Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, October 16th, at Waller Creek Center. The October CAC AWWA meeting featured a presentation by John Beachy on the Waller Creek Tunnel, including the need for and construction of the tunnel, as well as tunnel operations and benefits. A special thanks to John for his excellent presentation and to our October meeting sponsors, USF Fabrication and KSB!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, December 11th, 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. Adam Conner and Trent Woodward will be co-presenting on Water For People.

Adam Conner is a Water Resources Planner with the San Antonio Water System, responsible for water supply and demand planning, as well as surface water asset management. Adam has a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from the University of Texas-Austin and a master’s degree in Water Management from Texas A&M University. Adam is coordinating relevant staff towards contractual, regulatory, and integration initiatives required for SAWS’ current and future water supplies, and has overseen SAWS’ current Water Management Plan process. Adam is proud to be active in AWWA, Young Professionals, and the State Chair of Water For People for TAWWA. Mr. Conner will focus his discussion on the international programs that Water For People has built over the last few decades. He will explain Water For People’s Everyone Forever mission, and share interactive data about the various communities in which Water For People partners.

Trent Woodward has been a Manufacturers’ Representative with Environmental Improvements since 1999. He has a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree from Texas Tech University. In addition to his work with Water for People, Trent has non-profit/volunteer experience with the American Heart Association, YMCA of Austin, Oak Hill Elementary, Tarrytown United Methodist Church, Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, and Discovery Programs Austin.

Please join us for this interesting presentation!

CAC TAWWA Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee of the Capital Area Chapter awarded four $500 scholarships to Mitchel Bartolo, Olivia Beck, Isabella Gee, and Emily Parmer (pictured, right to left). The scholarships were presented at the October 16th meeting. Congratulations to these CAC TAWWA members on their individual achievements and award of the scholarships!

YP Events and Committee Update

In the spirit of the holidays, please join us for a TAWWA/WEAT YP charity event. We will be sorting coats as part of the Junior League’s Coats for Kids event on Wednesday December 9, 2015 from 6-8pm. The sorting will take place at the Palmer Events Center (900 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704). More information is available at https://www.jlaustin.org/coats. RSVPs to ilesK@bv.com by Dec. 4 are encouraged but not required.

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.
**Consumer Outreach Committee**

The Consumer Outreach Committee is proud to bring you “All Things H2O,” a monthly blog highlighting existing water utilities and programs across Texas. This month highlights Austin Water’s Education and Outreach Program. An electronic version of the blog can be accessed via the following link [http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_Out](http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_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 Karen Menard, Committee Chair, at [kmenard@utrd.com](mailto:kmenard@utrd.com).

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**TAWWA Annual Social**

Thank you to all who attended the TAWWA Annual Fall Social at Top Golf on November 5th, 2015. We had nearly 85 people in attendance and helped raise over $1,000 for Water For People! Thank you again to our Gold Level sponsors HDR, Bury, Water Tech, CDM Smith, LNV, and AECOM for helping us make this event a success.

If you have any feedback on the event, ideas for next year, or would like to help plan next year’s event, please email Mariel ([mariel.polter@aecom.com](mailto:mariel.polter@aecom.com)) or Theresa ([TheresaHlavinka@KennedyJenks.com](mailto:TheresaHlavinka@KennedyJenks.com)).
The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA hosted their annual Fall Seminar titled “Utility Resilience and Sustainability” on Wednesday, October 28, at the Hornsby Bend Environmental Research Center. Keynote speaker and Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros (pictured) kicked off the seminar with an excellent overview of drought risk and response strategies, financial sustainability, and anticipated changes in the water industry. The seminar was attended by 60 water professionals from the Central Texas region. CAC TAWWA thanks all seminar presenters for their expertise, time, and well-prepared talks to make for an excellent seminar for all attendees. CAC TAWWA also thanks our sponsors for their contributions, as the event raised over $4,700 for scholarships!

As always, we welcome member input for future seminars. If you have any suggestions for next year’s seminar, please contact Joe Hoepken at joe.hoepken@austintexas.gov.

Thanks, and we’ll see you in 2016!