Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, April 21st, at Waller Creek Center. The April CAC AWWA meeting featured the Scott Vitter, a third-year PhD student in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and his research on metered residential water use and electricity consumption data and their implications for water efficiency/conservation programs. A special thanks to Scott for his excellent presentation and to our April meeting sponsors, S&B Infrastructure and Pump Solutions, INC!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, June 16th, at 11:30 AM at the Pflugerville Water Treatment Plant. Tour capacity is limited, if you wish to attend the tour, please RSVP via the event webpage. Lunch will be provided after the tour. We hope you can join us on this exciting and educational tour!

Upcoming Events and News:
- **YP Brewery Tour Happy Hour**
  June 15 in Austin, TX
- **AWWA ACE**
  June 11 - 14 in Philadelphia, PA
- **TAWWA Scholarship Deadline**
  July 14 (see next page for details)
- **YP Central TX Food Bank Volunteer Day**
  July 22 in Austin, TX
- **WEFTEC 2017**
  September 30 - October 4 in Chicago, IL
- **Pints for People**
  October 17, Austin, TX

Texas Water 2017—Chapter of the Year Award

Congratulations to the Capital Area Chapter for winning the Texas Section AWWA Chapter of the Year award! The award was presented on April 11 during the Awards Luncheon at the Texas Water 2017 Conference in Austin.

Local chapters play an essential role in the achievement of the Texas Section AWWA goals and objectives. Through the annual Chapter Awards program, Texas Section AWWA has the opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions of local chapters as they strive to enrich, educate, and enlighten AWWA members. The Capital Area Chapter's main achievements for the past year were in Communications, Community Service, and Educational Offerings.
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 to TAWWA members and their families: The **Texas Section AWWA Scholarship**, the **Alan Plummer Associates/TAWWA Environmental Scholarship**, and the **One AWWA Operator Scholarship**.

The deadline for each is **July 14, 2017**, and the application process is [all online](http://www.tawwa.org/group/capital_area).

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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**Volunteers Needed**

| Special Activities Committee – 2017 Fall Social | Seminar Committee – 2018 Annual Seminar |
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The annual AWWA/WEAT Fall Social has been tentatively scheduled for Nov 1, location TBD. We are still in the early planning stages for this event, and would love any input on how to make this year’s Fall Social the best one yet! If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee contact Chloe Wooldridge at [chloe.wooldridge@aecom.com](mailto:chloe.wooldridge@aecom.com). | The CAC Annual Seminar held at the Hornsby Bend Environmental Research Center has moved to February! We need your help and input with planning this great event. If you’re interested in helping plan our annual one day seminar, please contact Kira Iles at 512-617-3189 or [Kira.Iles@freese.com](mailto:Kira.Iles@freese.com). |

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**Sponsors of the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA**

**June 16, 2017**

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**DCS Engineering, LLC** is a locally owned engineering firm with company headquarters located in Austin. DCS provides civil engineering consulting services on municipal infrastructure focused on water treatment, wastewater treatment, collection and distribution systems, drainage, roadways, master planning, permitting, design, construction administration, and operational trouble shooting. Simple solutions to complex problems, integrity, and open communication with Owners and Operators are the foundations upon which the firm has been built.

DCS believes that innovative solutions are found for our clients when in-depth technical expertise on new and old technologies is combined with hands-on engineering, applied in the field, where the facilities we design are constructed to perform under a wide array of conditions. In this way, our clients have found the maximum benefit to meet their long-term infrastructure goals.

For information or questions about DCS please visit [www.dcs-engineering.com](http://www.dcs-engineering.com/) or contact Casey Clark at [cclark@dcs-engineering.com](mailto:cclark@dcs-engineering.com).
**Upcoming Event – Central Texas Food Bank Volunteer Day**

Come team up and lend a hand at the Central Texas Food Bank on Saturday, July 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Be sure to sign up at [http://weat.cafb.volunteerhub.com/](http://weat.cafb.volunteerhub.com/). More details to follow!

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**Upcoming Event – YP Brewery Tour and Happy Hour**

The Capital Area young professionals will be meeting at Oskar Blue Brewery on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 pm for a tour of the brewery and happy hour social. Be sure to check your email for more details!

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**2017 Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament**

The Texas Water For People Committee of TAWWA and WEAT partnered to sponsor the 7th annual Water For People Charity Volleyball Tournament, held April 1, 2017. Approximately 100 players and spectators attended the event at Aussie’s Grill & Beach Bar, raising over **$8,000** for sustainable water and sanitation projects around the world. (All of which is donated to Water For People!). Based on average costs for Water For People’s work, this is enough money to provide safe water or sanitation for 160 people for a lifetime.

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

“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 water 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](mailto:Adam.Conner@saws.org)) or visit [www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org).

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**Interested in in Serving as a Mentor? Seeking Guidance as a Mentee?**

TAWWA has an established mentoring program which seeks to provide tools for members, encourage discussions, promote networking, offer volunteering career paths, and meet volunteering needs. Follow this link to sign up as a Mentor or Mentee in the Mentoring Program: [http://www.tawwa.org/?page=mentoringprogram](http://www.tawwa.org/?page=mentoringprogram).

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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 Mark Graves: 512-617-3193 or mark.graves@freese.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 Jake Balcom at: 512-457-7797 or Jake.Balcom@aecom.com.

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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 “When is Enough, Enough?” — a piece by Kathy Nguyen with Cobb County Water System of Georgia. She emphasizes the value of clean drinking water and the public's perception.

“You work in an industry that provides: better health for the citizens, education for the children, and economic prosperity for your community.”

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@utrdw.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!