June 2016

Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, April 15th, at Waller Creek Center. The April CAC AWWA meeting featured Bruk Berhanu’s presentation entitled “Feasibility of Efficiency and Reuse Technologies as Demand-Side Strategies for Urban Water Management.” A special thanks to Bruk for his excellent presentation and to our April meeting sponsors, Environmental Improvements, Inc. (EI²) and HDR Engineering, Inc.!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, June 17th, at 11:30 am at the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) Water Treatment Plant located at 1906 Hur Industrial Blvd in Cedar Park. If you wish to attend the tour, please email Joe Hoepken at joe.hoepken@austintexas.gov with your name, phone number, and employer. Tour attendance will be capped at 30. RSVP deadline is Wednesday, June 15.

Lunch will be provided immediately after the tour at DoubleDave’s Pizzaworks located at 401 E. Whitestone Blvd. Please join us for this exciting tour!

Upcoming Events and News:
- TAWWA/WEAT YP Happy Hour June 16 at Pinthouse Pizza (see next page for details)
- AWWA ACE June 19 - 22 in Chicago, IL
- TAWWA Scholarship Deadline July 15 (see next page for details)
- WEFTEC 2016 September 24 - 28 in New Orleans, LA

2016 Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament

The Texas Water For People Committee of TAWWA and WEAT partnered to sponsor the 5th annual Water For People Charity Volleyball Tournament, held April 9, 2016. Approximately 100 players and spectators attended the event at Aus-sie’s Grill & Beach Bar, raising $8,230 for sustainable water and sanitation projects around the world. (All of which is donated to Water For People; our best year yet!). Based on average costs for Water For People’s work, this is enough money to provide safe water or sanitation for over 160 people for a lifetime.

Twelve teams played in the tournament, with participants from the Austin Water Utility, LCRA, the University of Texas at Austin, and Austin-area engineering firms. Special thanks to Hand-Pump level sponsors Cobb Fendley and LCRA, and to Top-tier Community Level sponsors Arcadis, AECOM, K Friese & Associates and CH2M.

“Water For People exists for one purpose, and it’s as simple as our name: we want all people to have safe, continuous water, and when they do, our job will be done. We want wa-ter for everyone, forever.”

For more information or to make a donation to Water For People, please contact the Texas Water For People Committee Chair, Adam Conner (Adam.Conner@saws.org) or visit www.waterforpeople.org.

Congratulations to 1st Place Team (AECOM) and 2nd Place Team (HDR)!
**YP Events and Committee Update**

Please join the TAWWA/WEAT Young Professionals for a Happy Hour on June 16. This fun and pizza-filled event will be sponsored by Pump Solutions, Inc. (PSI).

**When:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 16 (no RSVPs required)

**Where:** Pinthouse Pizza located at 4729 Burnet Road

In July, the TAWWA/WEAT YPs are organizing a volunteering event to help out in our local community. We will send an email to the YP distribution list once this event date is confirmed, so stay tuned!

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Membership/YP Chair Stephanie Cecil at 512-617-3121 or Stephanie.Cecil@freese.com.

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**Apply for a TAWWA Scholarship!**

The Texas Section AWWA is committed to the support of higher education through the Texas Section AWWA Scholarship Program. This year, there are three different scholarships available: The Texas Section AWWA Scholarship, the Alan Plummer Associates/TAWWA Environmental Scholarship, and the One AWWA Operator Scholarship.

The deadline for all is **July 15, 2016**, and the application process is [all online](http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_Out).

Requirements are different for each scholarship, so please review the instructions carefully before proceeding with the applications. **Please note that there are separate applications for each scholarship.** To be considered, applicants will need to fill out each form separately and submit materials separately.

Please contact [scholarship@tawwa.org](mailto:scholarship@tawwa.org) with any questions.

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**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 features a piece by **Amber Freeland of the North Texas Municipal Water District**.

We hope you enjoy and come back next month! 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@utrwd.com.

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**June 17, 2016**

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**TAWWA CAC Annual Seminar:** 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 Mark.Graves@freese.com.

**TAWWA Education Division:** The TAWWA Education Division is looking for local volunteers. We are dedicated to the promotion of Water Education by providing expertise, resources, and connections to membership, utilities, and educators throughout Texas. There are opportunities to help out in each of our 5 committees: Member Education, Consumer Outreach, K-12+ Education, Competitions, Partnership Development. Please contact Kira Iles at IlesK@bv.com if you are interested.

**TAWWA CAC Special Activities Committee:** The AWWA/WEAT Fall Social is back, and we’d love your feedback on what type of event you’d like to see. To help plan this and other great events, contact Hannah Frels at hfrels@apaienv.com.

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**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](http://www.conservetexaswater.org) to purchase yours today!

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**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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