



# WEAT

## North Texas Section



### 18th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, October 10, 2025

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# Leadership Message

## *Message from the* **President**

 **Happy Fall WEAT-NTS Members and North Texas Family,**

As we transition into autumn, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength and spirit of our community. This summer brought us together in meaningful ways. We celebrated the legacy of the Daryl Hall Scholarship at the **Annual Daryl Hall Golf Tournament**. This event found a new location and doubled in size by expanding to two courses.

At **WEFTEC 2025**, WEAT-NTS was proudly represented in multiple ways.



Our **Membranes and Mudbugs** event earned national recognition for its innovative blend of technical education and community engagement. And our Operations Challenge judges and teams showcased Texas excellence on the national stage, with **TRA River Guardians** and **TRAIblazers** earning top honors in safety and lab events.



# Leadership Message

Looking ahead, **OPStoberfest 2025** is just around the corner on October 10th. With over 30 teams registered, this year's event promises to be one of the biggest yet. Highlights include a BBQ cook-off, costume contest, hospitality competition, and expanded sponsorship opportunities. Thanks to the leadership of Ola Wenno and our planning team, we're gearing up for an unforgettable celebration.



As always, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President. Let's keep the momentum going—supporting each other, growing our section, and advancing clean water for Texas.

Paula Monaco  
President, WEAT-NTS



**Paula Monaco**



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Receive newsletters, organization announcements, and other relevant information by e-mail.

Text WEATNTS to 22828  
to get started!





# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

Date	Event	Location
10/10/25	OPStoberfest	St Jude Event Center 2625 S Cooper Street Arlington, TX 76015
11/6/25	Winter Wetland Event	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center 655 Martin Lane Combine, Tx 75159
11/13/25	WEAT Collection Systems Committee and UCTA Joint Happy Hour	Maple Branch Brewery 2628 Whitmore Street Fort Worth, Tx 76107
11/13/25-11/15/25	CAST Conference	Sheraton Dallas Hotel 400 Olive Street Dallas, Tx 75201
12/11/25	WEAT-NTS December Lunch	TBD
2/10/26	February Seminar	City of Hurst Conference Center 1601 Campus Drive Hurst, Tx 76054

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- Website
- Communication
- Photography
- Professional Wastewater Operators Committee
- Awards Committee

If interested in joining one of the above, please reach out to Paula Monaco ([pmonaco@Plummer.com](mailto:pmonaco@Plummer.com)) and Blayne Johnson ([johnsonbj@trinityra.org](mailto:johnsonbj@trinityra.org))



# OPStoberfest 2025



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# WEAT COLLECTION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE & UCTA HAPPY HOUR

Join WEAT and UCTA for an evening of drinks  
and networking!

1 drink ticket per person!



