



OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

Date: Friday, October 18, 2013

Location:

The Knights of Columbus Hall
2625 South Cooper Street
Arlington, Texas 76015

Agenda:

5:00 p.m. — Social hour

6:00 p.m. — Food judging and costume contest

6:15 p.m. — Dinner buffet and talent show

7:30 p.m. — Awards

Topic: 2013 OpsTOBERFEST Operations Challenge Cook-Off



When registering at PayPal, please specify your name and company as you wish it to appear on your name tag in the instructions in the buyers' comment area. Checks or cash are accepted at the door for post-deadline and walk-in registrations.

RSVP: Brigit Buff at treasurer@weat-nts.org

MEETING DETAILS

Don't miss the upcoming **OpsTOBERFEST Operations Challenge Cook-Off** benefiting the North Texas Ops Challenge Teams! Come ready for great food, a little friendly competition, and a whole lot of fun!

Here are some quick things to know:

- Cook-off team registration, dinner reservations, and sign-ups are due by **October 11**
- Pricing is as follows:
 - ✓ Members and guests: \$20
 - ✓ City/utility employees and spouses: \$10
 - ✓ Kids 15 and under: FREE!
- Drinks are BYOB until 5:30 p.m. (sodas, water, and beer must be purchased from the Knights of Columbus Bar after that time)

For more information about this exciting event, please refer to the flyer on page 2.

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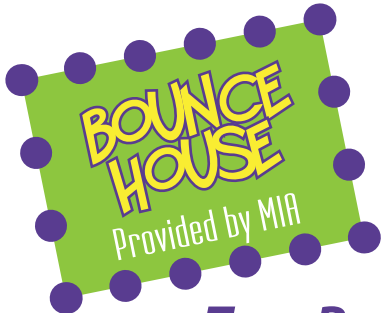
OPERATIONS CHALLENGE COOK-OFF!

Friday, October 18, 2013

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2625 S. Cooper St. Arlington, Texas 76015

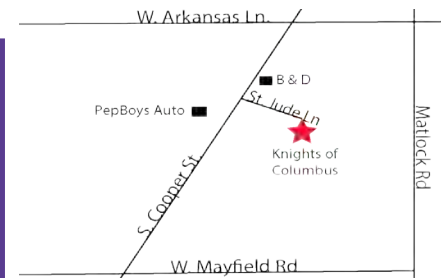


**BENEFITS THE NORTH TEXAS
OPS CHALLENGE TEAMS
NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.**



Event Time:

Teams May Arrive	8:00am
Volleyball Tournament	12:00pm
Social Hour	5:00pm
Food Judging & Costume Contest	6:00pm
Children's Dinner Buffet	6:15pm
Talent Show & Dinner Buffet	6:30pm
Awards	7:30pm



NEW THIS YEAR:

**TALENT SHOW
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

TEAM REGISTRATION

Teams are free to register!

All team members must pay the dinner entry fee, except Utility and City sponsored teams. (4 people max per team)

Utility and City sponsored teams will be reimbursed up to \$100 for entree and \$25 for dessert entry.

Teams to register by October 11th! Please call Eva Gorgi at 214.948.4573 or eva.gorgi@dallascityhall.com to register.

Teams may enter one entree into one or all of three categories: Beef, Chicken, Pork

Winners will be chosen by a panel of Judges

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DINNER

Dinner reservations and sign-ups are due by October 11th. Please email Brigit Buff at treasurer@weat-nts.org your RSVP.

Members \$20 – Guests \$20 – All kids 15 and under are FREE!
City/Utility Employees and Spouses: \$10 per person

BYOB until 5:30pm. Drinks (sodas, water, beer) must be purchased from Knights of Columbus Bar after that time.
Hard liquor is BYO all day.
Tea and Lemonade will be provided.

Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Chicken Czar's — Best Chicken
Beef Baron's — Best Beef
Pig Pro's — Best Pork
Sweet Thang's —
Best Homemade Dessert
Brewmeister's — Best Beer

Unique Awards

Most Hospitable
Best Kids Costume
Talent Show —
(Children, Adult, and Team)
Volleyball



**NORTH TEXAS SECTION OF THE
WATER ENVIRONMENT
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Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas

**WEAT-NTS 7th Annual Operations Challenge Cook-Off
Friday, October 18, 2013**

Team Information Packet

General Information:

- Opstoberfest Cook-Off will be held at:
Knights of Columbus, 2625 S. Cooper St., Arlington, Texas 76015.

