President's Message

Welcome to 2018. I hope you all had an excellent 2017 with many great memories. Our chapter's final event of the year, the Holiday Dinner, makes my list of great memories in 2017. We had 190 plus attendees, and raised approximately $20,000 for TXWARN, which will help utility owners with the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. This was a great way to wrap up 2017 for the North Central Texas Chapter. Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who volunteered to make the event happen.

Our speakers at the Holiday Dinner were Jody Zabolio, Director of Operations, and Larry Patterson, Deputy Executive Director with Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD). They spoke to us about UTRWD history, the current state of the district, and about plans for growing with their member entities in the UTRWD service area. The most memorable moment of the presentation for me was when Jody related UTRWD's planning efforts to the Houston Astros World Series win. The win was the end result of the Astros setting a plan, sticking to it, and executing it. There is a lot to learn from this when making plans for your own organization. Jody also took a moment to remind Texas Ranger fans like me about the 9th inning of Game 6 of the 2011 World Series, where the Rangers came so close to executing their own plans. It may not have been necessary to bring up the Rangers, but it made for a fun and informative speech. Thank you, Larry and Jody for your time and commitment to the water industry.

Now, let's look ahead. 2018 starts off with our February Chapter Meeting on February 15th, followed by our Pipe Tapping Invitational on March 22nd. Last year was our first Pipe Tapping Invitational and we raised $2500 for the AWWA Operator Scholarship Fund. This year we are building on our success and continuing the event at the same location, the DN Tanks warehouse in Grand Prairie. We are hoping to increase the number of teams to compete and spectators to attend. Please look to support and attend this event.

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to volunteer, we have opportunities. Check out the list of our committees at the end of the newsletter. You may contact any of us about getting involved. We need volunteers for Education and Outreach, Robert F. Pence Seminar, Communications, and YP committees. Thank you for your membership.

Communications Committee

Who is doing the work behind the scenes? Thanks to our following NCT TAWWA members who contributed their time and expertise to bring you this issue of The Lake!

Andrea Fernandez — CDM Smith  
Katie Stowers — CP&Y  
Brandon Mellgren — Newman Regency Group

Gabe Trejo — Arcadis  
Jacob Niemeier — Stantec  
Sam Barraco — Carollo

Helen Cantril Dulac — City of Dallas  
Suparna Mukhopadhyay — CDM Smith

For contributions to this newsletter, or if you would like to volunteer to serve on the Communications Committee, please contact Chair Andrea Fernandez.
The North Central Texas (NCT) Chapter of AWWA held its seventh annual Holiday Dinner at the Texas Star Conference Center in December, benefiting TXWarn. Unlike other NCT meetings, the Holiday Dinner is held in the evening and includes other activities in addition to the program speaker.

This year’s edition brought back the photo booth and live music, which contributed greatly to the fun, festive atmosphere. The photo booth gave attendees a chance to document the evening during the social hour, which several members certainly took advantage of, donning seasonal hats, props, and their favorite sponsor’s placard. Emmeline supplied great ambient music tickling the ivories on his keyboard and filling the space with her beautiful voice.

This year we also did a special drawing for those who participated in our ice-breaker in which members had to find someone who had done one of the items listed on a chart and fill it out with signatures – a fun and competitive way to get to know each other!

There was a special raffle to win an Echo and two Dots and all the proceeds from the raffle benefitted the comfort buckets program through TXWarn.

The social hour gave way to the dinner program for the meeting. After general NCT AWWA announcements made by President Sam Barraco, Mike Howe took the floor to accept the evening’s proceeds on the behalf of the night’s benefactor, TXWarn. Mike reminded attendees on the importance of our profession, and the impact we were having with our fundraising efforts.

The podium was yielded to the dinner program’s speakers, Jody Zabolio and Larry Patterson. Their talk focused on addressing challenges of growth in our industry by using deliberate planning strategies.

