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5th Annual Picnic and Operations Challenge Cook-off

Date: October 7, 2011

Location: Lake Arlington Activity Center
Richard Simpson Park
6300 W. Arkansas Lane
Arlington, TX

Agenda: 5:30 p.m. Social hour
6:00 p.m. Judging
6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet
7:15 p.m. Announcements and Awards

Dinner Tickets: \$20 Adult
\$5 Children
\$30 Max per Family
(parents & children)
Cook-off team members free
(up to maximum of 5)

Profits will benefit Texas Operations Challenge teams.

RSVP by Sept. 30 to Crystal at crystal@miautoinc.com.

Register your cook-off team by September 23, 2011 with Buster at 817-925-9178 or Buster.Fichera@fortworthgov.org.

See details next page.

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



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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 and Austin Dillo Xpress at this year's event!!!

- Entering a team in this cook-off is free. Each team will be reimbursed up to \$100 for an entrée entry and \$25 for a dessert entry.
- Cook-off Team Registration is due by Friday September 23. Contact Buster Fichera at 817-925-9178 or Buster.Fichera@fortworthgov.org to register your team (five people max per team).
- Teams can cook any type of entrée (BBQ, Steaks, Hot dogs, Chicken, etc.) and are encouraged to be creative with those secret recipes and unique site 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, September 30. Please RSVP to Crystal at crystal@miautoinc.com.
- 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.

*Please note: This year the number of cook-off teams is limited to 10.
Please register early to reserve your space.*

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July Meeting Highlights

Dinner Meeting at Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Center

Speaker: Kevin Patel, automation engineer, CDM

Topic: Managing the Alarms that Manage You
July 21, 2011



WEAT-NTS President Erin Flanagan presents Kevin Patel with a plaque of appreciation for sharing his knowledge on alarm automation with the July dinner attendees.

Congrats to our three Cold Stone Gift Card winners from the July dinner meeting!

**Mark Perkins • Randy Greene
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Thank you for being the first three people to register for the dinner meeting on PayPal!



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Leadership Message

It's mid-afternoon on a recent Saturday and as I drive from my house, I see sprinklers watering near the road. But there's no reason to be alarmed; it's reclaimed water!

I live near the City of Plano's Pecan Hollow Golf Course which is currently undergoing a major renovation to improve site drainage and facility layout. Nearly all the original turf was stripped away as each fairway was regraded for the improvements. Now, in the midst of one of the (if not the) hottest summers on record, the City's contractor is working to reestablish turf growth on the golf course. Not an easy task. However, right next door sits the North Texas Municipal Water District's Rowlett Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

With Stage 2 water restrictions in place, it almost seems impossible that this amount of turf reestablishment would be capable in the public's eye without the use of reclaimed water in lieu of potable water. Another great example of reclaimed water use!

At our upcoming November dinner meeting, the City of Arlington and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. will present on the first phase of the City of Arlington's reclaimed water system that will deliver water to the following users: J.W. Dunlop Sports Complex, Chester Ditto Golf Course and Arlington Landfill. The planning process, user education, partnering with the City of Fort Worth for public awareness and training, and a sneak peak at the evaluation of the second phase that would include the City of Arlington's Entertainment District, will be highlighted.

Prior to our November dinner meeting, we'll be having our annual Ops Challenge Cook-off on Friday, October 7th. We'll have a competition in the entrée and dessert categories. Additional details are provided in this newsletter. All are invited to attend and compete!

Stay cool and keep up the great service to our communities!



Erin Flanagan,
President, WEAT-NTS

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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

Classic Sponsor

- \$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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 1. February Seminar
 2. WEAT-NTS Scholarship
 3. Daryl Hall Scholarship
 4. Business Card/Newsletter

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

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- 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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Texas Water Utilities Association Training

Calculations Sept. 13-15

Location: 4750 Josey Lane, Carrollton

Contact: Jody Byerly, 972-466-4206

E&I Technical Seminar—Save the date

Topic: Power Monitoring and Control Systems (PMCS)

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. meet & greet
9 a.m. to 12:00 presentation
Lunch to be provided immediately following presentations)

Location: Graybar
4601 Cambridge Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76155

Please note that this is the *second* Wednesday of the month.

