

NORTH TEXAS SECTION E-NEWSLETTER

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MAY DINNER MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Location:

Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility
4500 Wilma Lane
Arlington, Texas 76012

Agenda:

5:30 p.m. — Meet and Greet
6:15 p.m. — Dinner
6:35 p.m. — Announcements
6:50 p.m. — Science Fair Presentations
7:10 p.m. — Presentation
7:30 p.m. — Tour of the Facilities

Speakers:

Buster Fichera, REM; Leonard Ripley, PhD, PE, BCEE; Vic Weir, PE

COST	BEFORE MAY 13	ON/AFTER MAY 13
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RSVP: Brigit Buff at treasurer@weat-nts.org

MEETING DETAILS

This is a meeting you won't want to miss! Dinner will consist of smoked chicken, baked beans, potato salad, dinner salad, rolls, and assorted beverages, so come hungry! The Science Fair participants will present their projects, which will be showcased in the foyer of the Admin Building. You will see a presentation about co-generation and HRSG, followed by an informative tour of Fort Worth's award-winning Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility.



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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Buster Fichera, REM, has over 34 years of experience in the environmental field, spending 10 years in Pinellas County, Florida, where he set up the Pinellas County Sewer System environmental laboratory, the pretreatment program, and worked on deep well injection, wetland polishing, and water reuse projects. He received his degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976. He has been with the Fort Worth Water Department for the past 20 years and currently serves as the Assistant Director over the Water Reclamation Division, which includes the Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility and Pretreatment Services Group.

Leonard Ripley, PhD, PE, BCEE, has a breadth of experience that spans a wide variety of municipal and industrial wastewater projects, including treatment plant evaluations, process design, field and lab testing, operations and troubleshooting, and peer review. His specialty areas include biological treatment, nutrient removal, biosolids treatment, anaerobic treatment processes, and waste-to-energy projects. He has been with Freese and Nichols for 23 years. Before Freese and Nichols, Dr. Ripley completed 15 years of experience in research, teaching, state regulatory agencies, and two other consulting firms. He was awarded WEAT's 2011 Winfield S. Mahlie Award and holds two patents for anaerobic wastewater treatment.

Vic Weir, PE, has been a full-time consulting engineer in Fort Worth, Texas, for over 45 years. He is principal with two consulting firms: Friberg, Alexander, Maloney, Gipson, and Weir and with MULTATECH Engineering, Inc., where he was one of the original founders. His current specialty is mechanical engineering and its integration with energy, water, and wastewater treatment. He also specializes in designing mechanical electrical systems in high-end residential projects.

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



As I prepare this final message at the end of my presidency, I am amazed at the speed at which this past year has flown by. I began this year with many ideas and goals to engage the fabulous members in our Section. As I now look back on the year, I am comforted by the realization that **the North Texas Section is a powerful group of individuals.** I am honored to have served the Section with the support of an Executive Committee that gives so passionately of their time and energy. I want to thank all of you for making our Section the best in Texas! Please read the special editorial *NTS 2012–2013: Thanks and Gratitude!* that recognizes the dedication of our member volunteers for their behind the scenes work to support and advance our Section.

With **Texas Water 2013** in our rearview mirror, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the success of the largest regional water conference in the United States. With 3,235 total conference attendees, Galveston's Texas Water 2013 continues to advance our industries position on a national scale. The 121 volunteers for this year's conference is an encouraging indicator for what is to come!

With a total of 20 WEAT sections in the State of Texas, six of which have active local membership participation, **the North Texas Section took home 12 of the 20 WEAT/WEF awards.** Make sure to read this month's Announcements section for a list of all our winners! Congratulate them on a job well done! If you don't see them on a normal business day, send them an e-mail or pick up the phone to tell them "Great job!" It is up to all of us to support our members and encourage the outstanding performance that has been recognized! The positive reinforcement we provide will set the wheels in motion for excellence in our industry's future.

And **WHAT AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE** this month's Operations Corner highlights. Please give a big round of applause to Trinity River Authority's **Steve Price, Daniel Gonzalez, and Raudel Juarez** for the courage and professionalism they displayed under pressure. Their actions saved the life of an individual who fell into an on-line operating influent pump station wet well and earned them the WEAT Medal of Honor for Heroism Award!

Our North Texas Ops Challenge Teams continued to excel at Texas Water this year, bringing home First and Second Place overall! **Trinity River Authority's CReWSers** won First Place in the Safety Event, the Maintenance Event, and the Collection Event. Taking Second Place in the Laboratory Event and Fourth in Process, the CReWSers maintained their winning streak and brought home their 16th Operations Challenge Competition win in a row! After hitting such high marks, the CReWSers still had enough left to bring home First Place in the Seepex Event. Great job, CReWSers!

