise funds to support WEAT/TAWWA Young Professionals' activities around Texas, scholarship funds and to send YPs to the Young Professional Summit each year.

This year's 5k will be held in downtown Fort Worth!

Registration Fees:

\$30 Timed Individual Entry (through 4/10)
 Prices increase after 4/10, so register today!

Team registration prices are listed on the online registration site.

www.getmeregistered.com/DodsonDrive5k
 Sponsorship opportunities are available!!!!

Visit our Facebook page for the latest updates:

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Online registration:

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Water For People Silent Auction

Texas Water 2016™

April 19-22, Fort Worth, TX



WATER FOR PEOPLE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!
Please donate to the Texas Water 2016™ Silent Auction

Details:

- Silent Auction items can include tickets to sporting events, art, wine, clothing, professional memberships, electronics, gift cards, etc...
- Monetary donations and corporate sponsorships are welcome. Donations are tax-deductible up to the value of the item.
- The Texas Water 2016™ silent auction will take place on Wednesday and Thursday and will be located at the entry to the exhibit hall.
- Bidding closes Thursday at 2 P.M. Most items will be displayed at the booth, and some items may be used as a prize in the raffle.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, FOR SPONSORSHIP, OR TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

John Logan
Tel: 214-217-2381 - John.Logan@freese.com
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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to tell you about an exciting event where you have an opportunity to make a difference and to get your name out to thousands of potential patrons.

This year we are helping to make a difference as part of the Texas Water for People committee held at the Texas Water Conference 2016™ in April which is being held at the Fort Worth Convention Center in downtown Fort Worth, TX. This is the Largest Regional Water Conference in the U.S. The Water for People committee of the Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA) and the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) is operating a silent auction, and all proceeds will go directly to Water For People. Please consider a donation to our auction, and bring us one step closer to ending the cycle of water and sanitation poverty for good.

Through partnerships in the countries where we work, Water for People's goal is to reach total water and sanitation coverage in entire regions. To create sustainable solutions, we engage families, communities, government entities, and local businesses to plan, finance, build, operate, and maintain their own systems so that they last well into the future, without additional support.

Water For People has launched a challenge for the "everyone, forever commitment"—an initiative to create a movement in the international development sector where organizations are expected to plan and facilitate programs that provide improved water and sanitation services; keep water flowing and latrines useful; and identify and maintain new, sustainable solutions. Our goal is to reach **everyone** and shift the international water and sanitation development sector to achieve more.

Rest assured that we are accountable to all our supporters. For eleven consecutive years, Water for People has earned a four-star rating from [Charity Navigator](#), America's leading charity evaluator for fiscal responsibility.

We hope that you share in our vision to bring world-wide water and sanitation, and we hope that you will take the first step by contributing to our cause. Included below is our "In-Kind Donations" form. Please email a copy of the completed form to John.Logan@freese.com prior to sending the item, or visit the Texas Water 2016 website and complete the [online form](#). If you have questions, please email John Logan at the address above.

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