Registration of Cook-Off Teams:

- Teams must register by October 11, 2013. Please call Eva Gorgi at 214.948.4573 or eva.gorgi@dallascityhall.com to register.
- There is no registration fee for Teams, but individual team members must pay the \$20 dinner/entry fee, except for Utility or City sponsored Teams:
 - For a Utility or City sponsored Team, the \$20 dinner fee is waived for up to four (4) members max.
 - Utility and City sponsored teams will also be reimbursed up to \$100 for the entrée entry and up to \$25 for a dessert entry.

Setup and Cleanup:

- Teams may arrive at the Knights of Columbus facility as early as 8am, Friday morning.
- Each team must provide their own needed equipment and supplies. Electrical hook-ups are available.
- The facility kitchen will be available for sink use only, and must be cleaned after use. No facility equipment and/or utensils will be removed from kitchen area for any reason.
- Teams will be allowed to bring their choice of beverages, but after 5:30pm all beer, water and soft drinks must be purchased at the bar (with exception of hard liquor).
- Teams are responsible for cleaning their own area and removing all equipment and trash by the end of the competition (10pm).

Judging:

- All teams must check-in no later than 4:30pm.
- We appreciate that some teams prepare multiple foods. To simplify the judging, please select no more than one item in each entrée or desert category for judging.

- Between 5:30pm and 5:45pm, each team should send a representative to the kitchen area to obtain a numbered card (EB1, EB2, etc, for beef entrées; EC1, EC2, etc, for chicken entrées; D1, D2, etc. for desserts; etc.) and matching numbered containers. At 5:45pm, a representative from each team should take their entrée/dessert in the assigned containers to the judging area.
- Judging begins at 6:00pm. Late entrées and desserts cannot be included in the judging.
- While judging is underway, teams should cut up the entrée meat and bring the entrées/desserts to the designated serving tables. Meat should be cut up in the kitchen area or outside, not at the serving table.
- Food service for the buffet will begin promptly at 6:15pm.
- A side dish must be provided by each team for attendees, but will not be submitted for judging. (Each team will be responsible for regulating dish temperature and serving.)
- The results of the judging will be announced after the food has been served.

Judging Categories and Awards:

Traditional BBQ

1. There will only be 3 categories for the "Traditional BBQ": **Beef, Chicken, and Pork.**
2. Each team is allowed to submit only one (1) entry per category.
3. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45pm, at designated area.
4. First, Second and Third place will be awarded for each category.

Homemade Dessert

1. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45pm, at designated area.
2. Store-bought desserts will not be included in the judging.
3. First, Second and Third place will be awarded.

Homebrew Beer

1. Must submit serving portions for 3 judges by 5:45pm, at designated area.
2. First, Second and Third place will be awarded.

Kids Halloween Costume

1. Judging will begin at 6pm at the stage area.
2. First, Second and Third place will be awarded.

Talent Show

1. The Talent Show will begin at 6:15pm.
2. Please complete the entry form for show registration. For information, contact Heather Compton at 817-829-0290 or HACompton@GarverUSA.com

Contact Eva Gorgi at 214-948-4573 or via email eva.gorgi@dallascityhall.com or Brigit Buff at treasurer@weat-nts.org for registration and any questions.

**WEAT-NTS 7th Annual
Operations Challenge Cook-Off
Friday, October 18, 2013**

ENTRY FORM

(Please print or Type)

TEAM NAME: _____ **Team Leader:** _____

Team Leader Contact Information:

Team Members:

Company Name: _____

1. _____

Work Number: _____

2. _____

Cell Number: _____

3. _____

Email: _____

4. _____

Additional team member: (4 members max per Utility and City sponsored teams)

(Please check all that apply)

Traditional BBQ

Entry Description

BEEF _____

Chicken _____

Pork _____

Dessert

Entry Description

1. Dessert _____

2. Dessert _____

3. Dessert _____

Homebrew Beer

Entry Description

1. Beer _____

2. Beer _____

Talent Show

Entry Description

Contestant _____

Contestant _____

You may register online at <http://www.weat-nts.org> or mail check to:

Brigit Buff
Treasurer – NTS WEAT
c/o CH2M Hill
12750 Merit Drive, Suite 1100
Dallas, Texas 75251

For questions you may contact Eva Gorgi at 214-948-4573 or via email eva.gorgi@dallascityhall.com

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Guess what? It's back-to-school time! What exactly did Pink Floyd mean when they sang, "We don't need no education"? **Where would any of us be without education?**

Looking back on my own educational experience, I am thankful for and appreciative of family, friends, teachers, coworkers,

and the people around us who through their actions (or lack thereof) also taught us a lesson or two. Some of these individuals would risk personal relationships to ensure that I went to school and realized the value of education.

