Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, October 21st, at Waller Creek Center. Eva Steinle-Darling, P.E., gave an excellent presentation on “Observations from Two Years Studying the Big Spring DPR Project.” Thanks, Eva, for a fantastic presentation, and thanks to Hartwell Environmental Corp. for sponsoring our October meeting!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th, 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 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 coordinates relevant staff towards continuously updating SAWS water planning initiatives, and collaborates with industry professionals across the country. Adam is proud to be active in AWWA, Young Professionals, and is the State Chair of Water For People for TAWWA.

Trent Woodward is a Manufacturers’ Representative with Environmental Improvements where he has worked since 1999. He has a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree from Texas Tech University. In addition to his amazing leadership with the Pints For People event for the past 3 years benefiting 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!

Upcoming Events and News:

- **YP Tour of Hornsby Bend** December 2 at Hornsby Bend Center for Environmental Research in Austin, TX
- **TAWWA CAC Seminar** December 7 at Hornsby Bend Center for Environmental Research in Austin, TX
- **YP Coats for Kids Sorting Event** December 8 at the Palmer Events Center in Austin, TX
- **Shop for People Benefitting Water For People** December 13 at Ten Thousand Villages Austin in Austin, TX
- **MATHCOUNTS** February 4 at J.J. Pickle Research Campus in Austin, TX
- **Annual WEF/AAWWA YP Summit** February 7 in Tampa, FL
- **Girl Day at UT Austin** February 25 at the University of Texas in Austin, TX

Capital Area Chapter — Call for Volunteers

Elections are coming up, and the Capital Area Chapter has a number of open positions for 2017! We’re looking for a YP Chair, an Education Chair, and a Special Activities Chair. If you’re interested, please contact Katie Walker at Kathryn.Walker@hdrinc.com.
Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Social this year and thank you once more to our sponsors. We enjoyed delicious food, fun games, and great company all while raising $675 for Water for People. Hope to see you again next year!

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA will be holding its Annual Seminar on Wednesday, December 7 at the City of Austin’s Hornsby Bend Center for Environmental Research located at 2210 South FM 973. This year’s topic will be The Future of Utility Infrastructure. At the CAC TAWWA Seminar, attendees will be able to hear about leading edge projects, learn from experts, and network with colleagues. Proceeds from the Seminar also allows the Capital Area Chapter to award AWWA scholarships to students in Central Texas. Register today! Feel free to contact Mark at Mark.Graves@freese.com or 512-617-3193 if you have questions.

Join the AWWA/WEAT YPs for a tour of the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant (2210 FM 973, 78725) on Friday, December 2nd at 11 am. Lunch will be provided after the tour. Thanks to U.S. Pipe for sponsoring the event! Closed toed shoes are required, and long pants are recommended. Please RSVP to Melissa Woo at woomk@cdmsmith.com if you would like to join!

The SCRUGGS Company is a representative and distributor for a number of water and wastewater products, including EIM actuators, Henry Pratt valves, Cla-Val control valves, Vent-o-Mat air valves, and Clow gate valves. We keep a large stock in Houston to help our customers when they are in bind and cannot wait the normal factory lead time. We also provide design services such as plan and spec review, budget pricing, and Lunch and Learn presentations. We are a customer service oriented company, and if there is anything that we can do to help you please let us know. Please contact Rex Green for additional information at (210) 846-3584 or Rgreen@scruggsco.com.

The CAC TAWWA and WEAT YPs will be helping the Junior League of Austin at their Coats for Kids sorting on December 8th from 6-8 pm at the Palmer Events Center! Please join us as we sort through and organize various coats and garments with the goal of helping to keep thousands of children and teenagers in Central Texas warm for the winter. We did this last year and it was great fun, not to mention that in 2015, Coats for Kids distributed over 35,000 garments! Click here to learn more about the organization, and register online today. Be sure to register for the shift described above!

The Capital Area Chapter is looking for a new Membership & YP Chair! If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, or if you are interested in joining the Capital Area TAWWA YP Committee, please contact Interim Membership & YP Chair Kira Iles at iles.kira@gmail.com or 913-458-3706.

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Scholarship Winners Announced/Thank You Donors!

Scholarship Winners: The Capital Area Chapter is pleased to announce our two local scholarship recipients – Caroline Hackett and Adam Thane! Caroline and Adam will each receive a $1,000 scholarship at our December chapter meeting. Please join us in congratulating them!

Also, a big thank you to the sponsors of our 2016 local chapter meetings and 2015 Fall Seminar. These sponsors allowed us to award $6,000 in state and local scholarships this year. Please contact Katie Walker if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

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Water For People Updates

Shop For People Benefitting Water For People: Join us at Shop For People, a fun opportunity to take care of your holiday shopping, mingle with colleagues, and fundraise for charity, all at the same time! This year’s event will be at Ten Thousand Villages Austin and will include live music, libations, and food. 10% of sales will be donated to Water For People. Hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday, December 13, 5-8 pm
Where: Ten Thousand Villages, 4803 Burnet Rd, 78756
RSVPs requested but not required. RSVP to Bree Carrico at bree.carrico@alexamgmt.com.

Congratulations, Matt and Marlo Berg! Matt and Marlo recently won Water For People’s Robert W. Hite Outstanding Leadership Award, awarded to a person who has demonstrated active leadership to benefit others and is supportive of Water For People’s mission. The Bergs’ support of Water For People began in the early 2000s as they became active in their local Texas Water For People Committee. As volunteers, they have helped organize fundraisers including silent auctions, golf and volleyball tournaments, social events, and fundraisers through local schools and religious organizations. Matt continues his support of Water For People at his work, where he is a strong proponent of CH2M’s workplace giving program and has promoted a Water For People workplace giving program to local utilities in Texas. Marlo and Matt have been strong leaders who inspire a shared vision, are forward-thinking and truly envision a world where all people have access to safe water and sanitation for generations.

Girl Day at UT Austin

Check out Girl Day at UT Austin including both Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day and the Girl Day STEM Festival which will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017. We’re anticipating over 8,000 kindergarten through 8th grade girls participating this year with their parents, teachers, Girl Scout troop leaders and more. Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day is once again supported by lead partner Halliburton. The Girl Day STEM Festival is supported by lead partner Texas Instruments. Sign up as a partner here!

MATHCOUNTS

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is looking for volunteers to proctor and grade middle school students who will be participating in a series of fun and engaging mathematics contests. The competition will take place on February 4, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All volunteers will receive free parking, a MATHCOUNTS t-shirt, lunch, a volunteer pin, and have tons of fun! The competition will be held at the Commons Building (#137) at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus, 10100 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758. For more information, contact Laura Garcia at 512-879-0480 or at lxgarcia@bgeinc.com.

TSPE’s Young Engineering of the Year Application

The application for the Texas Society of Professional Engineers’ Young Engineer of the Year award is now available! Applications are due by December 31, so apply today! See the attached application for additional details.
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 Helen Dulac with the City of Dallas on the many challenges facing their sewer system, including their growing population. 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.

Dodson’s Drive Application Due December 10

The Dodson’s Drive was started to honor the life and work of Mr. Kenneth D. Dodson. The Benefit is focused toward the Young Professionals (YPs) of WEAT/TAWWA and was established to further the work and education of the YPs represented in our water and wastewater industry. The attached application is for a sponsorship for one YP to attend the annual WEF/AWWA YP Summit. The upcoming YP Summit will be on February 7 in Tampa, FL, and the deadline to apply is December 10th. The YP Summit is a great way to find out what YPs in other parts of the country are doing and learn more about our industry – anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply!

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!

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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