**When:**  
Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
From 5:00 - 7:30 PM

**Where:**  
Maple Branch Brewery  
2628 Whitmore Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

**RSVP**



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# July Dinner Meeting Recap

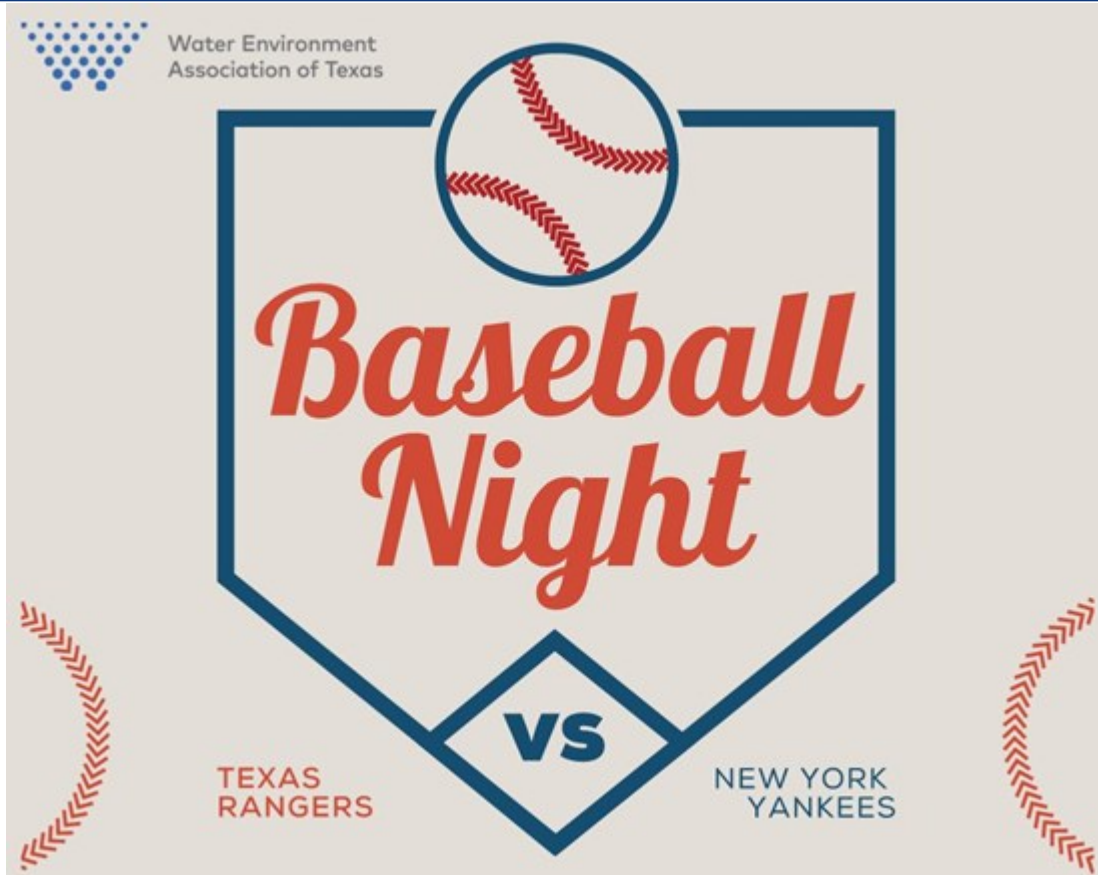
At the July dinner meeting held at Texas Live, a full house of water professionals came together for a dynamic panel discussion on how design decisions impact operators and overall plant management. Panelists shared real-world insights from the operator's perspective, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities that arise in daily life at a wastewater treatment plant. Their feedback offered engineers practical guidance for developing system designs that enhance efficiency, reliability, and ease of use for those on the front lines. The dialogue underscored the importance of collaboration between engineering and operations teams to ensure new assets are designed with keeping the people who operate and maintain them in mind.

The attendees benefited greatly from the combined experience of our panelists;

- ◆ **Michael Brogdon** with North Texas Municipal Water District
- ◆ **Kris Jones** with Upper Trinity Regional Water District
- ◆ **Karl Moellering** with Trinity River Authority
- ◆ **Lance Phillips** with Kimley Horn and Associates (Dallas Water Utilities, retired)

Thank you to all who joined us on this July evening, our panelists for being giving of their time and expertise and for the audience questions and participation. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in October and November. Check out the WEAT-NTS calendar on our website for more details and registration, [weat-nts.org](http://weat-nts.org)

# Young Professionals



Last month we had the Rangers game. 100 young professionals showed up to network and cheer on the Rangers!

Keep an eye out for future YP events!

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# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the July 2024 – June 2025 year, plus multiple individual sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships will support:


- WEAT-NTS and Darryl Hall Scholarship Funds
- Dinner Meetings
- Young Professionals
- Outreach Programs (Science Fair, Future Cities, Trinity River Cleanup, etc.)

<p><b>Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For One Dinner Meeting</li> <li>• Recognition of Classic Sponsors:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting</li> <li>- Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at the beginning of the meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$100
Newsletter Advertising (6 issues) and website link	\$150
NTS February Seminar	\$300
NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor	\$500
NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor	\$1,000

<p><b>Gold Sponsor \$1,250</b></p> <p>Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall Cook-off) (for the price of five)</p> <p>Recognition of Gold Sponsor is the same as Classic Sponsor at ALL six meetings</p>
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\*Darryl Hall Golf Tournament, Sporting Clays, Opstoberfest, and Membranes and Mudbugs events sponsorships are advertised separately.

<p><b>Platinum \$1,950</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition as a platinum sponsor at ALL SIX meetings.</li> <li>• Recognition of Platinum Sponsor is same as Gold Sponsor, plus:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and link on website</li> <li>- Display of digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint</li> <li>- Recognition of Platinum Sponsor by President at the beginning of each meeting</li> <li>- Recognition as February Seminar Sponsor including logo display in advertising and at event</li> <li>- Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events</li> <li>- Recognition as WEAT NTS and Darryl Hall scholarship fund contributor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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