Growing up, I remember my grandmother and grandfather having immigrated from a small fishing village in Sicily, Italy. They had no formal education—their only experience was their life experience, which related to hard work. My mother and father—neither of whom finished elementary school because of the war and the burdens of just making it through another day in a new country—always stressed the need for education. I remember them saying, "Dis is-a Amerika. Evva ri body herra, they go to da school, anna they be smartta. You getta smartta anna you getta good-da job anna be wealty." So, each and every morning, they woke my lazy butt up and the daily ordeal of getting dressed, eating breakfast, and having my hair combed would occur before I was set out to walk to school. (I am convinced the reason I am bald today is because my mother pulled every bit of hair out each morning when she was fighting me to comb it.)

I didn't understand until much later—when I had to buy my own groceries and clothes and pay for my own haircuts (glad I don't have to worry about that one anymore!)—why these individuals pushed me so hard. I certainly owe them a debt of gratitude, but **how can one ever repay the gift of education?**

I recently attended a couple of TCEQ biosolids land application public stakeholder meetings. It was quite an experience to sit and listen to the citizens' comments. As I sat in the audience, it became very evident to me that a gap existed—a gap between what is known and what is being perceived. Citizens were convinced that Class A biosolids contained hazardous waste, plague-causing pathogens, radioactive material, and diseases

that would initiate the apocalyptic prophesies written about by John in the Book of Revelation. About the only thing that was said which did have validity was that the biosolids had odor, albeit they kept referring to it as the odor of dead bodies! How many dead bodies are lying around that would cause more than just a few individuals to use that as a point of reference? I don't know about all of you, but I am not moving to those parts of North Texas!

So where am I going with all of this? Back to education... It became obvious to me during these meetings that we as an organization do an excellent job of educating ourselves, **but what have we done to spread that knowledge to those in the impact zones?** Therein lies the gap: the gap between what is perceived by the citizens of our community and the reality of what we know to be true or factual. **We have an obligation to teach, to spread the word about what we are doing!** We have to engage our community to let them know who we are and what we are doing to make their lives better.

Somewhere down the road, there will be public hearings that will impact all of us, be they about a new or renewed plant permit, biosolids application, a new discharge outfall, or any number of things. Inevitably, we will be confronted by the very people we aspire to protect through providing a better environment and a higher quality of life. So why are we not in constant communication with our fellow citizens?

As part of our WEAT-NTS organization, we have a Public Education Committee, which I would like to have take on the challenge of creating a Speakers Bureau. Any member of our Section can participate to educate civic organizations (e.g., Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs or the League of Women Voters). Let's share our education with our constituents. If you are interested in participating as an envoy of WEAT-NTS to spread the word, please send an e-mail to either **Amy Robinson** or Yours Truly.

"All in all, it's just another brick in the wall."

Sebastian "Buster" Fichera, REM
WEAT-NTS President

BUSTER AND OpSTOBERFEST 2013

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Time for the smell of smoked pulled pork, jalepeño dove wraps, BBQ chicken, and ribs, ribs, and more ribs! **Time for all of us to get together for the Annual Ops Challenge BBQ Cook-Off Fundraiser!**

Last year, the event was held in October, and we combined the festivities associated with Oktoberfest and Halloween as part of our BBQ cook-off. It was such a smashing success last year that we have decided to host the event in October again. This year it is termed "OpsTOBERFEST," keeping with the tradition of providing a fundraising opportunity for our Ops Challenge teams. **We all need to support our teams!** They are the ambassadors of our industry. They are to environmental stewardship what cowboys are to rodeos.

This year, we have a new venue. We have a bigger room, more air conditioning, larger restrooms, a full kitchen, volleyball courts, a softball field, a stage... *did I mention more air conditioning?*

This year will be our finest year. Our goal this year is to outdo everything we have ever done in the past. We want more BBQ teams, more attendance, and more participation. We want this to be a family event. And when I say family, I mean the WEAT-NTS family as well as our own families. We want this to be a casual, fun-filled evening where we can all just sit around in comfort and enjoy some good food, entertainment, and camaraderie on a personal level. We are planning to have volleyball games, (maybe even a tournament, if the participation interest is there!). We are even planning to have a talent show for children and adults.

So mark your calendar for October 18, 2013! Take the day off and bring the family! Let's all show up, relax, and have a nice evening with our friends.