Thank you to Jody and Larry, to all of the sponsors for the Holiday Dinner, to our leadership team that planned the event, and to all our members who attended – it was a tremendous success!

Don’t forget to submit your Abstracts!

Abstracts will be accepted through Wednesday, February 21, 2018. The anticipated dates for 2018/2019 Chapter Meetings and the 2018 Drinking Water Seminar are as follows:

- April 12, 2018 – Plant Tour and Dinner Meeting
- June 21, 2018 – Lunch Meeting
- August 16, 2018 – Lunch Meeting
- October 18, 2018 – Lunch Meeting
- October 26, 2018 – Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar*
- December 13, 2018 – Holiday Dinner Meeting
- February 21, 2019 – Lunch Meeting
Upcoming Lunch Meeting

Using the Consumer Confidence Report as an Educational Communication Tool

By: Stephanie Zavala and Arianne Shipley, Rogue COE Creative Marketing

Location: Texas Star Conference Center
1400 Texas Star Pkwy,
Euless, TX 76040

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2017

Time: Social: 11:15 a.m.
Lunch: Noon

Register or sponsor by NOON, Tuesday, February 13 – This deadline is for reservations and cancellations.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming plant tour:

 Thursday, April 12, 2018 – Plant Tour: To Be Announced

Note that if you reserve and do not attend the meeting, the chapter still pays for your meal. If you cannot attend, email Steven Mendoza by the deadline. If you do not cancel your reservation prior to the deadline, mail missed meeting dues to Carollo Engineers, Inc., ATTN: Steve Mendoza, 14785 Preston Road, Suite 950, Dallas, TX 75254.

Get in the loop!

We’d like to celebrate your victories, your celebrations, and your accomplishments! Get to know who is part of your chapter and what they’re up to by telling us who has gotten new certifications, got married, got a promotion, had a baby, had a birthday, did a volunteer project, finished a class, or even just successfully cooked a yummy meal! Send it in as an email to Andrea Fernandez or post it on our Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter page and we’ll feature you in our next edition of The Lake!
Holiday Fun 2017
Did you know that our North Central Texas chapter will be 25 in January? Have you ever thought about how lucky we are able to gather locally with our colleagues?

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit, scientific, and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. A few people had the idea to take something that was working quite well, the Texas Section AWWA, and break it into chapters over 25 years ago. One of the main triggers for developing a chapter was that a majority of the AWWA members could not attend the annual conferences or the state meetings. The opportunity was not available for many people in the industry to be active at the state level. So, the solution was to develop chapters that would provide that opportunity for everyone involved in our industry to gather bi-monthly, join in community service, bring education to the local level and allow young members the opportunity to serve in leadership roles. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex was a perfect location for a chapter because it is home to the largest percentage of Texas Section AWWA Members.

Over these 25 years, North Central Texas (NCT) chapter has offered education to water professionals, advocated safe and sustainable water, promoted knowledge sharing and created several volunteering opportunities.

The NCT Chapter was the second chapter developed in Texas (the first Chapter was the Central Texas Chapter in Waco). A steering committee met for months prior to the first meeting to start the chapter out with a good foundation. The first meetings consisted of happy hour gatherings and a few facility tours. The founders realized that with busy schedules, a lunch gathering, located conveniently between Dallas and Fort Worth would provide the best opportunity for people to attend. Our first president, Gary Smith, has been deemed the ‘father of the NCT Chapter’. When Gary relocated to Houston, he also started a chapter there. Despite the economic downturn a few years ago, Texas had some of the best membership retention throughout AWWA, likely due to the local opportunities available to actively participate in the chapter.

Speaking of opportunities, how often do YPs get the chance to serve in leadership roles in their workplace? And further, to choose a leadership role that they are specifically interested in? Being involved at the local level doesn’t require the time, expense, and travel requirements that may have restricted many YPs from being active in the organization previously. The chapters have also provided a great chance for the state level AWWA to recruit leadership from within the chapters. The skills that are developed in leadership positions within the NCT chapter have been a positive force for YP careers throughout the Metroplex and beyond.