Expected presenters will be from Square D, Eaton, GE, and CDM. The topics will vary from functional considerations and past experiences to current capabilities.

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

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Announcements

CDM North Texas operations announces new hires

- Adam Evans, P.E., joins CDM's Dallas office as a Client Service Manager. Adam holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering and Bachelors Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Texas A&M University and brings more than eight years of engineering experience focused on managing complex design projects for water and wastewater treatment facilities.
- Alex Martinez, P.E., joins CDM's Dallas office as Client Service Manager. Alex holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and brings more than 28 years of experience in the development, planning, management, design and construction of a wide range of civil engineering projects.
- Patrick Palacios, P.E., joins CDM's Dallas office as a Senior Civil Engineer. Patrick holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo and brings more than 16 years of comprehensive project management and civil engineering design experience focused on water and wastewater conveyance, hydraulic analysis, and treatment infrastructure.
- Kent Riker, P.E., joins CDM's Fort Worth office as a Client Service Manager. Kent holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University and brings more than eight years of experience in the planning, design and construction management of municipal water and wastewater treatment, hydraulic analysis, and conveyance facilities.

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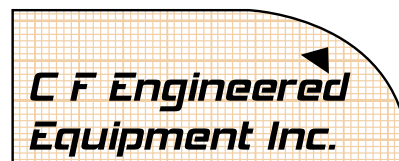


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Hanson joins Hazen and Sawyer to lead Fort Worth office

Tina E. Hanson, P.E. joined water and wastewater engineering firm Hazen and Sawyer to open a new office in Fort Worth. Hanson has more than two decades of experience designing upgrades and modifications to wastewater and water treatment facilities in the DFW Metroplex. She recently managed the risk-based assessment for the City of Fort Worth's Wastewater Master Plan Update that included renewal recommendations and a renewal program for the entire wastewater collection system.



Hanson holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and is active in the Water Environment Federation and the Water Environment Association of Texas.



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Fort Worth approves site purchase for future water reclamation facility

The Fort Worth City Council has approved purchasing Site 10, a 100-acre tract of land for the future Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility for \$4,900,000.

The funding source is wastewater impact fees, which are paid by new development for projects related to growth. Therefore, the land purchase has no impact on wastewater rates.

The site off Chapin Road, known as Site 10, in western Fort Worth is on the north side of Mary's Creek near the Waste Management landfill.

Only about half of the land is needed for the actual facility, but a larger tract is being purchased to provide additional buffer and allow for another city use that has yet to be determined. While facility is not needed for over a decade, acquiring the land now is important because as development progresses, the availability of large tracts becomes more difficult.

The water reclamation facility would be the second for the utility, which operates the Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility in eastern Fort Worth and four drinking water treatments plants spread across the city. A fifth drinking water treatment plant is under construction on Old Weatherford Road, near the proposed site for the Mary's Creek WRF, and is expected to be completed next spring.

The water department may be able to gain some operational efficiency from the close proximity of the two treatment facilities. In addition, the current land owner, The 820 Management Trust, was willing to negotiate the sale for a portion of its tract, eliminating the challenge of using eminent domain to acquire a site.

The Water Department estimates the new water reclamation facility needs to be operational in about 2025 to accommodate growth on the Fort Worth's west side. A westside water reclamation facility is critical so that the water department can continue fulfilling its mission of protecting public health and the environment. In addition, reuse of treated wastewater is a significant component of future water supply planning for our area. Water reuse in western Fort Worth is unlikely without a Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility.

For more information contact Mary L. Gugliuzza, media relations/communications coordinator, with the Fort Worth Water Department at 817-392-8253 (office), 817-991-8403 (cell) or mary.gugliuzza@fortworthgov.org

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Announcements

Eighth Annual Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament September 16

The Eighth Annual Daryl Hall Memorial Golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 16th at the Links at Waterchase. This tournament has grown into one of the largest annual tournaments attended by North Texas utilities, engineering firms, contractors and manufacturer's representatives. A portion of the proceeds from this event will again be donated to the Daryl Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund by Daryl's family. This scholarship is maintained by WEAT-NTS, and has now issued its second scholarship. This scholarship is available to all utility employees who work in North Texas as well as their children.