The **Dallas AquaTechs** took nothing for granted and stayed right on the CReWSers heels, finishing Second Place in the overall Operations Challenge Competition. The AquaTechs had strong performances with Second Place wins in the Safety Event and Collections and Third Place wins in Laboratory, Process, and Maintenance. The AquaTechs continued to give their all and finished Second Place in the Seepex Event. Go, AquaTechs!

Don't think these guys only compete against each other! Displaying professionalism and teamwork, our North Texas Ops Teams joined forces as the **WEAT DREAM Team** and won First Place Overall at the Atlantic City Regional Competition. What an incredible group of guys! Be on the lookout for a writeup from Jeff Sober on performances of our NTS members in the Shoot-Out Competition.

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE (CONT'D)

The 4th Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Event once again proved to be a great success, with a record-setting 40 teams competing for first place. A big thanks goes out to **Jeff Sober**, his team of volunteers, and the generous sponsors that make this event one of the North Texas Section's most coveted fundraisers! Please read the 2013 Sporting Clays Event write-up (complete with event photos!) in this month's newsletter.

The joint effort of WEAT/TAWWA at the **Regional Science and Engineers Fair** continues to demonstrate what we can accomplish together. We will have the honor of meeting and hearing from four of this year's winners at our May Dinner Meeting. Make sure you read the Announcements for this year's winners and congratulate them!

Don't forget to thank **Amy Robinson**, our Education Committee Chair, and the many WEAT/TAWWA volunteers that made this year's events a success.

May is the time of year we again reach out to our membership and look for individuals who have the passion and dedication to take our North Texas Section membership to the next level. As I slide into the role of Past President, I want to thank the Executive Committee, the Committee Chairs, and the entire North Texas Section membership for making this **one fantastic year** that I will never forget!

Dawn Anderson, PE
WEAT-NTS President

P.S.: Don't miss an opportunity to check out WEAT on social media! We are currently missing over 1,450 of our members. You know how it's done: join WEAT on Facebook, post the magic words, and I'll buy your May dinner!

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WEAT-NTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE WATER PLAN HEARINGS HELD

In a disappointing turn of events, **HB 11**, which would have provided \$2 billion for State water plan projects, was returned to committee on a point of order (technicality) and was not passed by the House.

Rep. Brandon Creighton offered a controversial amendment that would have cut the General Revenue budget by \$2 billion if two thirds of the House members did not approve \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund. This amendment from Rep. Creighton drew a lot of passionate debate about the effect it would have had on reducing funding for education, public safety pay raises, and human services. After three hours of debate and several points of order that were overruled, HB 11 was finally taken down on a point of order that was sustained.

HB 11 has now been referred back to the House Appropriations Committee. That Committee could still vote out HB 19 (Rep. Darby's bill that has \$3.7 billion from the Rainy Day Fund for water and transportation). The House could also consider SJR

1, which has been passed by the Senate. However, SJR 1 will require a constitutional amendment to take funds from the Rainy Day Fund for water and transportation.

In happier news, **HB 4** and **SB 4** both passed the Senate with six amendments. HB 4 and SB 4 are Ritter's and Fraser's bills to create the dedicated SWIFT Fund for the water plan and restructure the TWDB.

HB 824 relating to a volume-based exemption for reporting sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) passed the House on April 30. The bill exempts utilities from having to report SSOs of less than 1,000 gallons to TCEQ within 24 hours. Before passage, an amendment by Rep. Burnam was added which requires that SSOs less than 1,000 gallons be reported to TCEQ on a monthly basis. The bill will now move to the Senate for consideration in the Senate Natural Resources Committee and may undergo additional revisions there.

Don't forget to check the WEAT website legislative page frequently to find the listing of water-related bills that WEAT is tracking.





NTS 2012 – 2013: THANKS AND GRATITUDE!

A special message from President Dawn Anderson

Special thanks goes out to **Erin Flanagan**, our Past President, who continuously pushed me to stay on track. She has the organizational skills that keep us moving forward with our mission. Ms. Flanagan has been a tremendous support, along with **Darryl Corbin**, our Section Representative, in getting our Section focused so we can spend our time making a real impact.

I am forever grateful to **Buster Fichera**, our incoming President, for supporting my goals this year and allowing me to continue with the unfinished business of modernizing our website and preparing for the North Texas Section 30-Year Anniversary Extravaganza! (More to come on that front from our very own **Monique Florez**, the Anniversary Committee Chair!) I am excited to be a part of the gala that Ms. Florez and Betty Jordan, our Historian Chair, will create.

