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4th Annual Picnic & Operations Challenge Cook-Off

Date: Friday, October 15, 2010

Location: Lake Arlington Activity Room
(Richard Simpson Park)
6300 West Arkansas Lane
Arlington, Texas 76010

Meeting Agenda: Social hour—5:30
Judging—6:00
Dinner Buffet—6:30
Announcements &
Awards—7:15

Costs: \$20 Adults
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\$30 Max Per Family
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The 4th Annual
Operations Challenge
Cook Off will be a very
fun family event.



Profits made from the
cook-off will benefit the Operations
Challenge teams.

We challenge all of the sections to
make a donation to help support
the Operation Challenge teams in
National Competition at WEFTEC.

The teams from Texas are:
TRA CReWSers, Dallas Aqua
Techs, Austin Dillo Xpress, and
San Antonio Power SAWS.

See details of the cook-off at the
back of this newsletter.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The WEAT North Texas Section Executive Committee is busy planning and implementing activities for the next 12 months. Below are some of the highlights of upcoming events.

WEFTEC in New Orleans. WEFTEC is just around the corner. Once again our section will be represented by the Dallas *Aqua*

Techs and the Defending National Champions TRA *CRWSers*. Our two North Texas teams will be joined by the Austin *Dillo Xpress* and the San Antonio *Power SAWS*. Be sure to come out on Tuesday, October 5th to cheer for our Texas teams. These teams all practice and study very hard. They are great ambassadors of our industry and we should be proud of everyone one of them.

Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee headed by David Jackson and Matt Jalbert is reviewing applications for the scholarships. This is the first year that we are in a position to award a scholarship from the Daryl Hall fund. This new scholarship program is earmarked for utility employees or their families who are involved in collections, operations, maintenance, pretreatment and laboratory services for wastewater providers in the WEAT North Texas Section area.

October Cook-off and Picnic. Dawn Anderson and the Picnic Committee are planning the upcoming cook-off and picnic on Friday, October 15. It will be held at the same location as last year – the Richard Simpson Park on the shore of Lake Arlington. However, the event itself will be bigger and better. Be on the lookout for email announcements with more information.

February Seminar. Jeff Sober is developing the topics and speakers for the February Seminar. The official seminar name has not been set, but the topic is condition assessment and corrosion control in wastewater systems, from the beginning of the collection system through the treatment facilities. The Seminar Committee is putting together an agenda that will feature the latest advances in the inspection, evaluation, and rehabilitation of wastewater infrastructure. Of note, the Seminar Committee has moved the location from CityPlace to SMU, in order to provide the same level of convenience and comfort but at significantly less cost. Much more information will be coming soon.

March Sporting Clays Event. Following the great success of

the March 2010 Sporting Clays Event, we are busy exploring ways to make the 2nd event even better. Based on feedback from participants at the first event, we anticipate a substantial increase in people who will come to the next event. The Fundraising Committee is exploring alternate locations and ways to handle a larger number of competitors. Be looking for future details.

That is just some of what the WEAT-NTS committees and volunteers are working on! Please contact any of our committee chairs if you are interested in volunteering. Contact information is located on the next to last page of this newsletter and on the website at www.weat-nts.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the cook-off and picnic on October 15.

**Darryl Corbin, President, WEAT- NTS
(972) 239-9949**

Reaching Out, Signing Up & Showing Up

Here are three things each of us can do to make WEAT-NTS a stronger, more vibrant Section.

1. **Reach out to colleagues, associates, and clients.** The broader our membership, the stronger our section. If you know colleagues, clients, manufacturer's reps, or industrial users who are not active in WEAT-NTS, reach out to them and invite them to join you for a meeting. Or simply send us their email address and we'll send them the newsletter.
2. **Sign up to volunteer.** Volunteering with WEAT is both rewarding and fun. You can help the section by volunteering at a single event or taking on a committee position. Talk to one of the officers about the various opportunities to get involved.
3. **RSVP promptly.** We are required to commit to a head count up to seven days prior to dinner events. Increasingly, however, people wait until a day or two before the event before signing up. Please attempt to sign up early so that we can better plan and control our costs. And remember, if you can't go, please let us know as soon as possible. WEAT-NTS still has to pay for your dinner, so if you have to drop out at the last minute, it is common courtesy to mail us a check for the missed meeting dues.

July 2010 Dinner Meeting Highlights at Cowboys Golf Club

Topic: Evaluating Corrosion & Sedimentation in an Active Wastewater Interceptor to Improve Operations and Identify Optimum Rehabilitation

A Big Thanks to Our July Dinner Meeting Sponsors:



President Darryl Corbin welcomed 81 attendees to the July WEAT-NTS meeting at Cowboys Golf Club



Sponsor Wayne Brown from Brown O'Brien Sewer Specialties offers appreciation for the opportunity on behalf of Brown O'Brien Sewer Specialties and RedZone Robotics



Young Professionals Co-Chair Corinne Kluge thanks Jake Pena and members of the City of Fort Worth Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility for the July YP meeting and tour.

Vice President Dawn Anderson explains changes in the WEAT-NTS sponsorship opportunities for the coming year



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July 2010 Dinner Meeting Highlights (continued from page 3)



Scholarship Fund Chairman David Jackson gives an update on the WEAT-NTS scholarships. This year, applications are being received for the Daryl Hall scholarship as well as the North Texas Section Scholarship

Mary Gugliuzza of the Fort Worth Water Department informs everyone of the upcoming Texas Water 2011 event in Fort Worth, scheduled for March 2011. A sign-up sheet for volunteering to help with the conference was passed around for attendees to sign up and be a part of Texas Water.