Look forward to seeing all of you there!

Buster Fichera

P.S. Show up hungry!

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WEAT-NTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR WATER PLAN FUNDING

On November 5, 2013, Texas will hold an election on the proposed constitutional amendment creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT). Passage of this amendment will allow \$2 billion from the State's Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund) to be deposited into the SWIFT to provide funding for infrastructure projects included in the Texas State Water Plan. As outlined in HB 4, the SWIFT will be used to create a revolving loan program to be used for water plan projects with low interest rates, deferred loan payments, and longer terms for loan repayment. The State will be paid back principal and interest and the fund may not be used for grants.

Language on the election ballot for Proposition 6 will be as follows:

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the State Water Plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

Voters will be asked to vote either FOR or AGAINST. **It is very important for WEAT members to take the lead in helping to educate voters on the background and the importance of this amendment to the future of Texas water.** Find out what you can do to help increase public awareness of this constitutional amendment at WEAT's free webinar on September 18, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. Registration information is available on WEAT's website.

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





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WEAT – North Texas Section Sponsorship Opportunities

Valid July 2013 to June 2014

Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

- Fall BBQ Picnic Cook-Off – \$250
- Sporting Clay Station – \$150
- WEAT – NTS Scholarship – \$100
- Daryl Hall Scholarship – \$100
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- NTS February Seminar – \$250
- NTS Young Professionals – \$100
- Recognition of Individual Sponsors includes:
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 - ✓ Sign at event listing each sponsor

- ✓ Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm)
- ✓ Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)
- ✓ Sign at meeting listing the sponsors (name of firm)
- ✓ Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting

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- Typically five Classic Sponsors per meeting
- Recognition of Classic Sponsors:

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

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- \$1,850
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- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus:
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 - ✓ Company logo included in meeting reminder emails
 - ✓ Company logo included in sponsor sign at meeting
 - ✓ Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
 - ✓ Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of the meeting
 - ✓ **Includes sponsorship of:**
 1. February Seminar
 2. WEAT-NTS Scholarship
 3. Daryl Hall Scholarship
 4. Business Card Ad in Newsletter

To become a sponsor for the July 2013 to June 2014 Fiscal Year— and to get your company name in front of over 500 members— please contact:

*Brigit Buff
WEAT-NTS Treasurer
Email: Brigit.buff@CH2M.com
Phone: 972.663.2239*

To pay by credit card, please visit www.weat-nts.org and utilize our PayPal option.

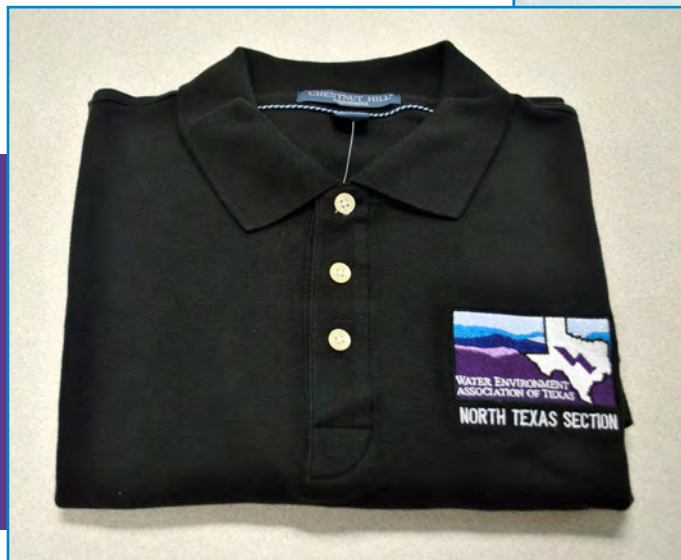
WEAT★NTS T★shirts For sale★

Show your support for the North Texas Section with this embroidered-logo polo t-shirt! These black Chestnut Hill shirts are available in men's small, medium, large, and extra-large sizes. Each shirt is \$30 and will be available for purchase at the registration table at WEAT-NTS meetings and events. Shirts will be shipped to you or can be picked up at the next meeting.

Shirts can be purchased by **cash**, **check**, or **credit card** (credit transaction can be conducted through PayPal or over the phone with NTS Treasurer **Brigit Buff**). Checks can also be mailed to the following address:

Brigit Buff, WEAT-NTS
305 St. Lukes Drive
Richardson, Texas 75080

For more information, please contact Brigit at brigit.buff@ch2m.com or 972.663.2239.



