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November Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Location: Cowboys Golf Club
1600 Fairway Drive
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Agenda: 5:30 p.m. Social hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Announcements
7:15-8:00 p.m. Program

Speakers: Julia Hunt, Director of Arlington Water Utilities
Valery "Val" Jean-Bart, Arlington Water Utilities Project Manager
See bios on page 2.

Topic: Use of Reclaimed Water in the City of Arlington: a tapped resource!
The first phase of Arlington's reclaimed water system will deliver water to the following users: J.W. Dunlop Sports Complex, Chester Ditto Golf Course and Arlington Landfill. Through the planning process, Arlington Water Utilities has worked closely with each of the users to quantify their usage needs and educate them on regulatory requirements and the benefits of using reclaimed water. Arlington has also partnered with Fort Worth and the other wholesale customers to develop a common public awareness and training program for the regional system. A second phase is currently being evaluated and, if implemented, would expand the system to Arlington's Entertainment District which includes the newly constructed Dallas Cowboys Stadium, Texas Rangers Ballpark, theme parks and other commercial areas.

Cost:	Members	Full-Time
	<u>and Guests</u>	<u>Students</u>
Nov. 11 or before	\$20	Free
After Nov. 11 (Or payments made by check)	\$25	\$10

We offer a reduced fee to encourage early registration using our convenient online [PayPal system](#). Remember that once we give the caterer a projected head count, WEAT-NTS has to pay for your meal even if you don't attend. Checks or cash are accepted at the door for post-deadline and walk-in registrations. **RSVP:** Joe Etchegaray: joe@miautoinc.com by 11/11/11.

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November Dinner Meeting Speaker Bios

Julia Hunt, Director of Arlington Water Utilities

Julia Hunt has been the Director of Water Utilities for Arlington, Texas for 6 years. She is a professional engineer and has been employed with the City of Arlington for 27 years. She holds a TCEQ water distribution license and a wastewater collection license. She currently serves on the Water Research Foundation Board of Trustees. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Texas A&M University in civil engineering.

Valery "Val" Jean-Bart, Arlington Water Utilities Project Manager

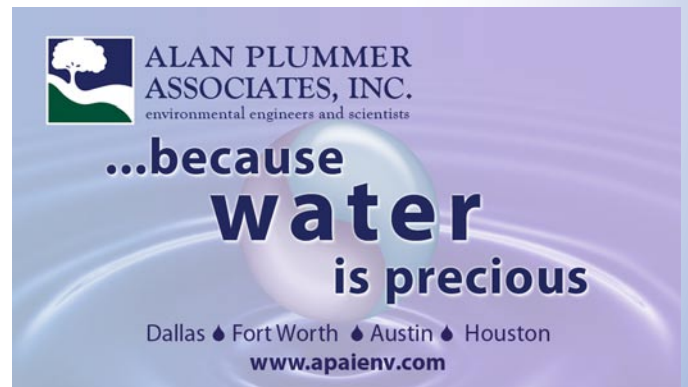
Valery "Val" Jean-Bart has been a civil engineer for the past 11 years and worked on Transportation and Utility projects throughout the state of Florida before moving to Texas and becoming a Project Manager with the Water Utilities Department in Arlington, Texas. He is a professional engineer and has been employed with the City of Arlington for 3.5 years. He currently serves a member of the Water Environment Federation and is an alumni of the University of Florida. Val is originally from Haiti and recently became a United States citizen.

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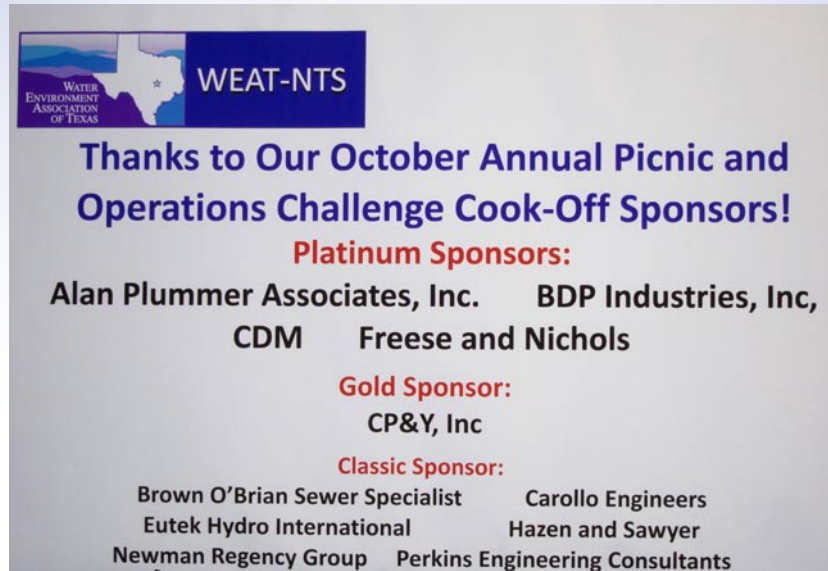