Madelene Rafalko presents on the major interceptor (M280 and M338) study conducted by the Fort Worth Water Department, along with RedZone Robotics and Malcolm Pirnie. The twin 96" interceptors originate at the old Riverside Treatment Plant near downtown Fort Worth and run 12 miles to the Village Creek Water Reclamation facility



Vice President Dawn Anderson thanks Madelene Rafalko with a plaque



Take Note

Please Take Note of the Following Announcements

Dallas Water Utilities Announces Recent Personnel Changes

After 26 years of service, Donna Long has retired from the City of Dallas. Over her career, all of which was working for Dallas Water Utilities, she worked as a design engineer in water and sewer pipeline design, as a Project Manager and Sr. Program Manager in the Wastewater Facilities Project Management Program, and for the last three years as Sr. Program Manager of the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. Donna wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the multitude of colleagues with whom she has worked throughout the years.

Richard Seely has been appointed as the new Sr. Program Manager of the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWWTP). Mr. Seely was formerly the Assistant Manager over Operations at CWWTP and has over 38 years of experience in water/wastewater plant operations.

Michael Mikeska has accepted a permanent reassignment to transfer from Sr. Program Manager over the Pumping Division to the Sr. Program Manager at the East Side Purification Plant. Mr. Mikeska has over 25 years experience in water/wastewater and holds a BS in Civil Engineering from UTA.

Laurence Robinson, Assistant Manager at Bachman Purification Plant, has assumed the position of Acting Sr. Program Manager of the Bachman Plant. He has over 28 years experience in water/wastewater operations and has a BS in Chemistry from the University of the West Indies.

David Robinson, Assistant Manager in Pumping, has assumed the position of Acting Sr. Program Manager of the Pumping Division. Mr. Robinson has over 30 years experience in water. He has a MS in Water Toxicology from UNT and a BS in Environmental Science from the University of Puerto Rico.

Texas AWWA Drinking Water Seminar

The North Central Texas Chapter of AWWA is pleased to announce the 9th Annual Drinking Water Seminar to be held on October 22, 2010 at the Fort Worth Club. For additional information, please contact Gena Stout at (817) 332-8727 or email StoutG@cdm.com

NTS WEAT Public Education/Science Fair

Committee Announcement – chair Amy Robinson, co-chair Katie Livas

Sometime during the 3rd week in October (tentatively Oct 20 or 21)- the **Waters to the Sea - Trinity River** producers will be presenting two half day teacher training workshops to 7th grade teachers in the Grand Prairie and Ft. Worth school districts.

Two spots have been reserved (with possibility for more) at each of the workshops for local WEAT/ TAWWA volunteers who are interested in establishing and working on a Waters to the Sea (WTTS) training support team. This team would serve as a model for similar teams in Houston (and other areas within the Trinity watershed).

If you are interested in being a part of this training workshop or part of the Waters to the Sea – Trinity River training support team, please contact Karen Bick (Bick.Karen@epamail.epa.gov) or Katie Livas ([LivaskL@cdm.com](mailto:LivasKL@cdm.com)).

You may also access the Waters to the Sea – Trinity River website at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/waters2thesea/Trinity>.

“The WEAT Scholarship Committee has received applications and recipients will be notified in September.”

WEAT E&I Committee Technical Seminar

The WEAT Electrical and Instrumentation Committee presented a technical seminar last week on “Alternative Methods of Delivery.” The seminar was held at the Fort Worth office of Freese & Nichols and there were about 37 people in attendance. The three presenters and their specific topics were:

1. Rodney Chapin (CDM) – Overview and Legalities
2. Coy Veach (FNI) – Construction Manager at Risk
3. Leofwin Clark (CH2MHill) – Design / Build

Copies of their presentations can be found on the WEAT website. Lunch was provided by AWC immediately following the seminar.

New WEAT-NTS Fund Raising Committee!

To get involved or share fund raising ideas, please contact Jeff Sober, Committee Chair, at: iso-ber@carollo.com

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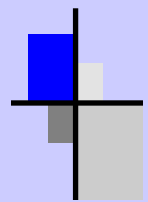
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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

October 15, 2010	Lake Arlington Activity Room (Richard Simpson Park)	WEAT-NTS	Annual Picnic
November 18, 2010	Texas Star	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
January 20, 2011	Cowboys Golf Club	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
February, 2011	SMU, Dallas	WEAT-NTS	February Seminar
March 17, 2011	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
May 19, 2011	Cowboys Golf Club	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
July 21, 2011	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting

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Friday, October 15, 2010

Get your teams together and let the cooking begin!

Proceeds will go to support our Texas Operations Challenge teams! Good luck to the TRA CReWSers, Dallas Aqua Techs, San Antonio PowerSAWS, and Austin Dillo Xpress at this year's event!!!

Location:
Lake Arlington Activity Room
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- Entering a team in this cook off is free. Each team will be reimbursed up to \$100 for an entree entry and \$25 for a dessert entry.
- Cook-off Team Registration is due by Friday, October 1. Please call John Bennett at 817-822-5673 or Bennettj@trinityra.org to register your team. (Five people max per team.)
- Teams can cook any type of entree (BBQ, Steaks, Hot dogs, Chicken, etc.) and are encouraged to be creative with those secret recipes and unique side items!
- Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- Dinner reservations are due by Friday, October 8. Please e-mail Holly Ingram at hingram@cpyi.com with your RSVP.
- Drinks are BYOB (cans and plastic bottles only). Alcohol is allowed only inside the building.
- Traditional side items, water, and soft drinks will be provided.

Time: 5:30 PM Social Hour
6:00 PM Judging
6:30 PM Dinner Buffet
7:15 PM Announcements & Awards

Dinner Tickets: \$20 Adult
\$5 Children ages 5 to 18
\$30 Max Per Family (parents & children)
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Please note:
This year the number of
Cookoff Teams
is limited to 10 so please
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