Additionally, chapters have provided a way to fund projects well as provide scholarships to local high school graduates. Our chapter has provided networking opportunities that are non-threatening, non-judgmental, and quite frankly, fun. Chapters have become a way to make friends and seek knowledge from people outside of your own workplace. Since its inception, the chapter has grown from a few people with a vision to a successful chapter with 925 members. NCT members can take pride in the community service roles they have played. As we congratulate ourselves, let’s not forget the visionaries who started NCT Chapter with little else but large amounts of enthusiasm and a common mission of protecting public health through continual improvement. We also owe a debt of gratitude to those who followed, the ever-dynamic executive council, members, volunteers, partner organizations and everyone who helped get us where we are today. This spring we invite you to join us as we celebrate those who made this possible, and the people who make our work worth it. We hope you celebrate with us at one of the many activities planned in our anniversary year. Many things have changed in the past 25 years, the one constant is our legacy – the mission of AWWA. Now, it’s up to us to fulfill the mission. Happy birthday TAWWA NCT!
Member Spotlight—Jacob Niemeier

Our very own NCT TAWWA member Jacob Niemeier has recently switched to part time in the consulting industry to take up his passion and start his very own non-profit organization called Vera Aqua Vera Vita. Enjoy this interview with Jacob as he shares some insight into his decision and his vision.

Q: Tell us a little bit about what you plan to accomplish with Vera Aqua Vera Vita.

According to the World Health Organization “Today, One Child Dies from a Water Related Disease Every 90 Seconds.” This is simply atrocious and not acceptable that our fellow humans are suffering the scourge of inadequate water and sanitation services. Our mission is to “tap into the physical & spiritual nature of water to empower people and communities in need in developing countries to generate clean water and sanitation solutions that bring True Water True Life!” We believe that it is our duty to help others, especially those that are less fortunate. When people in this world are struggling day-to-day just to survive not only do they suffer but we as a human race suffer because only when we are united and caring for our fellow man are we thriving and achieving our fullest potential and not just surviving. We believe that by meeting people where they are with service and compassion focused on bringing physical and spiritual empowerment that we can help communities in developing countries to flow from simply surviving to truly thriving! We have three main programs: 1) WASH (Water and Sanitation, Hygiene) Community Development, 2) Education, and 3) Missionary in which we walk with a community in solidarity from initial community assessment to empowerment to handing of solution ownership back to the community! You can read more About Us here. Vera Aqua Vera Vita means True Water True Life and that is exactly what we want to do by bringing a water and/or wastewater solution that meets specifically the needs of the communities we serve.

Q: Where did your inspiration come from for starting this non-profit organization?

My inspiration to start Vera Aqua Vera Vita comes from three things. First is my Catholic faith and in particular the scripture verse John 4:10 where Jesus says to the woman at the well, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” Another is my passion for water and particularly for engineering water & wastewater solutions because water is fundamental life and without adequate supply people simply can only survive and cannot begin to thrive as we are created to do! Lastly, my mission trip experiences and in particular the proverbial “light-bulb” moment came almost exactly 7 years ago in Haiti on my first foreign mission trip. I had been learning about the Global Water Crisis in some of my classes in college at Purdue University but finally seeing it first-hand my heart absolutely broke for the poverty and the reality of the severity of inadequate water and sanitation services. It was this experience that the Lord used to inspire me to start a non-profit with the calling to bring clean water to the less fortunate in need!
Con’t: Member Spotlight—Jacob Niemeier

Q: I know you did a lot of awesome fundraising for Water For People – how do you think this work and these contacts will affect/help your journey in VAVV?

Fundraising is both exciting and challenging at the same time which is something that I definitely learned during my time fundraising for Water For People. My efforts for WFP taught me that just as in most things that relationships are absolutely critical to successful fundraising, and I think the connections that I made and fundraising skills that I acquired are already benefitting the advancement of VAVV’s mission!