I hope we can count on you to form a team from your organization for this year's event and ask that you support your local utilities by sponsoring a team for them as well. Those of you with expense accounts will find the registration packet to include the cost of all functions involved in the tournament. Finally, we will put together goodie bags for the golfers again this year; your organization can receive free advertisement by donating items for the goodie bags and prize packages.

We have had a full tournament for the last four years and hope to do so again this year. Please get your registration information in early and help us to pass the word.

Thank you again for your support!

John Bennett
Past President
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Registration form on next page.

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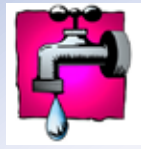


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7:30 A. M. Shotgun Start

*****REGISTRATION FORM*****

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- _____ \$ 2 Drink Tickets Individual Drink Tickets

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th**
(On-site registration accepted only if space available)

LOCATION: The Links at Waterchase, 8954 Creek Run Road, Fort Worth, TX 76420, Phone 817.861.4653
Located on the East side of Ft. Worth at I-30 and Eastchase Parkway. <http://www.linksatwaterchase.com>

DIRECTIONS: Exit Eastchase Parkway and go North to John T. White Rd. and turn right. Go a short distance and make the first right on Randall Mill Rd. Turn left on Creek Run Road.

Registration includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams as well as longest drive, closest to pin, putting contest, and Cadillac wheel.

THE DARYL HALL Family FUND

This fund was started in the spring of 2003 to help support a great friend and co-worker, Daryl Hall, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December of 2002 and courageously battled one of the most aggressive forms of brain Cancer, Glioblastoma, Multiforme (GBM), Unfortunately Daryl's Cancer proved to be terminal and he passed away in August of 2003. The family fund was established to support Daryl, his wife Lynn and his two young children, Jared and Stephanie, while Daryl fought through his illness. One of his biggest concerns was that his children would not have the finances to attend college. This fund has been established and maintained in order to keep a promise to him made by many of his close friends. It is our goal to set aside enough financial resources that his children will not have to worry about funding for college.

Daryl was truly a one of a kind individual, serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Charles F. Adams from 1985 –1989. He began his post military career with the Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater System (CRWS) in 1991. Daryl started as a seasonal employee and quickly worked his way up to Maintenance Supervisor. He was involved in numerous facility expansions and improvements, and earned a reputation as a person who always got the job done! In 2001 Daryl left the Authority to join C F Engineered Equipment as a Service Representative responsible for establishing service contracts, performing equipment start up, and repairing rotating equipment for water and wastewater facilities throughout Texas.

Daryl was a member of the Texas Water Utility Association (TWUA) where he has volunteered as a speaker for several district meetings, including the Black Lands and White Rock Districts. On several occasions he assisted instructors of the Pump & Motor Maintenance and Utility Safety Courses as well as representing C F Engineered Equipment in their booths at the North Central Texas and East Texas Regional Schools. Additionally, Daryl was a member of the Water Environment Association (WEAT), where he served as a volunteer for the Operations Challenge Program.

Daryl was the greatest of friends and the one person you could count on if you are in need. He was a loving father and husband that truly adored his family. Daryl could be found on the baseball field coaching his son or watching his daughter at her dance recitals. He was an avid outdoorsman that spent all of his spare time fishing or hunting with his family. It was said at his wake, "To know Daryl was to love him, and if you didn't, then it was just a testament to your own low moral character."

This is an opportunity to give back to a very deserving person and his family. A contributions account in the name of "The Daryl Hall Family Fund" is established at the Bank of America. All proceeds from this tournament go directly to this fund. In keeping with Daryl's desire to give back to our industry and help others, North Texas WEAT has agreed to manage the Daryl Hall Scholarship fund: this scholarship is available to all employees of North Texas Utilities and their children for the specific purpose of providing technical training and assisting with finances associated with continued education.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Contact Sam Caillouet at 972-679-6542 for more information.