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WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic Operations Challenge Cook-off Highlights Friday, October 7, 2011



Over 110 people enjoyed great food, drinks, live music, and camaraderie at a cook-off to benefit our two North Texas Operations Challenge Teams, the Dallas Aqua Techs and the Trinity River Authority CREWSers . The cook-off and picnic, organized by Vice President Buster Fichera, was followed by a short presentation by several WEAT-NTS members.

Jeff Sober, state chair of the operations challenge committee, was on hand to welcome the ops challenge team members and pass out the cook-off awards.

Lynn Hall-Alley presented a check to the scholarship fund Co-Chair Matt Jalbert for the Daryl Hall Scholarship Fund, created in memory of Daryl Hall, former chief maintenance mechanic at the Trinity River Authority Central Regional Wastewater System and Lynn's husband.

Valerie Willis presented the 50/50 Pot prize of \$117 to Lacy Ray, wife of James Ray, competitor on the Dallas Water Utilities AquaTechs. Lacy then donated the money back to the Operations Challenge Fund.

WEAT Vice President John Bennett spoke to the group about the recent loss of Joe King II – professional engineer, hunter, storyteller, Harley rider, Texas Tech alumnus, enthusiastic Operations Challenge supporter, long-time WEAT member, and close friend to many.



A total of 12 entree teams and 9 dessert teams created a wide range of delicious foods.



Hutch Musallam of Team Carollo looks on as Starla Willison, center, and Corinne Kluge prepare the food for judging.

And the winners are....



Buster Fichera congratulates Brenda Fakheri, with the Jacobs Juggernauts, for winning 1st in desserts for her carrot cake.



Hutch Musallam, Team Carollo, accepts the 1st place entrée award for the team's unorthodox grilled Mediterranean garlic chicken.



The 2nd place dessert award went to Cathy Seiger, Trinity River Authority, for her cheesecake.



Doug Smith of the Jacobs Juggernauts accepts the 2nd place entrée award for the team's smoked salmon.



Ana Pena-Tijerina, representing The Village Pitsters—Fort Worth Water Department, won 3rd place in desserts for her tres leches cake.



Jerry Presley, center, and Kent Riker, right, of Fort Worth Village Pitsters accept the 3rd place entrée award for their smoked chicken.

Leadership Message

Even though this year is quickly coming to a close, planning is in full-swing for our dinner meetings and fundraising events for 2012.

Some items to consider as you plan for next year:

- **Keep up the great support!**
 - The 2012-2013 Sponsorship notifications will be sent out in January 2012 instead of our normal mid-year distribution. This is in an effort to become more in-sync with how the majority of our sponsors budget their donations and to be ahead of the game by the time July 2012 (beginning of the WEAT-NTS fiscal year) rolls around.
- **Can you please make it stop?** - The January Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th at Texas Star. The Trinity River Authority and HDR will present on the cause and effects of a massive screenings event at TRA's Central Regional Wastewater System.
- **Have a craving for something sweet?** - February Seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. It will be a Valentine's Day edition focused on new developments in wastewater treatment.
- **Ready, Aim, Pull!** - We will continue our highly successful Sporting Clays Tournament in March and are targeting Friday, March 16, 2012. Registration information will be distributed in December.



Erin Flanagan,
President, WEAT-NTS

I hope you were able to join us at the Ops Challenge Picnic and Cook-off this year. We had well over 100 people in attendance with plenty of food to go around. You can find photographs and winners of this year's event within this newsletter. A special thank you to Buster Fischera, Darryl Corbin, Leslie Corbin, and Jeff Sober for their hard work at producing such a great event! Thank you all for attending and supporting the Ops Challenge teams!

This is our last newsletter of 2011, so if I don't see you at our November dinner meeting, please have safe (especially those that will be frying turkeys this year) and happy holidays!