JULY 2013 DINNER MEETING

A grand total of **71 people** attended the July 2013 WEAT-NTS dinner meeting held at the Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. **President Buster Fichera** began the meeting with introductions and asked everyone to respond to the question "If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?" **Amy Robinson** requested for comments on the bylaws. As there were no further comments, a vote was held and the approval of the revised bylaws passed. The new version of bylaws will be posted on the website. **Ron Tamada** announced the formation of a Diversity Committee for WEAT and solicited volunteers for this committee.

A very informative wastewater Operations Predictive Maintenance presentation was provided by **Dan Halter, PE; Freddie Wallace;** and **Darell Long** from City of Dallas Water Utilities. The speakers provided information on struggles and roadblocks in maintenance programs. They discussed how they had overcome these obstacles at the City of Dallas Central Wastewater Plant by using a program often discussed but seldom used: **predictive maintenance**. Predictive maintenance will extend equipment life, increase plant safety, eliminate emergency maintenance, and pay for itself in less than two years.



Past President Dawn Anderson's superheroine status is forever immortalized.

Dawn Anderson gleefully passes the gavel to new President Buster Fichera.



Treasurer Brigit Buff showcases the WEAT-NTS polo shirts available for purchase.

JULY 2013 DINNER MEETING (CONT'D)

Vice President Eva Gorgi introduces the evening's presenters: Dan Halter, PE; Freddie Wallace; and Darell Long, all of City of Dallas Water Utilities.



Ron Tamada introduces the new Diversity Committee.

The predictive maintenance presentation was informative and well received.



The dinner meeting attracted more than 70 NTS members.

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WEAT E&I COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER SEMINAR

The WEAT E&I Committee will be sponsoring its next technical seminar of 2013 on Wednesday, September 18, and you are cordially invited to join us. This seminar will discuss construction specifications (including CSI formatting, pre-purchase/pre-selection specifications, performance specifications, etc.) and the shop drawing submittal process (including submittal reviews). This will be followed by a panel discussion of submittal processing in the context of different specification types and projects.

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2013
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Meet & Greet begins at 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Graybar
4601 Cambridge Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76155

Lunch will be provided immediately following. Upon arrival, we will have a donation jar for Water For People. This will be an ongoing effort, and it will continue to be entirely voluntary. Plans are to donate 100% of the amount collected to charity. As you know, we have not charged—nor do we plan to begin charging—any fee for participation in these seminars. It is through the generosity and support of organizations such as Graybar that we are able to host the meeting and provide a meal free of cost to the attendees. This opportunity to make a totally voluntary charitable donation is intended to make a difference, so your generosity is appreciated.

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OPERATIONS CORNER

GARY LAGASSEY

Gary LaGassey is the Assistant Water Superintendent at the Fort Worth Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility. Gary started his career on September 5, 1979, as a trainee making \$4.20 per hour. He came to



Village Creek from the construction industry because he wanted to be in a place with a long term future. Gary says, "In the construction business, just like many of the other private industries, you are never guaranteed to have a job

tomorrow. It's different in the water industry.... People need water to live. You cannot do anything without water, and I wanted to do something that made a difference: providing a quality treated product to put back into the environment. I am proud of what I am doing. I have come from a time when we just treated water to prevent pollution to providing a sustainable product for the community and the environment."

Gary has spent his entire 34-year career at Village Creek. When he arrived, the front gate was made up of three strands of barbed wire held together with tree limbs as posts and secured with a logging chain and padlock. "I remember that because that was the day I learned how important it was to have a good pair of leather gloves," he says. "Back then, there were no half-million-dollar homes across the street; you were in the bottoms. There was nothing out here—just skunks, snakes, and armadillos."

As a trainee, Gary learned from people like Martin West, A.J. Martin, Joe Strickland, and Steve Hodge. He obtained his operators licenses as required by the State of Texas and has held a Class A license since 2000. He has been a supervisor all but nine of the years he has been at Village Creek. He enjoys being a teacher, instructing and training operators for the future. To this end, he has participated as an instructor at the TWUA Regional and Annual Schools. "Times have changed and are continuing to change," says Gary. "Everything is becoming more automated and more technical. Training is more critical today than ever before. I believe the main task of an operator is to validate automation.

Automation is a great tool, but it is only as good as the ability of the operator to validate the information being provided."

