Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, August 18th, at Waller Creek Center. The August CAC TAWWA meeting featured a presentation entitled “Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Programs” delivered by Kathleen Jackson, board member, and Mark Evans, Lead of the Statewide Outreach Team with the Texas Water Development Board. A special thanks to Kathleen and Mark for their excellent presentation and to our August meeting sponsors, Hartwell Environmental and CAS Consulting!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, October 20th, 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. Randy McIntyre with Garver will give a presentation entitled “Water Facilities Control, Operations & Maintenance for Zebra Mussels – The Texas Experience.” Randy McIntyre has led multi-disciplined teams of engineers, biologists, and operations to evaluate raw water supplies and impacts on raw water facilities. His teams’ efforts have helped to identify the appropriate control, prevention, or reactive strategy to maintain operations and water quality goals. He has studied multiple reservoirs, rivers, and storage basins impacted or threatened by zebra mussels and other invasive species. Studies included recommendations for six raw water supply systems (including raw water intakes), of which two have installed and operated control strategies to mitigate active zebra mussel impacts.

Please join us for this interesting presentation!

Upcoming Events and News:

- **Pints for People**  
  October 17 at Adelbert’s in Austin, TX
- **Fall Social**  
  November 2 at Easy Tiger in Austin, TX
- **Annual Seminar**  
  February 22 at Hornsby Bend in Austin, TX
- **Coats for Kids**  
  TBD in Austin, TX
**Fall Social 2017**

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA and the Central Texas Section of WEAT invite you to attend this year’s member appreciation Fall Social Event! The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 6-9 PM at Easy Tiger Bake Shop and Beer Garden located in downtown Austin. Dinner, drinks and games will be provided. The event also features a raffle benefitting the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. Additional information and event registration can be found at [http://www.tawwa.org/event/fallsocial2017](http://www.tawwa.org/event/fallsocial2017). Registration is just **$20 for members and guests and $15 for students**! For more information, or if you are interested in sponsoring this event, contact Chloe Wooldridge ([Chloe.Wooldridge@aecom.com](mailto:Chloe.Wooldridge@aecom.com)) or Michael Sherer ([Michael.Sherer@freese.com](mailto:Michael.Sherer@freese.com)). We hope to see you there!

**Capital Area Annual Seminar**

The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA will be holding its Annual Seminar on February 22, 2018, at Austin Water’s Center for Environmental Research at Hornsby Bend 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. Proceeds from the Seminar help the Capital Area Chapter award scholarships to students in Central Texas. Participants will receive PDHs, and five hours of TCEQ operator training is anticipated.

If you wish to present at the seminar, please submit a one-page abstract to Kira Iles at [Kira.Iles@freese.com](mailto:Kira.Iles@freese.com) by November 17, 2017.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available to make this Seminar a success. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter or visit the [CAC Sponsorship](http://www.tawwa.org/group/capital_area) webpage for more information.

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Upcoming Events—Stay tuned for details!

Coats for Kids Volunteer Opportunity  
With the Junior League of Austin

More details to come on the schedule and location of this event. We hope you can join us to help sort coats for distribution to Central Texas children!

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.

Past Events

Austin Beer Garden Brewing - Happy Hour

On August 17th, we had a great turnout at the joint TAWWA / WEAT happy hour at the ABGB. Special thanks to Odessa Pumps for sponsoring this event!

Keep Austin Clean - Kayak Cleanup

On the morning of September 23rd, TAWWA YP joined the local CTS WEAT chapter to host an event to participate in the Texas River Cleanup, a competition to promote environmental stewardship, awareness, and cooperation. About 30 people of all ages joined on a beautiful day and set out together on kayaks to clean up Lady Bird Lake and enjoy lunch afterwards. Special thanks to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Stantec, and Vision Equipment for sponsoring this event!
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 “Beyond Raising Awareness: The True Value of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)” — a piece by Sapna Mulki of Hahn Public Communications in Austin, TX. She looks at customers’ perceptions towards water issues, their water utility, and their appreciation for AMI technology.

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.

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!

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.

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