**Last Meeting**: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, October 20th, at Waller Creek Center. The October CAC TAWWA meeting featured a presentation entitled “Water Facilities Control, Operations & Maintenance for Zebra Mussels – The Texas Experience.” delivered by Randy McIntyre with Garver. A special thanks to Randy for his excellent presentation on this relevant topic and to our October meeting sponsors, Garver and The Scruggs Company!

**Next Meeting**: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, December 15th, 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 Vicky Anderson will be presenting on Water For People. Vicky will present on the recent Impact Tour in India highlighting the amazing work being done to bring water and sanitation in a sustainable way to specific geographic regions.

Adam Conner is a Water Resources Planner with the San Antonio Water System. Adam has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Texas- Austin and a Master of Water Management from Texas A&M University. Adam is proud to be active in AWWA, Young Professionals, and is the State Chair of Water For People for TAWWA.

Vicky Andersen joined Water For People in 2012, as an integral member of the organization’s business development team. As Water For People’s Community Engagement Manager, Vicky supports more than 50 volunteer groups across North America that perform outreach and host fundraisers in their local communities. Vicky is also responsible for maintaining a strong relationship between Water For People and sector associations including AWWA, WEF and NAWC. In addition, Vicky manages Water For People’s technical volunteering arm – the World Water Corps, as well as the organization’s donor tours to the field.

Please join us for this interesting presentation about an amazing organization!

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Coats for Kids**
  December 7 in Austin, TX
- **International Symposium: Potable Reuse and Biological Treatment**
  January 22 - 25 in Austin, TX
- **CAC TAWWA Charity Poker Tournament**
  January 28 in Austin, TX
- **WEF YP Summit**
  February 19 - 20 in San Antonio, TX
- **AWWA / WEF Utility Management Conference**
  February 20 - 23 in San Antonio, TX
- **Annual Seminar**
  February 22 at Hornsby Bend in Austin, TX
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The Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA is seeking sponsorship from one additional resource. If you are interested in sponsoring the December meeting, please contact Olivia Beck at Olivia.Beck@austintexas.gov.
Savanna Smith is a junior in civil engineering at UT-Austin focusing on environmental engineering. She is interested in wastewater treatment, specifically sustainable treatment processes utilizing biotechnology. At UT, she is involved with Engineers for a Sustainable World, serving as the Vice-President, External. Upon graduation in May 2019, she hopes to attend graduate school to pursue environmental and ecological engineering.

Maryam Tanha is an Iranian mineral resource engineer turned Water Management and Hydrological Sciences graduate student at Texas A&M University. Before beginning her education in Texas A&M she was a volunteer helping to socially facilitating community-based developments in villages around Touran Wildlife Refuge in the country of Shahrood/Iran. After realizing life challenges faced by rural communities, water management science became her major concern. During her time at Texas A&M, she studied statistical modeling for floods, drought forecasting case studies, aquifer modeling, and watershed management. She is a member of the Water, Food, and Energy Nexus group and works on sustainable farming systems applying biochar as a soil amendment strategy to increase crop productivity. She has a desire to join UN-Water and World Bank Water after graduation to continue her activities on developing environmentally sustainable systems all around the world.

2017 Scholarship Winners Announced!

Capital Area Chapter is pleased to announce our two local scholarship recipients – Savanna Smith and Maryam Tanha! Savanna and Maryam 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 2017 local chapter meetings and 2016 Fall Seminar. These sponsors allowed us to award $4,000 in state and local scholarships this year. Please contact Jake Balcom if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

Thank you again to the following sponsors:

Chapter Meeting Sponsors:

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Coats for Kids Volunteer Opportunity
With the Junior League of Austin

Join us on December 7th from 6 pm to 8 pm, as we partner with The Junior League of Austin in their Coats for Kids Coat Drive. We will be volunteering for a coat sorting shift at the Palmer Events Center (900 Barton Springs Rd), in preparation for distribution of these coats to children on December 9th! Please register HERE.

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

Pints for People 2017

The Fourth Annual Pint for People took place on October 17th at Adelbert’s Brewery and hosted approximately 150 attendees. The successful event raised over $26,500 for the Water for People charity, which made it the second largest TAWWA/WEAT Water for People fundraiser in the State of Texas. Participants sampled beer from Adelberts and enjoyed dinner catered by Clay Pit restaurant. Numerous donated door prizes were raffled off and everyone had an excellent time.

The continued success of the event is largely thanks to the hardworking Pints for People team and the generous sponsors. Please check out www.waterforpeople.org for more information on Water for People.

Annual Member Appreciation Fall Social

On November 2nd, the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA along with the Central Texas Section of WEAT hosted a member appreciation Fall Social Event at Easy Tiger in downtown Austin. The event was attended by 75 local professionals, and raised over $1,500 for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. Thanks to everyone who came out, and a special thanks to Arcadis, AECOM, Freese and Nichols, Newman Regency Group, CDM Smith, CP&Y, HRM Environmental, WWater Tech and U.S. Pipe for sponsoring the event!
About the Capital Area Chapter

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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.

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@utrdw.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!

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 Stephanie Zavala with the City of Mansfield who teaches us how to throw a killer birthday party for a water utility. Happy 100 years of water utilities of the City of Mansfield!

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