Gary is very competitive. He became involved in the Operator Challenge teams in 1993. The teams did very well in competition, he says. "We received a lot of second-place trophies, but in 2000 we did win first in Nationals for Division II. I am really proud of that accomplishment. People do not realize how much knowledge and work it takes to be an operator—a good operator. The Operator Challenge competition demonstrates just how difficult it is. You have to be mentally sharp—understand biological processes, mathematical relationships—and you have to be mechanically inclined. It is tough. Not everyone can do this, but everyone should try. If they did, they would really appreciate their environment a little bit more."

When asked about what he is most proud of, Gary stated, "No doubt I am most proud of going on 24 consecutive years without a compliance violation. I am also proud of all the changes which I have been involved with here at Village Creek. Changes require good leadership, and good leaders change with the times. I have had to learn to be more flexible, try new ideas, not be afraid of failing as long as we were trying. We are now producing Type I Reuse Water. We land apply 100% of our biosolids as a Class A product and we are making over 70% of the electricity we need to operate the plant. This is not a sewer plant anymore; it is a reclamation facility, and I am proud to have been a part of that transition."

In his spare time, Gary likes to shoot sporting clays and enjoys bowling. He has been in a bowling league for the past two years. He has been with his best friend and partner, Ramona, for the past 22 years, with 16 of those years spent as a devoted husband. In 2011, Gary received the prestigious Hatfield Award in recognition of his accomplishments and dedication to the industry.

Gary is still young, and he is experienced. There is nothing he cannot do and nothing he will not try to achieve success. Failure is not an option with Gary. He is one of our shining stars and an example of what our industry can produce.

OPSTOBERFEST

Friday, October 18, 2013

Reserve this date on your calendar

A NEW VENUE!

The Knights of Columbus Hall
Arlington, Texas

More room to stretch out and get comfortable!
Indoor accommodations for up to 500 people!

A stage for our first-ever WEAT-NTS Talent Show
Singers, dancers, actors, jugglers, comics, and more—Children, Adult, and Team categories

More room for cook-off teams with electricity, water, and a full kitchen!

More opportunities for activities!
Softball field, volleyball courts, children's playground!

LET'S PLAN ON PACKING THE HOUSE!



**WATER ENVIRONMENT
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Needs
WEAT WANT YOU!

WEAT is expanding at the collegiate level and we need your help!

Presenters are wanted for the Fall of 2013.

Please contact Chase Bentley at:

cbentley@carollo.com or 817-202-7693 for more details.





12th Annual North Central Texas Chapter of

TEXAS AWWA Drinking Water Seminar

Fort Worth, Texas
October 25, 2013

The Petroleum Club
of Fort Worth
777 Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:00 – 8:00 AM 8:00 – 8:15 AM	Registration Opening Remarks	Christianne Castleberry – Texas Section AWWA Chair
WATER SUPPLY		
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Long Term Water Supply Planning	David Marshall – Tarrant Regional Water District
8:45 – 9:15 AM 9:15 – 9:45 AM	Water Conservation: A Regional Perspective State-Listed Threatened Mussels & Invasive Zebra Mussels: What You Need to Know to Avoid Project Delays	Jeremy Rice – Freese and Nichols Kimberlie Brashear – Dallas Water Utilities & Ashley Oliver – Half Associates, Inc.
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break	
WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT		
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Finding Diamonds in the Rough – Why Would a Utility Want to Implement a Contaminant Warning System?	Cassia Sanchez – Dallas Water Utilities & Mia Welch – CH2M Hill
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Southeast Desalting Association (SEDA) Membrane Operator Certification Program	David Laliberte – Hazen and Sawyer
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Midlothian WTP II: Treatment Processes and Remote Operations	Bryant Caswell – Schrickel, Rollins, and Associates David Sloan – Freese and Nichols
11:30 – 12:15 PM	North Texas Municipal Water District Wylie Water Treatment Plants Ozonation: Challenges of Retrofitting an 890 MGD Post-sedimentation Ozone System	Ben Wilson – City of Midlothian Jim Kelly – North Texas Municipal Water District
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	
RESEARCH/ LEGISLATIVE/ REGULATORY		
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Research that Matters to Texas: An Update from the Water Research Foundation	Shonnie Cline – Water Research Foundation
2:15 – 2:45 PM	What's on the Horizon? Drinking Water Regulatory Update	Sarah Clark, HDR
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	TCEQ Updates	Bob Patton, Jr.- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Legislative Updates	Martin Rochelle – Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle & Townsend P.C.

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The North Central Texas Chapter is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Drinking Water Seminar to be held on October 25, 2013 at the Petroleum Club.

The seminar will offer valuable information on topics such as water supply, water quality regulatory issues and other current drinking water topics.

