



# WEAT

## North Texas Section



## 18th Annual Cook-Off

Friday, October 16, 2026

The Knights of Columbus Hall

2625 S Cooper Street

Arlington, Texas 76015

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# Leadership Message

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

### **Howdy, WEAT North Texas!**

I am excited to write to you all, returned from parental leave, to update you all on what our section has been up to, and where we're going.

Quick fact check: Did you know that this year DFW is tied for the **second** most consecutive days with no precipitation (67), and that this summer was the **fifth** most total days with triple-digit highs (52)? 15 of those 100+ degree days came from September alone, which itself set a new record, smashing the previous most of 8. I for one am very thankful for everyone who works in the industry to keep our treatment facilities running during peak summer demands, for those with the forethought to plan for droughts, and the air-conditioning that kept my house cool during parental leave and the peak days of summer.

Staying on the electrical side, our July event included a hot topic at Texas Live!: **"Powering Water Infrastructure: Electrical Cost, Lead-time and Labor Challenges in Today's Market"**. This meeting was a panel discussion facilitated by Deputy Treasurer Andy Paulson of Gupta, with panelists Biju Cherian of NTMWD, Josh Clark of Clark Electric, and Chris Ristow of The Reynolds Company. The discussion included a peek behind the curtain on the causes for the "pressure points" our industry has recently seen on the electrical side. The panelists showcased their in-depth knowledge on the topic, citing data centers and other previously nonexistent demands on the market that indirectly contribute to electrician labor shortages, as well as increased lead times for equipment such as generators, switchgears and transformers on public infrastructure capital improvement projects.

In August, the North Texas Section Young Professionals put together another fun Texas Rangers event at Globe Life Field. The Rangers had a walk-off hit, sealing the victory against the Giants, in dramatic fashion. Thanks to our YPs for putting this great event together!

# Leadership Message

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

September saw another successful Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament at the Bear Creek Golf Club. Our Section was out in full force, either playing or volunteering before trying to be “Last off the Pot” during the awards section following the tournament. Something our Executive Committee is really proud of this year is the number of scholarships that have been able to be awarded thanks to the generosity of North Texas members and our sponsors. Take a look at our Scholarships and Daryl Hall recap sections of the newsletter to learn more!

As we look ahead to the fall, we have several events coming up. Our annual Opstoberfest event will take place at the St. Jude Event Center (formerly known as the Knights of Columbus Hall) in Arlington on Friday, October 16. Our November meeting will include a wastewater facility tour of NTMWD’s Sister Grove RWRRF in McKinney on Thursday afternoon, November 12. We can’t wait to see you at both!

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude in being able to serve as your North Texas Section President, and I can always be reached at [president@weat-nts.org](mailto:president@weat-nts.org). I’ll see you out there!

PS – Our newest Section member is really excited to get involved!

Sincerely,  
Blayne Johnson



# WEAT-NTS & WEF Events

| Date     | Event                      | Location                                                           |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/16/26 | WEAT-NTS Opstoberfest      | St. Jude Event Center<br>2625 S Cooper St<br>Arlington, Tx 76015   |
| 11/5/26  | WEAT vs AWWA Kickball Game | Randol Mill Park<br>1901 W Randol Mill Road<br>Arlington, Tx 76012 |
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| 11/12/26 | November Meeting           | NTMWD Sister Grove RWRRF<br>3360 FM 2933<br>McKinney, Tx 75071     |
| 3/5/27   | Sporting Clays             | TBD                                                                |

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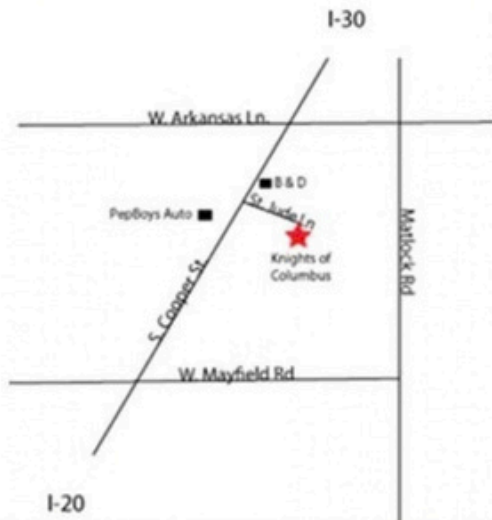
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# Opstoberfest



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### Costumes Encouraged

Get in the Halloween spirit! Costumes are encouraged for kids AND adults.