My admiration goes out to **Brigit Buff**, our Treasurer, for not only holding down the fort this year but managing to give birth to a beautiful baby boy along the way. Ms. Buff has continued to streamline the accounting processes that add value to both our members and the Executive Committee. Having served as Treasurer—well, in name—I understand the demands of the position, and she managed the challenges with ease. Except for the “Where’s the credit card?” episode at the clay shoot (which I totally blame on Mr. Sober), Ms. Buff has had an amazing year! I know that next year she will continue to be a rock star!

To **Eva Gorgi** and **Amy Robinson**: I do not have the words to express my gratitude for all you both have done to improve our educational outreach. Ms. Gorgi has taken a leadership role in organizing our O&M Lunch ‘n’ Learns, a program designed to promote our Operations and Maintenance Professionals at our treatment plants. The first event is being scheduled for June 2013 at Dallas

Water Utilities’ Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. I look forward to supporting this effort as well as her initiative to pilot a DWU/ DISD partnership geared toward increasing our industry’s quality applicants at our treatment plants!

Amy Robinson has taken the bull by the horns and expanded our Education Committee. Ms. Robinson not only organized the North Texas Science Fairs, she has orchestrated opportunities to reach out to local schools to elevate the knowledge of the water and wastewater industry. I encourage each of you to contact her about opportunities to present to the students and be a solution to our industry’s unheard voices. If speaking to classes is not appealing to you, please consider joining the Education Committee’s Future City Competition Mentoring Program, led by **Mark Mihm**.

I would like to thank **Jeff Sober**, for... well, being Jeff Sober. Mr. Sober has been a phenomenal example of the commitment and dedication I see in the North Texas Section members. He has continued to bring new ideas to our Section and supported our O&M staff through his leadership role in Operations Challenge. Mr. Sober represents the best of what we have to offer, and it has been a pleasure to work beside him.

My appreciation goes out to the hardworking and dedicated YP Committee Chairs: **Stephanie Moore**, **Charles Norman**, and **John Zwerneman**. (Best wishes to **Jessica Vassar** as she moves on!) This group of Young Professionals has continued to raise the bar and set new records for member participation. It is reassuring to have such a committee group grow into the leadership of this organization.



NTS 2012 – 2013: THANKS AND GRATITUDE! (CONT'D)

I would also like to thank the commitment of our February Seminar Committee Chair, **Mark Perkins**, for giving us a new perspective and a new audience for the most important fundraising event we have each year. The record-setting funds raised allow our Section to not only continue but increase our scholarship capabilities.

Our Scholarship Chair, **Matt Jalbert**, managed a total of \$19,200 in scholarships with 16 recipients (14 WEAT-NTS Scholarships and 2 Daryl Hall Memorial Scholarships). Mr. Jalbert, get ready to be challenged again, as our Section is committed to increasing our support in the upcoming year!

I would like to thank not only personally, but on behalf of the Executive Committee and the entire Section, **Lauren Kobzeff**, our Electronic Communications Chair, for keeping us in line and informed. Ms. Kobzeff has to wear many hats and has done an outstanding job on the NTS Newsletter—some now say we have moved into the magazine category with the increased material! I am grateful for her support in keeping the Operations Corner editorial alive and coordinating the Legislative Update with Carol Batterton. I could not have done it without her! I look forward to working with her and our

esteemed Webmaster, **Holly Ingram**, over the next year to create a new look for our Section that engages our members. (It's gonna be a blast, ladies!)

Thank you to **Malcolm Cowdin**, our committed Photography Chair, for always being there and capturing the moment. Mr. Cowdin's dedication over the years will be showcased at the 30-Year Anniversary, and he has been our Section's rock through it all. Thank you, Malcolm!

I also want to thank our Awards Committee Chair, **Phil Spitzer**, and Amy Robinson for the commitment to and recognition of the North Texas Section members. The North Texas Section members received 12 WEAT awards at Texas Water 2013. Our members and our section have a great deal to be proud of.

Finally, I would like to thank **our generous sponsors**. You make all that we do in the North Texas Section possible—that is to say, we quite literally couldn't do it without you!

I look forward to continuing to support this effort that recognizes our members who give so generously of themselves!

Dawn





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MARCH 2013 DINNER MEETING

A large contingent of North Texas Section members gathered on March 21 at Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Center to hear Ken Wesson and Jenna Covington, PE, present on the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Biosolids Master Plan. Mr. Wesson, who is the District's Wastewater Systems Manager for the NTMWD, and Ms. Covington (a Project Manager and Client Portfolio Manager with CH2M HILL), presented the evaluation and planning process utilized and results when researching potential sustainable biosolids management improvements. Their presentation provided valuable insights into the trends in the residuals industry including the drivers for change to more sustainable systems and technological advances enabling facilities to adapt more efficiently.