For more information,
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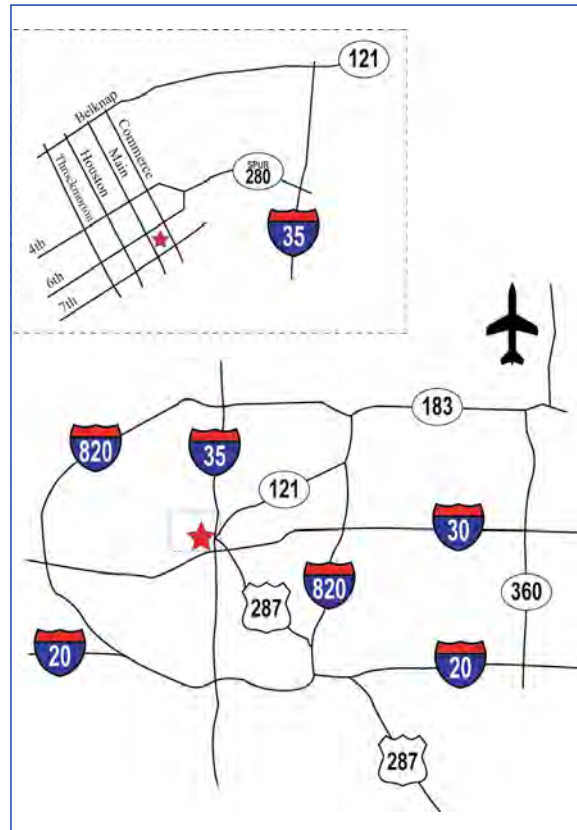
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THE DARYL HALL FAMILY FUND

This fund was started in the spring of 2003 to help support a great friend and co-worker, Daryl Hall. Daryl 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 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 made to him 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 U.S. Navy aboard the *USS Charles F. Adams* from 1985 to 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, earning 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 startup, and repairing rotating equipment for water and wastewater facilities throughout Texas.

Daryl was a member of the Texas Water Utility Association (TWUA) where he 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 were 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 who 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."

The Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament 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 the tournament go directly to this fund. In keeping with Daryl's desire to give back to our industry and help others, the North Texas Section of 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!

Should you require specific information regarding this fund, please contact Sam Caillouet at 972.679.6542.

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ZACHARY PEOPLES APPOINTED TO DALLAS WATER UTILITIES' EXECUTIVE TEAM

The City of Dallas is delighted to announce the appointment of Zachary L. Peoples to the position of Assistant Director of Wastewater Operations within the Dallas Water Utilities (DWU). Zachary brings experience and expertise to meet the challenges through a proven record of operational leadership, strategy development, customer service, team building, and fiscal discipline. He joined DWU in November 1993 after retiring from the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant. He has nearly 20 years of experience in wastewater operations and has solid regulatory experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Park College, Kansas City, Missouri.



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UPPER TRINITY RECEIVES OPERATIONS PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Upper Trinity Regional Water District has received **top national honors for all three of its water reclamation facilities** serving the citizens of several communities in Denton County. The Peak Performance Awards program presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding record of compliance with state and federal regulations. All of Upper Trinity's water reclamation plants received Platinum Awards for 2012. The NACWA Platinum Award is presented to facilities that achieved 100% compliance with their TPDES permits for at least five consecutive years. Upper Trinity was one of only two utilities in Texas to have all of its treatment facilities receive the Platinum Award.

- **Lakeview Plant** (located in the City of Lake Dallas) has maintained perfect compliance for 14 consecutive years.
- **Peninsula Plant** (located near the City of Oak Point) has maintained perfect compliance for nine consecutive years.
- **Riverbend Plant** (located in Paloma Creek) has maintained perfect compliance for more than five consecutive years.
- **Joe Thompson**, Senior Operator for Upper Trinity, also received WEAT's Outstanding Operator of the Year Award at Texas Water in Galveston.

"Upper Trinity takes pride in providing first-class service with our three modern water reclamation plants for communities in the Denton County area. The plants are very efficient, reflecting the skills of qualified and extremely dedicated employees who are fully committed to public service. These employees take great care in protecting the environment," says **Thomas E. Taylor**, Executive Director of Upper Trinity.

EAST FORK RAW WATER SUPPLY PROJECT WINS 2013 CLIDE AWARD

In 2004, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) faced a critical raw water supply shortage. Water demands in NTMWD's rapidly growing service area north and east of Dallas, Texas, would soon outpace their capability to meet them from their existing raw water sources. New surface water supplies planned at that time would not be completed in time to contribute to the solution.

