Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, December 20th at the Waller Creek Center.

Robert Cullwell, P.E. (TAWWA Water For People Committee Chairman) and Matt Berg gave an update/overview of Water for People. Thanks to our speakers for their time, and to the supporters of the Water for People movement. Also, special thanks to our December meeting sponsors for their support.

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, February 21st, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45am to ensure a good seat.

Robert B. Gilbert, P.E., Ph.D., M.ASCE, will give a presentation entitled Hurricane Katrina and Ethics, which will cover Hurricane Katrina and how it became one of the worst engineering disasters in the Nation’s history. The levees and floodwalls protecting the area failed and allowed water to pour into New Orleans. Nearly 2,000 people lost their lives, one-fourth of the houses were destroyed, and tens of billions of dollars of property were lost. The presentation will address what went wrong and why it happened. It will emphasize what we as engineers and scientists can learn and improve in the wake of this disaster.

Robert Gilbert is the Brunswick-Abernathy Professor of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He joined the faculty in 1993. He also practiced with Golder Associates, Inc. as a geotechnical engineer from 1988 to 1993. His technical focus is on risk analysis and management for civil engineering systems. Recent activities include analyzing the performance of offshore platforms and pipelines in hurricanes; managing flooding risks for levees in California, Washington, and Louisiana; and performing a forensic analysis of the New Orleans levee failures.

TAWWA Annual Officer Election

Capital Area Chapter Officer elections will be held during the February meeting following the presentation.

If you are an AWWA member and would like to place a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, or President, please send your nominations to James Mansfield at James@pumpsolutions.net

Upcoming Events and News:

- Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament, April 5, 2014. See attached flyers for more details.
- TAWWA Texas Water 2014. April 14-17, 2014 in Dallas, TX.
- ACE The National AWWA Conference will be June 8-12, 2014 in Boston, MA.
YP Happy Hour

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA and the Central Texas Section of WEAT held a Young Professionals (YP) Happy Hour on February 6th at the Mean Eyed Cat. A big thank you to you WWater Tech, Inc. for sponsoring the event.

Another YP happy hour event will be scheduled soon; look for details to come!

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Naomi Bourgeois at NBourgeois@dcs-engineering.com.

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**Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament**

_The Texas Section American Water Works Association and Water Environment Association of Texas are partnered to sponsor the third annual Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament to be held April 5, 2014 at Aussie’s Grill & Beach Bar in Austin. Over 100 players and spectators attended the event last year, raising over $5,000 for sustainable water projects around the world._

For sponsorship opportunities or to register a team, please contact Matt Berg at matt.berg@ch2m.com or 512-249-3313. See attached flyer for additional information about the event.

Water For People is AWWA’s charity of choice, with active AWWA member volunteers all over the world. Water For People works with people and partners to develop innovative and long-lasting solutions to the water, sanitation, and hygiene problems in the developing world.

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**CAC TAWWA Local Scholarship Award Winner**

_The Capital Area Chapter awarded Colleen Lyons a $500 scholarship at the December 20th meeting. Colleen is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Environmental Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and plans to continue her education as a Ph.D. candidate. She hopes to enter the workforce as a drinking water engineer following graduation._

As an undergraduate, Colleen worked closely with Engineers Without Borders (EWB) in designing and constructing a gravity-fed water distribution system for a rural village in Cameroon, Central Africa. She is continuing her work with EWB as a project mentor and will work on reconstructing a spring box to provide the community with water during their dry season.

The Capital Area Chapter congratulates Colleen on her award and wishes her luck as she continues her education!
About the Capital Area Chapter

The Capital Area Chapter meets at the City of Austin offices at Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street, Austin, Room 104 on the third Friday of even numbered months.

Enter the parking garage from either 10th or 9th streets. Sign in with the security guard at the 10th street entrance. Room 104 is the large conference room on the east side of the first floor.

If you are interested in speaking at a meeting or have suggestions for meeting topics, please contact Behnoush Yeganeh at: Behnoush.Yeganeh@aecom.com.

This newsletter is sent to over 600 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting or have information for publication, contact Andrew Creel at: 512-300-1312 or acreel@cobbfendley.com.

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