Family-friendly festivities including a photo booth!

Interested in sponsoring another family activity?  
Or have questions? Email Ola Wenno at [owenno@plummer.com](mailto:owenno@plummer.com) or Lillie Bolton at [Lillie.Bolton@Kimley-Horn.com](mailto:Lillie.Bolton@Kimley-Horn.com)

## Schedule of Events

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Teams May Arrive | 8:00 AM      |
| Social Hour      | 5:00 PM      |
| Food Judging     | 3:30—5:30 PM |
| Costume Contest  | 6:00 PM      |
| Dinner Buffet    | 6:15 PM      |
| Program          | 7:00 PM      |
| Awards           | 7:30 PM      |

BYO beer until 5:30 pm! BYO liquor all day!

## Join us!

Members and Guest: \$20

City/Utility and Guest: \$10

Kids 15 and Under: Free



[Register your team online](#)

Team registration is due by October 3. Additional details on team registration are included in the team information packet.

One vehicle limit per team in field.

### Awards

- BBQ: Chicken, Beef, Brisket, Pork, Wild Game
- Dessert
- Beer
- Pit Master
- Most Hospitable Team
- Best Kids' Costume



Visit [WEAT-NTS.org](http://WEAT-NTS.org) for more information.

# OPStoberfest Registration



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# Opstoberfest

Click [HERE](#) to register for the event!

Click [HERE](#) to register your team!

Deadline for team registration is September 30th

Click [HERE](#) to sponsor the event!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for the event!

Deadline to volunteer and receive a t-shirt is September 30th

\*All volunteers still need to register as attendees

Click [HERE](#) to be a judge!

Feature special judge swag this year!



# Daryl Hall Recap

North Texas Section's **23rd annual Daryl Hall Memorial Golf Tournament** was held on September 11th, 2026, and had great participation to raise scholarship funds. 60+ teams and sponsors registered to play, and 40+ volunteers donated their time to make this event possible – thank you to our generous sponsors and volunteers! This golf tournament has proven to be critical over the past 23 years for providing scholarship opportunities for the more than **96 (ninety-six!)** total recipients of the Daryl Hall Memorial Scholarship offered to WEAT-NTS students.

Some of the fun events on the golf course included: the CrapShoot (a toilet platform teams must tee-off from), shooting the golf ball launcher, getting roasted by the Hole Hecklers, and competing for cash and prizes on various contests.



# Daryl Hall Recap

Awards were given out to top 3 overall teams from each course, and individual winners from the contests on each course:

|                                | East Course                      | West Course            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st place team                 | Victaulic                        | McKinney's and Friends |
| 2nd place team                 | Environmental Improvements, Inc. | PVS Chemicals          |
| 3rd place team                 | Gupta and Associates             | Andritz                |
| Longest Drive Winner           | Derrick Dickerson                | Glen Defoure           |
| Closest to the Pin Winner      | Jess Scrivner                    | Craig Johnson          |
| Straightest Drive Winner       | Michael Reed                     | Scott Williams         |
| Overall Putting Contest Winner | Scott Williams                   |                        |

**Thanks to the many dedicated individuals and companies who sponsored, North Texas Section raised over \$20,000 for our scholarship program from this event!**

# Scholarship Committee Update

The Fall 2026 semester is well underway, and the WEAT North Texas Section (NTS) Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the Daryl Hall Scholarship and WEAT NTS Scholarship awards have been distributed to this year's recipients.

This year, **12 Daryl Hall Scholarships** and **19 WEAT NTS Scholarships** were awarded. The 31 scholarships represent an approximately 41% increase over scholarships awarded last year. In total, **\$32,350** was awarded to students for the Fall 2026 semester. Recipients represent 27 universities across Texas and neighboring states, highlighting the growing reach and impact of the WEAT NTS Scholarship Program.