Ken Wesson and Jenna Covington were each presented with a plaque of appreciation for their presentation on the NTMWD Biosolids Masterplan at the March 2013 dinner meeting.



Jeff Sober, WEAT-NTS Vice President, gave a follow-up on another successful Sporting Clays event. Check out the writeup on the following pages—it was a success!



Many thanks to our generous meeting sponsors!

MARCH 2013 DINNER MEETING (CONT'D)



Mark Perkins gave an update on the financial success of the February Seminar.



Stephanie Moore, Fort Worth YP Representative, gave an update about the exciting things happening with the YP group and reminded everyone about the Rahr Brewery Tour on May 9, 2013.



Eva Gorgi, WEAT-NTS Secretary, gave us a recap about the happenings at Future City.

2013 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

The 4th Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays event was a hootenanny for a bunch of folks that may or may not have been shootenanny. A big thanks goes out to our many sponsors, volunteers, and participants. With **over 140 participants**, **20 volunteers**, and **almost 40 different teams**, this event continues to grow in popularity. This year, Elm Fork provided golf carts to all teams—this certainly helped all teams be on their A-game! This year's sponsors included:

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AWARD	RECIPIENT	SCORE
Team – 1 st Place	Prime Controls	81
Team – 2 nd Place	Carollo/DWU	80
Team – 3 rd Place	CDM Smith	80
Team – Most Honest	Kimberlie West Brashear	19
Team – 2 nd to Last	CDM Smith	31
Individual – 1 st Place	Gary Anglin	96
Individual – 2 nd Place	Rudy Kilian	88
Individual – 3 rd Place	John Bennett	87
Individual – Most Honest	Andrea Odegard-Begay	5
Female – 1 st Place	Stephanie Moore	50
Female – 2 nd Place	Corinne Kluge	46

After a long day of shooting, teams were rewarded with a BBQ lunch provided by Ken Moore. Overall, the event helped raise **\$5,093.16** for the scholarship fund. This event would not be possible without our volunteers and willing participants. Thank you again for all who helped to make this event a success.

We are looking forward to another successful event next year!

2013 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT (CONT'D)



Betty Jordan and Gary Sober help out during the morning registration.



The first teams set out to begin their day of leisure drivin' around the shootin' range.



First Place Overall Team Award—with an average of 81 shots—went to the Prime Controls Team comprised of Gary Anglin, Jace McNiell, Gary McNiell, and Jim McMillon. Be prepared for next year and snatch these shooters up early!

2013 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT (CONT'D)

The Carollo/SWU Team came in a close **Second Place Overall** with an average of 80.0 points. This team consisted of Rudy Kilian, Mark Evers, James Ray, Kevin Willie, and Wes Kucera.



Third Place Overall went to the TRA Terdherders / CDM Smith Team (with an average score of 79.8 points) consisting of John Bennett, Doug Varner, Fred Wilms, and Dean Gorrell.

The **Most Honest Team Award** went to the team consisting of Kimberlie West Brashear, her son Chris Brashear, and Andrea Odegard-Begay with an average score of 19 points.



2013 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT (CONT'D)



The **At Least We're Not Last Award** went to the CDM Smith Team (comprised of Kent Riker, Tim Allen, Ana Peña-Tijerina, and Hernan Tijerina) with an average score of 31 points.

First Place Female was Stephanie Moore, Fort Worth Section YP Rep, with a score of 50.



Second Place Female went to Corinne Kluge with a score of 46 points.

2013 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT (CONT'D)

First Place Individual went to Gary Anglin with a total of 96 out of 100 clays hit.



Second Place Individual was awarded to Rudy Kilian with 88 points.



Third Place Individual was John Bennett, Past WEAT President, with 87 points.

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WEAT E&I COMMITTEE MAY SEMINAR

The WEAT E&I Committee held its most recent Technical Seminar on **Wednesday, May 15, 2013**. The topic was "Maintainable Power Systems," and presented were various considerations about features to include—as well as some to avoid—when designing an electrical distribution and controls system in order to have an infrastructure that is both reliable and easily maintained. Presenters included representatives from system owners, consulting engineers, and equipment manufacturers.

The following Technical Seminar is slated to be held on **Wednesday, July 17, 2013**. The topic will be "Maintenance Testing," and speakers will present information regarding the types of and associated benefits from performing routine testing on such items as cables, transformers, rotating machines, switchgear buswork, and circuit breakers. More information regarding speakers will be provided as plans are formalized.

