Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, February 19th, at Waller Creek Center. The February CAC AWWA meeting featured the Texas Board of Professional Engineers’ Professional Practice Update / Ethics presentation, given by Valarica (Val) Olfers. A special thanks to Val for her excellent presentation and to our February meeting sponsors, Black & Veatch and Pump Solutions, Inc.!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, April 15th, 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. Bruk Berhanu will give a presentation entitled “Feasibility of Efficiency and Reuse Technologies as Demand-Side Strategies for Urban Water Management.” His presentation explores the technical and economic feasibility of water efficiency technologies, using the residential sector in Texas Water Planning Region K as a case study.

Bruk has a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently enrolled in UT’s dual-master’s degree program with the Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Department and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. He will begin his doctoral studies in Fall 2016, under the direction of Dr. Michael Webber, where he will examine the relationship between water and energy use in commercial buildings and analyze water-neutral development policies.

Please join us for this interesting presentation!

Upcoming Events and News:

- **Water For People Charity Volleyball Tournament** April 9, 2016 at Aussie’s in Austin, TX
- **Texas Water** April 19-22, 2016 in Fort Worth, TX
- **Water Trotter Urban Challenge** April 23, 2016 at Scholz Garten in Austin, TX
- **AWWA ACE** June 19 - 22, 2016 in Chicago, IL
- **WEFTEC 2016** September 24 - 28, 2016 in New Orleans, LA

**Water for People Silent Auction at Texas Water**

One of the biggest fundraisers that the Texas Water For People Committee organizes each year is the Silent Auction and Raffle held at Texas Water, and one of the most effective ways that you can help support Water For People is to support this event. The Texas Water 2016 Silent Auction will take place on Wednesday and Thursday and will be located at the entry to the exhibit hall. Please consider donating an item for the auction, and be sure to stop by the auction at Texas Water! See the attached flyer and letter for additional information about this great event!
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For more information, please contact Trent Woodward at 512-295-5440 or trentw@ei2austin.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 the scale of population growth in Texas and use of population projections for the State Water Plan. An electronic version of the blog can be accessed via the following link 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@utrwd.com.

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Engineers Without Borders’ Water Trotter Urban Challenge

Test your local knowledge of local Austin! The Water Trotter Urban Challenge is a fun scavenger hunt/trekking adventure that will challenge teams to find checkpoints that emphasize the importance of clean water. Participants will navigate through the diverse urban ecosystem of Austin’s Waller Creek Corridor, exploring local neighborhoods such as the Capitol grounds and University of Texas at Austin campus. The challenge will take place on April 23rd at 10:00 AM at Scholz Garten.

The fundraiser supports the Greater Austin Chapter and its water supply projects in developing communities in Peru and Guatemala. See the attached flyer for additional information or visit https://watertrotter2016.eventbrite.com to register!
YP Bowling Event and Committee Update
The TAWWA/WEAT YPs enjoyed a night of bowling and fun at Dart Bowl on February 22. Thanks to WWaterTech, Inc. for sponsoring this fun event!

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Membership/YP Chair Stephanie Cecil at 512-451-7955 or Stephanie.Cecil@freese.com.

YP Water Treatment Plant 4 Tour
On March 25, YPs from both WEAT and AWWA met for a tour of Austin Water’s newest Water Treatment Plant (WTP4) located on Lake Travis. WTP4 was commissioned in 2014 with a plant capacity of 50 MGD, with the design expandable to 300 MGD in the future.

Highlights of the tour include learning about the plant processes from head to toe and seeing the solids contact clarifiers in action.

Many thanks to Austin Water for allowing such a big group to come tour their facilities and providing our wonderful tour guides Olivia Beck and Adam Landrey. A special thank you to HRM Environmental for sponsoring lunch at Boathouse Grill following the tour!

Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament — April 9, 2016
The Texas Section of American Water Works Association and Water Environment Association of Texas are partnered to sponsor the 6th annual Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament to be held April 9, 2016 at Aussie’s Grill & Beach Bar in Austin. Approximately 100 players and spectators attended the event last year, raising $7,900 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 150 people for a lifetime.

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.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Matt Berg at matt.berg@ch2m.com or 512-249-3313.
Water Conservation License Plates Available

The Texas Section AWWA has created the only Water Conservation License Plate in the country. It only adds $30 to your annual license plate fee. Through our partnership with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, $22 of the mere $30 comes back to the Section to fund scholarships for families of Texas AWWA members like you. Your small investment helps shape the future of Water Conservation and the future of water professionals. Go to www.conservetexaswater.org to purchase yours today!

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TAWWA Annual Seminar — Help Wanted!

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA will be holding its Annual Seminar this fall (date TBD) at the City of Austin’s Hornsby Bend Environmental Research Center located at 2210 South FM 973. At the CAC TAWWA Seminar, attendees will be able to hear about leading edge projects, learn from experts, and network with colleagues. The Seminar also allows the Capital Area Chapter to award AWWA scholarships in Central Texas. We need your help and input with planning this great event. If you’re able and willing to serve on the seminar committee, please contact Seminar Chair Mark Graves at 512-912-5179 or mark.graves@hdr.inc.

About the Capital Area Chapter

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

Upon arrival, 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 Joe Hoepken: 512-972-1168 or Joe.Hoepken@austintexas.gov.

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 Katie Walker at: 512-912-5169 or Kathryn.Walker@hdrinc.com.

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