Announcements

Call for volunteers for the CAST conference

CAST (Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching) is coming to the Dallas Convention Center from November 17-19. We need volunteers for three different areas:

- The WEAT/TAWWA booth, aka the Texas Partnership for Water Education.
- The WEF booth. WEF is providing one staff member to man a booth with materials on World Water Monitoring Day, Stockholm Junior Water Prize, etc.
- The WEF Teach workshop. WEF has a proposal into CAST to perform a workshop titled: Stream Assessment: An Integrated Approach to Science Learning. Three volunteers are needed to participate in this workshop who have expertise in performing stream assessments and/or monitoring. Our volunteers need to be able to teach people how to do the habitat, macroinvertebrate, and water chemistry assessments using an active learning approach rather than just making a presentation.

Booth materials and coordination with WEF will be provided. We are looking for help setting up and dismantling booth space, along with smiling faces to answer questions and pass out the material, and perform hands-on demonstrations at the workshop.

As North Texas is one of the largest WEAT memberships in Texas, we expect a huge list of volunteers! Please don't assume "someone else will do it" – mark your calendars and sign up today to Karen Bick at (214) 665-7539 (Bick.Karen@epamail.epa.gov) or Sharon Miller at (972) 960-4437 (sharon.miller@hdrinc.com). As we get closer to the conference, we will post the volunteer schedule. Contact either Karen or Sharon for further information. Thank you!



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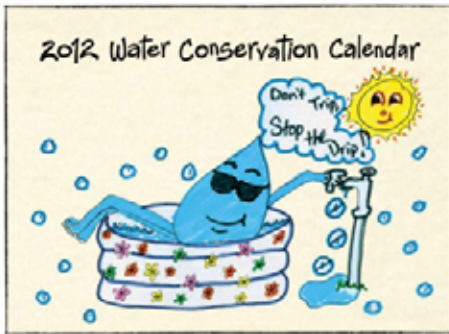
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Announcements

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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Announcements

WEAT-NTS Scholarship Recipients Announced

The scholarship committee awarded a record number of scholarships for the fall semester. Nine students will receive the WEAT-NTS scholarship and one will receive the Daryl Hall Scholarship.

WEAT-NTS Scholarship Recipients

Amy Heldenbrand
James Georger
Andres Hernandez
Megha Makanji
Taylor Baker
Megan Waldock
Chirag Makanji
Wesley Fichera
Marissa Fichera

Daryl Hall Scholarship Recipient

Debra Wright

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Join the WEAT YPs for a tour of the North Texas Municipal Water District East Fork Raw Water Supply Project

SEPTEMBER 29, 2011
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

JOHN BUNKER SANDS WETLAND CENTER
655 Martin Lane, Seagoville, Texas 75159

Tour Guides: John DeFillipo, Director, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center
and Loretta Mokry, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.

*RSVP to Rick Shaffer (rshaffer@cypi.com) or Lauren Plunk (lplunk@apaienv.com)
ASAP – spots are limited!*



Representing the largest project in Texas using reclaimed water to augment a surface water supply source, the East Fork Raw Water Supply Project provides the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) with over 102,000 acre-feet of water per year, enough water to serve 500,000 people. Completed in 2008, this project consists of diverting an average of 91 mgd of effluent-dominated water from the East Fork of the Trinity River and polishing the water in one of the largest constructed wetlands in the country (1,840 acres). After passage through the wetland, the water is pumped through an 84-inch pipeline 43.5 miles north of the project site to Lake Lavon for storage, blending, and water supply use.

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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 other month.

PayPal Now Available

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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

WEAT YP Tour	September 29, 2011	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center
Ops Challenge picnic and cookoff	October 7, 2011	Lake Arlington Activity Center
November dinner meeting	November 17, 2011	Cowboys Golf Club
January dinner meeting	January 19, 2012	Texas Star Golf and Conference Center

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