In addition, the E&I Committee had five technical papers presented at the recent Texas Water 2013 Conference. These papers were presented on Friday morning and were wonderfully attended. We had a higher average attendance per presentation and a higher total attendance at the E&I Session than the other technical sessions held Friday morning.

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Chief Operators **Steve Price** and **Daniel Gonzalez** and Senior Operator **Raudel Juarez** all work at the Trinity River Authority Central Regional Wastewater System (TRA CRWS), where they are responsible for the operations and safety of the 162-million-gallon-per-day wastewater plant.

On March 27, 2012, the CRWS control room received an alarming telephone call from Stephanie Shultz with CSS. She relayed that an individual had fallen into the wet well at Pump Station 6. Steve, Daniel, and Raudel reacted quickly to secure the station and initiate rescue operations. Steve immediately secured the pumps at Pump Station 6 to prevent the individual being pulled into a vortex while Raudel and Daniel called first responders and worked in tandem to secure the gates at Pump Stations 6 and 6A, preventing the possibility of the individual being pulled into the opposite well at Pump Station 6A.

Upon arriving at Pump Station 6, Raudel and Daniel coordinated efforts with the first responders from Eagle to locate the distressed individual. Once the individual was located and secured, Daniel proceeded to secure the 110-inch valve gate at Pump Station 6 to isolate the well. Back at the control room, Steve continued to monitor

the pump station's wet well and manipulate the pumps to protect the area and ensure the continued operation of Pump Station 6A to prevent backflow into Station 6.

Once Pump Station 6 was secured, Raudel and Daniel continued assisting first responders. Steve directed CRWS staff while guiding the fire department to the accident location once they arrived at the front gate. Raudel led paramedics to the accident victim, who had been retrieved by Eagle's first responders at the bar screen area of Pump Station 6. With the arrival of several more ladder units and paramedics, Raudel and Daniel continued to assist with directions while the fire department assumed command of the situation.

As a result of their expertise, calmness, professionalism, and utilization of excellent safety training, the trio performed outstandingly in an emotionally charged situation and represented the Trinity River Authority in an extremely positive light. More importantly, by acting quickly and following their safety training procedures, they assisted in saving a life.



Steve, Daniel, and Raudel were publicly honored at Texas Water 2013 in Galveston, Texas.



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Tuesday, July 2, 2013 - 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
McLennan County College, Waco, 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 students and professionals in the art and science of wastewater treatment. This year WEAT is proud to present lectures by several key professionals and academics greatly influenced by Dr. Eckenfelder, including Dr. Joe Yelderma, Dr. Bill Batchelor, Dr. Bryan Brooks, and Dr. Ben Stanford.

Understanding What You Can't See: Emerging Contaminants and Fate of Compounds in Wastewater Treatment

PROGRAM

- 8:00 am - Registration, Continental Breakfast, Coffee
- 8:55 am - Welcome by Mr. Curtis Smalley, WEAT President
- 9:00 am - *Lessons Learned from a Wastewater Research Facility* - Dr. Joe Yelderma, Baylor University
- 9:45 am - *Interaction of Contaminant Properties and Plant Characteristics in Determining Fate of Compounds in Wastewater Treatment Plants* - Dr. Bill Batchelor, Texas A&M University
- 10:30 am - Break
- 10:40 am - *Perspectives on Environmental Assessments of Contaminants of Emerging Concerns* - Dr. Bryan Brooks, Baylor University
- 11:25 am - *Efficacy and Energy Requirements for Trace Contaminant Removal in Water Reuse Systems* - Dr. Ben Stanford, Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.
- 12:10 am - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Panel Discussion with Q&A - led by Dr. Ana J. Pena-Tijerina, City of Fort Worth Water Department
- 2:00 pm - Adjourn

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- 8:55 am - Welcome by Mr. Curtis Smalley, WEAT President
- 9:00 am - *Lessons Learned from a Wastewater Research Facility* - Dr. Joe Yelderman, Baylor University
- 9:45 am - *Interaction of Contaminant Properties and Plant Characteristics in Determining Fate of Compounds in Wastewater Treatment Plants* - Dr. Bill Batchelor, Texas A&M University
- 10:30 am - Break
- 10:40 am - *Perspectives on Environmental Assessments of Contaminants of Emerging Concerns* - Dr. Bryan Brooks, Baylor University
- 11:25 am - *Efficacy and Energy Requirements for Trace Contaminant Removal in Water Reuse Systems*- Dr. Ben Stanford, Hazen and Saywer, P.C.
- 12:10 am - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - Panel Discussion with Q&A - led by Dr. Ana J. Pena-Tijerina, City of Fort Worth Water Department
- 2:00 pm - Adjourn

