August 2017

Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, June 16th, at the Pflugerville Water Treatment Plant. Members got to tour their membrane plant which is capable of treating up to 24 million gallons per day. A special thanks to Pflugerville for the informative tour and to our June meeting sponsors, Smith Pump Company, Inc and DCS Engineering, LLC!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, August 18th, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45 am to ensure a good seat. Mark Evans with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will give a presentation entitled “Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Programs.”

Mark Evans is the Lead of the Statewide Outreach Team that markets TWDB financial assistance programs to political subdivisions, water supply corporations, and others interested in the financing of water-related infrastructure projects. Mark and his team travel the state educating Texans on the benefits of TWDB funding. Previously over the last 7½ years, Mark was Project Lead and Program Coordinator in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. Mark received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the UT Austin and has been a public servant with the State of Texas for almost 14 years.

Please join us for this interesting presentation!

Upcoming Events and News:

- **ABGB Happy Hour**
  August 17 in Austin, TX
- **CAC Poker Tournament**
  September 24 in Austin, TX
- **WEFTEC 2017**
  September 30 - October 4 in Chicago, IL
- **Pints for People**
  October 17 at Adelbert’s in Austin, TX
- **Fall Social**
  November 2 at the Easy Tiger in Austin, TX
Poker Tournament 2017

The Capital Area Chapter invites you to participate in a charity Texas hold ‘em poker tournament at 2 PM on Sunday, September 24 at the Rusty Cannon Pub located in South Austin.

This tournament will raise funds for TAWWA scholarships and will be hosted by The Poker Fantasy League (tfpl.net) which runs and operates free and charity poker tournaments in the Central Texas area.

Please save the date and help us raise money for the scholarship fund! Stay tuned for additional information.

Volunteers Needed

Special Activities Committee – 2017 Fall Social

The annual AWWA/WEAT Fall Social has been tentatively scheduled for Nov 2, at Easy Tiger Bake Shop and Beer Garden. 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.

Seminar Committee – 2018 Annual Seminar

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.

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Contact Kent Guilbeau at kguilbeau@Hartwellenv.com or (512) 347-7676 for additional information.

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For information or questions about CAS please visit http://www.casengineers.com/ or contact Channy Soeur at channy@casengineers.com.
Oskar Blues Brewery Tour

The AWWA and WEAT YPs enjoyed a brewery tour and happy hour on the evening of June 15th at Oskar Blues Brewing in Austin, TX. We had a great time learning about their unique brewing processes and the water purification techniques necessary to craft the perfect beer. Thank you to our sponsor, Municipal Valve and Equipment Company for making this event possible.

Keep Austin Beautiful—Shoal Creek

The Capital Area Chapter teamed up with Engineers Without Borders to help “Keep Austin Beautiful” on the morning of June 17th. We collected trash from the creek bed and surrounding trail along Shoal Creek near 24th Street.

Volunteer Day—Central Texas Food Bank

On July 22, the young professionals of the Capital Area Chapter teamed up with WEAT and Central Texas Food Bank to sort, clean, and package food for distribution. Their efforts helped the food bank to provide 4,750 meals to central Texans in need!

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Membership/YP Chair Jonathan Chen at Jonathan.Chen2@aecom.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 features “Protecting Our Watersheds—A Coordinated Approach” — a piece by Blake Alldredge of Upper Trinity Regional Water District who provides a look into their coordinated approach with Denton County and the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust to preserve greenbelts and protect water quality.

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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**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 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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