**Congratulations to all Fall 2026 scholarship recipients!** We are proud to support the next generation of professionals as they pursue their educational and career goals.

These scholarships would not be possible without the continued generosity of our members, sponsors, and event participants. A special thank you goes to everyone who supports the Daryl Hall Golf Tournament and all WEAT NTS sponsors. Your participation directly contributes to creating opportunities for students.

Stay tuned for details on Spring 2027 scholarship renewals later this year.

Thank you for your continued support of the WEAT NTS Scholarship Program.

# TRINITY RIVER TRASH BASH

WEAT-NTS joined Tarrant regional water district and many other volunteers to remove litter throughout the trinity river bank on saturday, september 19, 2026 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am



## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### TRINITY RIVER BANK CLEAN-UP

The Trinity River Trash Bash was a success thanks to our volunteers who showed up bright and early, ready to get to work. Even with the Texas heat, the team stayed motivated and spent the morning cleaning up the riverbank to help keep the area clean and enjoyable for the community. Their hard work helped protect a beautiful natural resource and make the trail a better place for everyone who uses it.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our participation in the Trinity River Trash Bash gave us a chance to connect with the Tarrant Regional Water District while helping make a difference in the community. By cleaning up the riverbank, we helped make the trail cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone who uses it. It was great to see the impact of our efforts firsthand, with several runners thanking us as they passed by. The event was a fun way to spend the day outdoors, meet others who care about the local environment, and help keep a community space looking its best.

# WEAT-NTS YP Update

## September Happy Hour (Sept. 24th)

WEAT-NTS YPs gathered at Loro in North Dallas for our September Happy Hour, and the event was a great success! With an excellent turnout from professionals across the industry, the evening was filled with networking, conversation, and new connections. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the event a memorable one.



## November Kickball Game, WEAT v AWWA

The annual AWWA x WEAT Kickball Game is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5th at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. We're excited to partner with AWWA for an evening of friendly competition, networking, and fun. Food and drinks will be provided, with additional details and registration information coming soon.



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# Sponsorship Opportunities

WEAT-NTS offers three levels of sponsorships for the January 2026–December 2026 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.)

## Classic Dinner Sponsor \$250

- ✓ One Dinner Meeting
- ✓ Recognition of Classic Sponsors includes:
  - Announcement on front page of newsletter (name of firm) for the sponsored meeting
  - Announcement in meeting reminder emails (name of firm)
  - Display of (name of firm) digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
  - Verbal recognition of sponsors by President at beginning of the meeting

## Gold Sponsor \$1,250

- ✓ Recognition at ALL six meetings (includes Fall BBQ Cook-off) for the price of five
- ✓ Recognition of the Gold Sponsors is the same as Classic Sponsors at all six meetings

## Platinum Sponsor \$1,950

- ✓ Recognition as a Platinum Sponsor at ALL six meetings (including the Fall BBQ Cook-off)
- ✓ Recognition of the Platinum Sponsors is the same as Gold Sponsors, plus:
  - Company name included in all newsletters, meeting announcements, meeting reminder emails, and Company Link on WEAT-NTS website
  - Display of (name of firm) digital banner at meeting (if supplied) via PowerPoint
  - Recognition of Platinum Sponsors by President at the beginning of each meeting
  - Recognition as YP Sponsor, with \$100 from sponsorship being earmarked toward local YP events
  - Recognition as WEAT-NTS Scholarship fund contributor

## Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

- Fall Opstoberfest BBQ Cook-Off: \$250
- Sporting Clays: Options starting at \$150
- WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund Contribution: \$100
- Darryl Hall Scholarship Fund Contribution: \$100
- NTS Newsletter Business Card Ad (6 issues) and website link: \$150
- NTS February Seminar: \$300
- NTS February Seminar Table Sponsor: \$500
- NTS February Seminar Break Area Sponsor: \$1,000
- NTS February Seminar Reception Sponsor: \$1,000
- NTS Young Professionals Sponsor: \$100

- Recognition of Individual Sponsors includes:
  - List of sponsors in newsletter announcement
  - List of sponsors in event reminder emails
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