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WEAT-NTS is now offering three levels of dinner meeting sponsorship for July 2011 – June 2012. See the details below for how you can support WEAT-NTS and have your organization recognized by 500 recipients of the WEAT-NTS newsletter and up to 120 attendees at each of our dinner meetings. Your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

WEAT-NTS Dinner Meeting Sponsorship Levels

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- \$250
- Typically 5 Classic Sponsors per meeting
- Recognition of Classic Sponsors:
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 - ✓ Announcement in meeting reminder emails (names of firms only)
 - ✓ Sign at meeting listing the sponsors (names of firms only)
 - ✓ Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

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- Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at **ALL** six meetings

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- Recognition at **ALL** six meetings
- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor plus:
 - ✓ Company name included in newsletter announcement
 - ✓ Company logo included in meeting reminder emails
 - ✓ Company logo included in sponsor sign at meeting
 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting via power point
 - ✓ Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of the meeting
 - ✓ **Includes sponsorship of:**
 1. February Seminar
 2. WEAT-NTS Scholarship
 3. Daryl Hall Scholarship
 4. Business Card/Newsletter

If you are interested in supporting the WEAT-NTS organization with a new sponsorship or want to renew an existing sponsorship, please contact:

*Joe Etchegaray
WEAT-NTS Treasurer
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Phone: 469-744-2373*

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Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

- NTS - BBQ Cook Off - \$250.00
- WEAT – NTS Scholarship - \$100.00
- Daryl Hall Scholarship - \$100.00
- NTS – Newsletter Business Card Ad, July through June - \$150.00
- NTS - February Seminar - \$250.00
- NTS - Young Professionals - \$100.00
- NTS - Operations Challenge - \$100.00
- Recognition of Other Sponsors includes:
 - ✓ List of sponsors in newsletter announcement
 - ✓ List of sponsors in event reminder emails
 - ✓ Sign at event listing each sponsor

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WEF Collection Systems Webcast

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Title: Perspectives on Wastewater Pump Station
Renewal/Rehabilitation/Replacement Management

Date: November 16, 2011

Time: 12:00 – 2:00 pm central time

Register: Last day to register is **November 14, 2011**
www.wef.org/CSwebcasts

Topics:

- * Running to failure: the good, the bad and the ugly
- * Thinking beyond conveyance
- * Reconnecting Capital and Operations & Maintenance
- * Designing for the real world maintenance
- * Doing more with less

Speakers:

Dave Jurgens, CMRP, King County WTD (Washington)
Howard Smith, P.E., MSA Professional Services
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Save the date!
WEAT-NTS
Annual February Seminar

Topic: Looking to the Future in Wastewater Treatment

Date: February 14, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Location: TBD

Look for details by email and on the WEAT-NTS website.

Seminars • Workshops • Training

September E & I technical seminar recap November seminar date set

The WEAT E&I Committee held its 5th technical seminar on Wednesday, 14th September at Graybar's facility in Fort Worth. There were 43 people participating from across the Metroplex. The topic was "Power Monitoring and Control Systems (PMCS)" and the speakers were:

1. Overview of PMCS (Jared Thielen – GE)
2. Benefits of Metering (Dennis Westergren – Eaton)
3. SCADA vs PMCS (Glenn Salmon – Schneider Electric)
4. PMCS Case Study (John Robinson – CDM)

See the presentations at WEAT-NTS.org.

Lunch was provided for all participants immediately after the seminar.

A voluntary collection for "Water For People" netted \$125. To date, the WEAT E&I Committee has donated \$682 to this charity.

Save the date!

The next E & I technical seminar will take place on Wednesday, 16th November. Watch your email and WEAT-NTS.org for details.

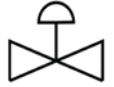
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Announcements

Waxahachie seeks wastewater utility field supervisor

The City of Waxahachie is accepting applications for the position of wastewater utility field supervisor. For an application and job description please contact Bonnie Battersby, Human Resource Department at bbattersby@waxahachie.com.

Mocek Receives USACE Distinguished Civilian Employee Award

The Fort Worth District, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recently entered Michael J. Mocek's name on the roles of the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees for having exemplified the highest order of professional competence and exceptional stature during employment with the Corps.

Mocek retired from the USACE in 2008 after 37 years of service. He held several engineering positions and was ultimately appointed as deputy district engineer and chief, programs and project management division, in the Fort Worth District.