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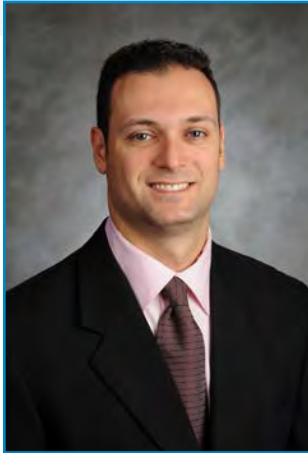
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FREESE & NICHOLS NAMES GENNADY BOKSINER AS ASSOCIATE



Gennady Boksiner, PE, BCEE, was recently named an Associate of Freese and Nichols. Gennady joined the Dallas office in 2004 in the Water/Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Group. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 2000 and his Master of Engineering in 2006, both from the University of Texas at Arlington. In December 2012, Gennady received his certification as a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE). He specializes in water and wastewater treatment plant design and hydraulics, treatment plant construction phase services, lift station and collection system design, and water/wastewater treatment planning.

WELCOME, AUSTIN BRYANT BUFF!

WEAT-NTS Treasurer **Brigit Buff** of CH2M HILL and **Brett Buff** of the North Texas Municipal Water District welcomed their first baby, **Austin Bryant Buff**, on March 1, 2013. Austin weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces. Congratulations to the Buff family!



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REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR WINNERS

The North Texas Sections of WEAT and TAWWA have again joined forces to support the **Dallas and Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fairs**. WEAT and TAWWA's support of the science and engineering fairs are one of the many ways our organizations serve the community at large.

Congratulations to all the students! We have invited the students to the May dinner meeting to share their projects with us. Come out to the meeting and congratulate them on their award winning accomplishments.

2013 DALLAS REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR WINNERS

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Sugirtha Panneerselva – Plano East Senior High
 - ✓ Project Title: *Tea for a Clean Sea: The Use of Porous Elements to Filter Water*
- 2nd Place: Dara Li – Jasper High School
 - ✓ Project Title: *The Clear Solution: Macro Algae on Wastewater Treatment*
- 3rd Place: John Anderson – Plano East Senior High
 - ✓ Project Title: *Is Your Drinking Water Safe?*

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Claire McKinney – Schimelpfenig Middle School
 - ✓ Project Title: *Low-Cost Water Sanitation*
- 2nd Place: Devarya Raman – Murphy Middle School
 - ✓ Project Title: *The Power of Green: How the Type of Wetland Plant Affects the Amount of Ammonium Nitrate in Water*
- 3rd Place: Brandon Cambre – Scoggins Middle School
 - ✓ Project Title: *Renewing the Reefs*



Many thanks to the WEAT/TAWWA volunteers who supported the Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Brenda and Farr Fakheri, Nash Reddy, Katie Livas, Barry Hampson, Sharavan Govindan, and Eric Redmond.

2013 FORT WORTH REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR WINNERS

This year's science fair did not have any Senior Division projects with a water/wastewater related emphasis, so all awards went to the Junior Division students. There were six projects that received a WEAT/TAWWA award.

Junior Division

1. Diana N. Dyer – Northstar School
 - ✓ Project Title: *Aliens Invade – What Will Stop the Mussel Mayhem?*
2. Noora Abu-Anbar – Harmony Science Academy
 - ✓ Project Title: *Pure Cure*
3. Elisa McRae – Harmony School of Innovation
 - ✓ Project Title: *Don't Clog Up!*
4. Kaitlyn A. Scanlon – Harmony Science Academy
 - ✓ Project Title: *What Not to Flush*

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5. Evan L. Irvin, Alondra Vasquez, Ximena Arista – Applied Learning Academy

✓ Project Title: *The Chemistry of Texas Selected Waters*

6. Jocelyn Carmona, Crystal Sanchez, Jennifer Ramirez – Applied Learning Academy of Fort Worth

✓ Project Title: *Water Quality Along the Trinity River Forks*



Many thanks to the WEAT/AWWA volunteers who supported the Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Lynsy Nagle, Chad Simmons, Karen Menard, Michael Roser, Glen Clingenpeel, Eddie Tovar, and Steve Frost.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2013 Daryl Hall and North Texas Section Scholarship applications are now available on the NTS website!