NTMWD addressed this problem by developing an environmentally friendly, fast-track project with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., that would yield the raw water supply needed to meet the increased water demand: **the East Fork Raw Water Supply Project**. The East Fork Raw Water Supply Project represents the largest indirect water reuse project in the United States utilizing a constructed wetland to reclaim water for the purpose of augmenting a surface water supply source.

Functionally, the project works as follows: NTMWD diverts treated effluent (return flows) from the East Fork of the Trinity River that have been contributed by NTMWD- or customer-owned wastewater treatment facilities into a 2,000-acre constructed wetland for removal of sediments and nutrients from the water. The wetland-treated water is then conveyed 43.5 miles to Lavon Lake for storage, subsequent treatment, and use by NTMWD customers. The East Fork Raw Water Supply Project is capable of providing enough water to serve 500,000 people per year. This is comparable to the yield of a new reservoir, but was completed at a cost of less than 25% of developing a new reservoir and in about 20% of the time. As such, the East Fork Raw Water Supply Project is a signature solution of innovation.

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LAN WELCOMES STEWART AND COOKSEY

Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Terrace Stewart, PE**, and **Seth Cooksey, PE**, have joined their Dallas office.



Terrace Stewart has over 34 years of experience in the water industry, with master planning, pipeline design and assessment, facilities operations, trenchless design, and utility design-build project delivery experience. He

holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and is a member of both WEAT and AWWA. During his career, Terrace has served on National Association boards to include the AWWA Water Utility Council and as a Board of Trustee on the Water Research Foundation. He also served previously as the Director of Dallas Water Utilities and as the Chairman of Region C Water Planning Group during preparation of the first State Water Plan mandated by Senate Bill 1.

Seth Cooksey has more than 10 years of design and management experience with projects related to water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure with a focus on medium and large diameter pipeline design and rehabilitation.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is also a new member of WEAT.

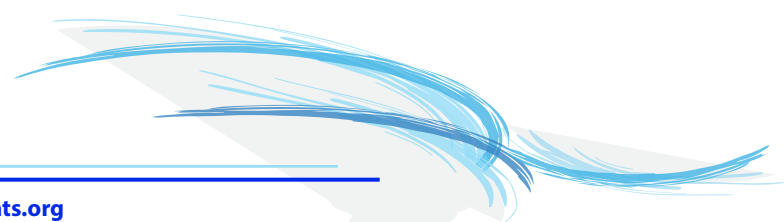


CH2M HILL WELCOMES NAGEL AND GED

CH2M HILL would like to welcome **Jim Nagel** to the Dallas Water Business Group. Jim has 32 years of experience in the wastewater consulting field and has worked on numerous water and wastewater projects from Maine to Texas. He has been with CH2M HILL for 25 years (18 in Northern Virginia and 7 in Charlotte, North Carolina). His roles include Program Management, Project Management, Design, and Construction Management/Inspection. He enjoys playing and coaching ice hockey, Tough Mudder events, and flying remote control airplanes.

CH2M HILL would also like to welcome **Evan Ged** to the Dallas Water Business Group. Evan graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina State University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering. He attended graduate school at the University of Florida, where he received a Master of Environmental Engineering in August 2013.

This August, he joined the CH2M HILL office in Dallas as a junior water engineer with interests in water and wastewater treatment design. His personal interests include golfing, fishing, skiing, live music, traveling, and sports of all kinds.



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- You may submit relevant news items such as new hires and acquisitions, project awards and recognition, and other relevant news announcements.
- Announcements should be broadly relevant to the WEAT-NTS membership and the North Texas community.
- We will not accept promotional materials or commercial advertising.
- The Electronic Communications committee will edit announcements for brevity, clarity, and suitability.
- The WEAT-NTS Executive Committee reserves the right to reject all submissions deemed unsuitable.

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

WEAT-NTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Daryl Hall Golf Tournament	September 13, 2013	The Links at Waterchase	Golf for a Good Cause
Annual Operations Challenge Cook-Off	October 18, 2013	The Knights of Columbus	OpsTOBERFEST!
WEAT-NTS November Dinner Meeting	November 21, 2013	Texas Star	TBD
WEAT-NTS January Dinner Meeting	January 23, 2014	Texas Star	TBD
February Seminar	February 11, 2014	TBD	TBD
Sporting Clay Shoot	March 21, 2014	TBD	Fun, Fun, Fun!



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