Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, February 20th at Waller Creek Center. The February CAC AWWA meeting featured a presentation by Robert Opiela, P.E., at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. We learned about recent Board rule changes, current initiatives and the Code of Conduct. A special thanks to Robert for his great presentation!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, April 24th, 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.

Note that this meeting will be held one week later than our regularly scheduled meetings to avoid a conflict with Texas Water.

Celina Dozier is currently a PhD candidate under the advisement of both Dr. Lynn Katz and Dr. Howard Liljestrand. She received her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Florida A&M University and her M.S. in Environmental Engineering from UC Berkeley. Her interests include physical-chemical treatment processes for drinking water and wastewater, and her presentation is entitled 'Sol-gel synthesized alumina-titania particles: adsorption and photo catalysis of ciprofloxacin'. Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation!

Upcoming Events and News:

- **TAWWA/WEAT Texas Water 2015** April 14-17, 2015 in Corpus Christi, TX.
- **Water Trotter Urban Challenge** Urban trekking adventure will be hosted April 25, 2015 in Austin, TX.
- **Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament** May 2, 2015. See attached flyers for more details.
- **AWWA/WEAT YP Happy Hour** The next happy hour will be Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 pm at Hula Hut.
- **AWWA ACE** The National AWWA Conference will be June 8-10, 2014 in Anaheim, CA.
- **WEFTEC 2015** September 26 – 30, 2015 in Chicago, IL.
YP Happy Hour

Our last happy hour was held at Little Woodrow's on March 19th and it was a huge success! Many thanks to Environmental Improvements, Inc. (EI2) for sponsoring this event.

The next YP happy hour will be held at Hula Hut (Lake Austin Blvd, Austin, TX 78703) on May 14th from 6 - 8 pm. We hope you will join us! Thank you to Hobas Pipe Systems for sponsoring this event.

Young Professionals Day at the Capitol

The Texas Section AWWA YPs have been invited to the Young Texans Legislative Caucus' upcoming event “Young Professionals Day at the Capitol” on Friday, April 17th. Attendees will be able to sit down with legislators in a private meeting to discuss the issues that are important to you. Additionally, you’ll have the opportunity to attend policy briefings throughout the afternoon and an evening mixer with other young professionals and Caucus members.

If you would like to RSVP for Young Professionals Day at the Capitol, please email the event coordinator Daniel Khalil (Daniel.Khalil@house.state.tx.us). Also, be sure to follow the event on Facebook!

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Membership/YP Chair Theresa Hlavinka at 512-852-3009 or TheresaHlavinka@KennedyJenks.com

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AWWA/UT Chapter Creek Cleanup

The AWWA/WEAT UT Chapter teamed up with the professional AWWA and WEAT organizations and created a creek cleanup event. This event was held on Saturday, March 7th, 2015 along Waller Creek.

A group of seven volunteers collected a tremendous amount of trash in two hours and they had a lot of fun! They even found a picnic table and a traffic cone.

A special thanks to Austin’s “Keep Austin Beautiful” who provided the cleaning supplies and to all of the participants who helped make this event a success!

Pictured at right: 2015 cleanup volunteers

Consumer Outreach Committee

I nterested in staying up to date on innovative water education programs currently in action across Texas? The Consumer Outreach Committee cordially invites you to check out their new blog, All Things H2O, a monthly publication that highlights existing water education and outreach programs throughout Texas. Tune in for the April post, featuring One Water - Many Stories, an upcoming utility resources program being featured at the upcoming Texas Water Conference on Thursday, April 16th from 1:15-3:15pm. An electronic version of the blog can be accessed via the following link http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_Out, we hope you will check it out!

If you'd like to learn more about the Consumer Outreach Committee, including volunteering with the Committee, or if you'd like to suggest a topic for future posts, please contact Grace Wike, Committee Chair, at grace.wike@jacobs.com.

Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament

May 2nd, 2015

T he Texas Section of 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 May 2, 2015 at Aussie’s Grill & Beach Bar in Austin. Over 100 players and spectators attended the event last year, raising over $6,000 for sustainable water projects around the world. Based on average costs for Water for People’s work, this is enough money to provide safe water or sanitation for over 120 people for a lifetime.

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.
Texas Water 2015 Events and Challenges

Junior Meter Madness Contest—April 15, 2015; 1—2:30 pm; Exhibit Hall

The Junior Meter Madness Contest matches students from high school environmental programs, for a test of their meter-assembling skills and dexterity in the Exhibit Hall from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Please support these “future water professionals” by attending on Wednesday.

Meter Madness—April 15, 2015; 2:30—4:30 pm; Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Contestants race to assemble a 5/8-inch meter (sponsored by Master Meter) from loose parts and test for leaks. The winner represents Texas at the AWWA national competition. For information, check online at www.txwater.org.

Operations Challenge—April 15 & 16, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 10am—5pm
Thursday, April 16, 9am—3:45pm

The WEAT Operations Challenge invites you to join the best and the brightest professionals that Texas has to offer. Sign up your utility today! Teams of two to four members can compete in one or more (up to six) events. Anyone can sign up a team! The competition takes place Wednesday and Thursday in the Exhibit Hall.

Join teams from Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, Austin, Dallas, TRA, San Antonio and more in a multi-day competition designed to showcase the team’s knowledge and skills in Process Control (Sponsored by Freese and Nichols), Laboratory Analysis (Sponsored by Hartwell Environmental), Pump Maintenance (Sponsored by CP&Y), Collection System Repair (Sponsored by AECOM), Safety (Sponsored by Carollo), and our 4th annual Exhibition event (Sponsored by seepex). Non-Utility Teams can sign up and compete in the Exhibition Event.

Two Divisions are available: Division I for past teams who compete in all of the events, and Division II for any new team that wants to compete in any event for the first time. Competitors can receive up to 10 TCEQ CEU hours, t-shirts, entry into the technical sessions and exhibit halls, and bragging rights!

The Top Three Texas Teams earn a free trip to WEFTEC Nationals which will be held in September 2015 in Chicago. Contact Jeff Sober at 214-883-6263 or jlsober@garverusa.com or register at www.weat.org or www.txwater.org.

One Water – Many Stories
April 16, 2015, 1:15pm—3:15pm

Don’t miss TAWWA and WEAT’s inaugural joint program highlighting water outreach initiatives currently in action across the state at the upcoming Texas Water Conference!

Join us in a collaborative, storytelling environment as we learn about the tools and resources used by El Paso Water Utilities, the City of Wichita Falls and the San Jacinto River Authority before, during, and after their highly visible and politically charged water projects. Then hear how a utility can easily implement a program tailored to its own unique situation.

Chapter 1 - Wichita Falls: How the Citizens went from No Way to OK!
Chapter 2 - El Paso Water Utilities: Drink Up! The Public Perception of Toilet to Tap & Getting Public Acceptance.
Chapter 3 – SJRA: If You Don’t Tell Your Story, Someone Else Will…A Hard-Hitting Approach to Communicate the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

WaterR You Waiting for?-Open Dialog on Creating Your Own Story
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, contact Bree Carrico: 512-527-6079 or bree.carrico@arcadis-us.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 James Mansfield at: 512-846-2600 or James@pumpsolutions.net.