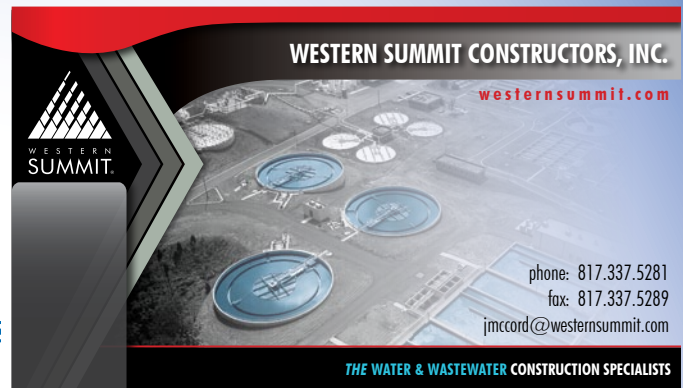
Among his many noteworthy projects are the Dallas Floodway Extension and the Upper Trinity Study.

In 2009, Mocek joined the local engineering team of Alan Plummer Associates Inc.

Steven Mendoza returns to Texas

Steven Mendoza, P.E. with MWH has returned to Texas after an exciting year in Melbourne, Australia reviewing engineering designs of the new 150-gigaliter-per-annum (109-mgd) Victorian Desalination Plant. Mendoza, a graduate of the University of Texas, is a registered P.E in the states of Texas and Florida. He worked for MWH in Houston for five years before moving on to Cape Coral, Fla. where he served in technical lead and project management roles for the water treatment facilities program.

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YPs tour the NTMWD East Fork Raw Water Supply Project

The WEAT YPs turned out in great numbers to tour the North Texas Municipal Water District's East Fork Raw Water Supply Project in late September. The organizers appreciate all who made the drive to Seagoville and would also like to thank tour guides John DeFillipo, Director, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, and Loretta Mokry, Alan Plummer Associates Inc.

Those interested in visiting the facility can find information at www.wetlandcenter.com/.

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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Recipients Announced

WEAT-NTS is proud to announce a record nine scholarship recipients, including four returning students scholarships for the fall.

- Wes Fichera is the son of WEAT member Buster Fichera. Wes is a senior Software Engineering major at the University of Texas at Dallas.
- Marissa Fichera is the daughter of WEAT member Buster Fichera. Marissa is a junior General Engineering major at the University of Texas at Austin. Marissa is currently deciding between Environmental, Civil or Aerospace Engineering.
- Megan Waldock is the daughter of WEAT member Darryl Waldock. Megan is a junior Chemistry major with a minor in Mathematics at Baylor University.
- Chirag Makanji is the son of WEAT member Kiran Makanji. Chirag is a sophomore Aerospace Engineering major. He also plans on minoring in both Business and Mathematics at Texas A&M University.

In addition to our returning students, we are proud to announce that we are awarding five additional scholarships for the coming year.

- Amy Heldenbrand is currently a WEAT member. Amy is a senior Environmental Engineering major at Southern Methodist University. Following graduation in the spring, Amy plans on pursuing a master's degree and a doctorate in either Chemical or Environmental Engineering.
- Taylor Baker is the son of WEAT member John Baker. Taylor will be a freshman Animal Science or a Biology major at Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- Megha Makanji is the daughter of WEAT member Kiran Makanji. Megha will be a freshman Architecture major at the University of Texas at Austin.
- Andres Hernandez is the son of WEAT member Jacob Pena Sr. Andres will be a freshman Environmental Engineering major at Arizona State University-Tempe. He plans to pursue his master's degree as well.
- James Tyler Georger is the son of WEAT member James Georger. James is a senior Natural Resources Management major at Texas Tech University. Following graduation in 2012, James plans to work in Watershed Management.

The scholarship committee would like to congratulate our returning students and our new recipients for this year. We are proud of your accomplishments and are looking forward to watching your growth and development as you pursue your chosen degree programs. Best of luck for this school year!

The Darryl Hall Scholarship Recipient

The Darryl Hall scholarship program supports those men and women who work for North Texas wastewater utilities in operations, maintenance and laboratory services.

In its second year we are proud to announce that Debra Wright is the recipient for the 2011-2012 school year. Debra currently works for the Trinity River Authority Tarrant County Water Supply Project in Euless, Texas. She plans on attending Tarrant County College to pursue a degree in Business Administration.

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Announcements

SIGN UP for a REWARDING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Over 7,000 of TEXAS' FINEST science educators will be swarming the Dallas Convention Center, November 17-19, for their annual Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching in Texas (CAST2011).

WEF and WEAT have asked the North Texas section to provide local volunteers needed to staff a Water Education and Outreach exhibit booth.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up on Wednesday, Nov. 16 afternoon and Thursday morning. Activities include moving, unpacking and sorting boxes.

Booth staff are needed beginning Thursday at 1 pm through Saturday at 2 pm.