- **Daryl Hall:** <http://www.weat-nts.org/WEAT0/images/ARTWORK/DarylHallscholarship.pdf>
✓ Deadline: June 25, 2013, by 5:00 p.m.
- **North Texas Section:** <http://www.weat-nts.org/WEAT0/docs/NTS-WEATscholarshipapplication.pdf>
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WEAT-NTS Wins BIG IN WEAT 2012/2013 AWARDS!

The North Texas Section has a lot to be proud of, and this includes a grand total of **12 WEAT awards** for 2012/2013! Writeups for several of the winners are included in this issue of the newsletter, with more to come in the July 2013 edition. Check out the list of honorees below!

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Arthur Sidney Bedell	Jody Zabolio
Exemplary Employer	CDM Smith
George W. Burke, Jr.	City of Fort Worth Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility
Laboratory Analyst Excellence	Kiran Makanji
Medal of Honor for Heroism	Steve Price, Daniel Gonzalez, and Raudel Juarez
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year: Category 1 (less than 1 MGD)	City of Willis Wastewater Treatment Plant
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year: Category 2 (1 MGD to 15 MGD)	Trinity River Authority of Texas Red Oak Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment System
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year: Category 3 (greater than 15 MGD)	City of Fort Worth Water Department Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility
Outstanding Operator of the Year Award	Joe Thompson
WEF Life Membership Award	Thomas E. Taylor
William D. Hatfield	Larry Rowe
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Congratulations!

If you would like to submit photos or an award writeup for inclusion in the July newsletter, please contact **Lauren Kobzeff**, Electronic Communications Chair, at lkobzeff@apaienv.com.

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FNI/TRA WINS 2013 DODSON'S DRIVE 5K TEAM CHALLENGE

Freese and Nichols teamed up with the Trinity River Authority to participate in the Dodson Drive 5K Team Challenge at Texas Water 2013. The "Inglorious Sludge-Terds"—**Jason Crawley** (FNI), **Angellia Points** (FNI), **Richard Postma** (TRA), and **Dale Burrow** (TRA)—combined for the fastest overall time on the course around Moody Gardens on Galveston Island.



The Dodson Drive was created in spring 2011 to honor the life and work of Kenneth Dodson, who worked in the wastewater industry for 20 years and tirelessly supported Young Professional (YP) education and growth. Proceeds from the event support WEAT/ TAWWA YP activities around Texas and help send YPs to the YP Summit. The Inglorious Sludge-Terds plan to return to Texas Water next year to defend their Dodson Drive title.



VILLAGE CREEK WRF WINS TWO AWARDS AT TEXAS WATER 2013

The City of Fort Worth has much to be proud of with their double win for the Village Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The facility received both the George W. Burke, Jr., Award and the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year in Category 3 (WWTPs greater than 15 MGD).

The Village Creek facility has been serving East Fort Worth since 1958, when its original treatment capacity was 5 million gallons per day. Today, its average daily flow is 108.5 million gallons and it serves a population of over 900,000 in 22 communities.



Fun fact: About 90 percent of the energy required for aeration is produced by the generated power.



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KIRAN MAKANJI WINS LABORATORY ANALYST EXCELLENCE AWARD



Kiran Makanji received the WEAT Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award at Texas Water 2013. The award recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism, and contributions to water quality analysis.

For the last 24 years, Kiran has dedicated his career to the City of Dallas' Pretreatment and Analytical Services (PALS) Division. Currently, he is the interim Assistant Manager of laboratory section of PALS, managing two process control laboratories and one analytical laboratory. In this capacity, Kiran supervises 16 chemists and manages day-to-day activities of the laboratories. Since December 2003, Kiran has been Manager at the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Process Control Laboratory.

Kiran always seeks better ways to enhance laboratory performance and to reduce operating costs. He was a pioneer in successfully implementing the HACH method of phosphorus analysis using TNT vials, which has reduced both chemical usage and analysis time. He also investigated the new Metrohm titrator, which was put in service to increase the efficiency for analyzing digester samples. Based on his recommendation, other city wastewater laboratories have also applied these methods.

Kiran is heavily involved in both WEAT and WEF. Since 2006, Kiran has dedicated his time, talent, and knowledge to the Operations Challenge at Texas Water as a judge for the Laboratory Event. In 2007, 2008, and 2011, he also served as a judge at the national conference (WEFTEC). Since 1995, Kiran has been a mentor and a coach for the City of Dallas Aqua-Techs. His dedication has contributed to the Aqua-Techs' exceptional performance at both the state and national levels.

LARRY ROWE HONORED WITH WILLIAM D. HATFIELD AWARD



This April, WEAT applauded Larry Rowe's dedication to the world of wastewater with the William D. Hatfield Award, which recognizes an operator of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism. Throughout his professional career, Larry has proven himself as an outstanding, knowledgeable, and innovative operator, supportive and caring supervisor, talented instructor, and deeply involved volunteer at WEF/WEAT associations.