The responsibilities include becoming familiar with the materials, being friendly and speaking with the teachers to showcase the resources available to facilitate water-themed classroom activities in their classrooms.

To find the specific open spots and sign up to volunteer, please contact Julie Nahrgang (512) 693-0060 (julie@weat.org). For other questions or concerns, please contact Karen Bick (214) 665-7539 (Bick.Karen@epamail.epa.gov) or Sharon Miller at (972) 960-4437 (sharon.miller@hdrinc.com).

As North Texas is one of the largest WEAT memberships in Texas, we expect a huge list of volunteers!



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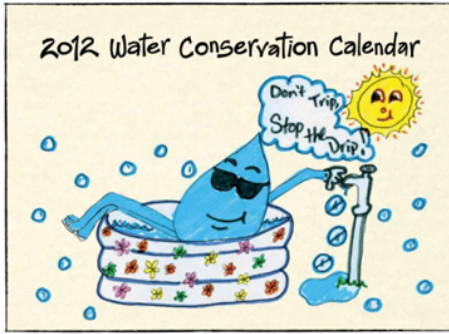
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2012 Water for People Calendars For Sale - \$10



WEAT is promoting the sale of the 2012 Water for People Calendars. These calendars were printed by the Dallas Water Utilities that has for many years been involved with the young people in their service area by participating in creative programs as a way to teach younger generations about the importance of conserving water. Children in North Texas created the pictures used in this calendar in the summer of 2010. The City of Dallas Water Utilities invited elementary and middle school students to draw a picture of typical water conservation habits that might take place during their birth month.

Approximately 1,500 children accepted this "challenge", and the pictures chosen for use in this calendar were judged to be among the best.

All proceeds from the sale of this calendar will benefit Water for People. Water For People is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, ID #84-1166148. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. To purchase a calendar, please submit form below or go to www.weat.org. Shipping and handling is provided by WEAT.

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YP Happenings




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Dodson's Drive was established to further the work and education of the Young Professionals of WEAT/TAWWA. The sponsorship can be used to fund YP events and seminars, participation in other WEAT/TAWWA activities, recruiting activities and travel expenses to WEAT student design competition. Visit www.weat.org/yp.shtml for an application and instructions on applying for assistance.

YP Happenings

DODSON'S DRIVE

YP SUMMIT SPONSORSHIP

Dodson's Drive was started to honor the life and work of Mr. Kenneth D. Dodson. The Benefit is focused toward the Young Professionals (YPs) of WEAT/TAWWA and was established to further the work and education of the YPs represented in our water and wastewater industry by sponsoring one YP to attend the annual WEF/AWWA YP Summit.

B E N E F I T A S S I S T A N C E

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE?

To be eligible for benefit assistance from Dodson's Drive, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be an active member of your section's Young Professionals committee.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities.
- Submit a statement outlining how your receipt of the benefit assistance will benefit WEAT and/or TAWWA.
- Be an **active, dues paying member** of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and/or the Texas Section of AWWA (TAWWA) for a period of not less than twelve months preceding the date of the application.
- Reside and be employed by an engineering firm, municipality, utility district, manufacturer or construction company in Texas that is associated with the water or wastewater industry.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Special consideration will be given to those that previously served in the US active military, armed forces, coast guard, and/or reserves.

The WEF/AWWA YP Summit takes place January 30, 2012 in Miami, Florida. **The deadline to apply is December 1st.** The application is at www.weat.org/yp.shtml.

SIGN UP for E-MAIL NOTICES

E-MAIL weatnts@weat-nts.org to be added to the list.

Notices go out well in advance of the meetings and also serve to notify of events and changes. You will receive about three e-mails every month.

PayPal Now Available

WEAT-NTS sponsors and dinner meeting attendees can now pay with PayPal at www.weat-nts.org.

Companies and individuals can sponsor dinner meetings and/or the newsletter or donate to scholarship funds at the WEAT-NTS website.

Members can register early for dinner meetings and take advantage of reduced fees by paying online.

WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
November Dinner Meeting	November 17, 2011	Cowboys Golf Club	Reuse
January Dinner Meeting	January 19, 2012	Texas Star	Screen Operations
February Seminar	February 14, 2012	TBD	Future of Wastewater
March Dinner Meeting	March 15, 2012	Cowboys Golf Club	Cannibal Digestion
Sporting Clays Tournament	March 16, 2012	Alpine Shooting Range	
May Dinner Meeting	May 17, 2012	Texas Star	TBD

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