In 1984, Larry began his career at the 11-mgd Pecan Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant as an apprentice. After obtaining his "D" and "C" class wastewater operator license one year later, he was promoted to the operator's position. Due to his dedication, eagerness to learn, and interpersonal skills, he was promoted to a supervisor's position the following year, where he led five plant operators. In July 1988, Larry was hired by the City of Dallas as an operator of the 110-mgd Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP)

In 2008, Larry accepted the position of Operations Manager at the City of Dallas's 150-mgd Central Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWWTP), a role that he continues to fulfill today. CWWTP is the second City of Dallas wastewater treatment plant with the permitted flow of 150-mgd. Larry manages all day-to-day activities of the liquid treatment processes within the plant and controls diversion of the solids from CWWTP to SWWTP. He has held a TCEQ Class "A" Wastewater Treatment Operator license for the last seventeen years.

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CAROLLO ENGINEERS EXPANDS THEIR NORTH TEXAS PRESENCE

Carollo welcomes four new engineers:

- **Mandi Siebels, EIT**, has a B.S. in Chemistry from University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from University of Wisconsin – Madison. With her background in chemistry and wastewater testing and analysis, Mandi specializes in anaerobic digestion and wastewater treatment.
- **Chad Green, EIT**, has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Texas at Arlington and four years of engineering experience. He specializes in HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, and code compliance for water and wastewater facilities.
- **Letty Gomar, PE**, has a B.S. in Engineering from University of Texas at San Antonio and 10 years of engineering experience. She focuses on the design of water and wastewater pump stations, pipelines, distribution systems, and treatment facilities.
- **Rob Cullwell, PE**, has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from University of South Florida and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. He brings 16 years of experience in water and wastewater conveyance engineering, including the modeling and design of 500,000 lf of pipelines up to 120 inches in diameter.

KURT MATSCHERZ TO MANAGE HAZEN AND SAWYER'S HOUSTON OFFICE

Water and wastewater engineering firm Hazen and Sawyer announced today that **Kurt Matscherz** has been selected to manage the Firm's Houston office. This office will serve clients in the greater Houston area, drawing upon the Firm's worldwide resources as needed to address their water-related challenges.

Matscherz, who has been with Hazen and Sawyer for more than five years, has contributed to such notable projects as the recently completed 2,020-mgd Cat-Del Ultraviolet Light Disinfection Facility, the largest UV disinfection facility in the world. He served as the Design Services Project Manager during construction of this award-winning facility, which provides drinking water to nearly nine million New York residents.

Matscherz has more than 25 years of experience in water and wastewater, managing the design and construction of many facilities ranging from 100 gallons per minute to several hundred million gallons per day. He has worked with clients in New York, California, Ohio, and Massachusetts, including significant roles on many award-winning projects.

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CP&Y, Inc., would like to congratulate their most recent award winners!

- **Pete Patel, PE** (Chairman, CEO, and President) was recognized as a 2013 Honoree at the Dallas Business Journal Minority Business Leader Awards. The Dallas Business Journal awards this honor to minority business owners of fast-growing, innovative companies and those who possess a strong leadership role outside of their jobs and in their communities.
- **Bill Carroll, PE** (Senior Vice President) was honored as a 2013 American Water Works Association Life Member for his commitment to protecting the public's health through providing the highest quality drinking water.
- **Dawn Anderson, PE** (Vice President) received a service award from the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT). The award was presented to Dawn in recognition of her service to the organization and its mission through committee work.

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YP HAPPENINGS

BREW'S UP, DUDE!

The YPs held their second annual Rahr & Sons Brewery Tour on Thursday, May 9, in Fort Worth. The three lucky winners of the raffle drawing were **Collin Brown** (Pierce Pump) who won an iPad Mini, **Kent Riker** (CDM Smith) who took home a pair of Rangers tickets, and **Rick Zohne** who won an AMC gift card. In addition to enjoying great conversation and some delicious food and drinks, the YPs raised \$300 for Dodson's Drive! A special thanks was also given to the event sponsors:

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WEAT-NTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
WEAT-NTS May Dinner Meeting	May 16, 2013	Village Creek WRF	Co-Generation and HRSG; Tour of Village Creek WRF
Scholarship Application Deadline	June 25, 2013	Online	Daryl Hall and WEAT-NTS Scholarships
WEAT-NTS July Dinner Meeting	July 18, 2013	TBD	TBD
Annual Operations Challenge Cook-Off	Fall 2013	TBD	TBD



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