Q: Tell me about some of the people that have influenced you and helped you in this journey?

Wow! Where do I even begin? I mean first and foremost, I want to recognize my parents, family, and friends for their support and encouragement as I pursue the “road less traveled”! Secondly, I would be remiss to not mention the absolute instrumental role my boss and coworkers have played in mentoring and teaching me engineering, business, and consulting skills. Stantec’s support particularly with allowing me to transition to part-time to focus more efforts on VAVV is simply incredible! Finally, I would like to thank the NCT TAW-WA chapter and in particular the members of the executive committee that I consider to be great friends which have given me the opportunities to grow my leadership skills and proudly serve as a Young Professionals chair.

Q: What are you most excited about in this transition? What are you most nervous about?

This is an easy question, I am most excited to integrate all my skills, gifts, and passions together in an extremely meaningful mission to bring the basic right to life of clean water to the those in most need! I am of course most nervous about that unknowns that launching a nonprofit means for my personal finances, but I know that no truly great thing has ever been accomplished without taking a leap of faith and putting in a lot of hardwork.

Q: Anything else you’d like to share with our readers?

Yes, I am very glad you asked because we need your help or more particularly they need your help… The people of Monte Castillo, Peru are in desperate need of clean water! Currently, our brothers & sisters are struggling daily to get a regular and reliable supply of clean water to cook with and drink. What they are currently consuming is getting them sick and the children and elderly are suffering the most. We need to raise $20,000 by March 2018 to fund a building to house the water treatment technology we will be building in Monte Castillo, Piura, Peru to bring 4 liters per person per day of clean water to 10,000 people for this first phase of our comprehensive improvements for the community. You can read more about the details of our project here. If you feel inspired to give to our project you can become a Project Partner by donating here! Right now we currently have a generous $4,000 matching challenge in play which means your donations goes twice as far!
Calling All Young Professionals to YP Summit

Young Professionals of NCT AWWA: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to attend a conference that was specifically meant for you?! A conference where everyone is around the same age and experience level like yourself? Then attend this year’s YP Summit in San Antonio, Texas. It is a 2-day conference that has both technical and professional development sessions that are directly applicable to the water industry. It also gives you an opportunity to network with fellow YPs and Water Industry experts from around the United States and Canada. This year it takes place on Monday, February 19th through Tuesday, February 20th. If you can only make it to the Tuesday session, then no problem! On Monday evening, there is a welcome reception starting at 5pm; however, for those interested (plus I highly recommend it), attend the AWWA YP Leadership Training and WEF Leadership Training during the day to learn how YPs from all over have been engaging their communities in water related activities and raising awareness about the water industry. It only costs $110 to register (or FREE if you’re a student). Lunch and dinner is provided. If you need help writing up a training request form or want to register, both are provided here. Make sure to click the registration instructions to get your YP Promo code needed during registration. If you have questions or want to learn more about the conference, reach out to me, Katie Stowers. I attended last year and will be attending again this year.

Want to learn more about what’s going on in the NCT TAWWA community?! Then GET CONNECTED! Get updated on NCT TAWWA events and community updates via Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram!

Current Social Media followings:
Twitter (@nct_tawwa): 138 followers
Instagram (@nct_tawwa): 176 followers
Facebook: (@ncttawwa) 65 page likes

Get Connected, Stay Connected, Feel Connected!
Connect with NCT TAWWA TODAY!
Happy New Year!! It’s a new year with new opportunities to meet your fellow YPs and Get Involved with your local NCT TAWWA Chapter. It’s hard to believe January is already over and we are 1/12\textsuperscript{th} of the way into 2018. We launched a new year of YP activities off with a bang at our Dallas Happy Hour at Public School 972 Gastropub in Addison on Wednesday, Jan. 26\textsuperscript{th}. We had an incredible turnout of over 20 people! We raised over $100 for the Dodson’s Drive by raffling off an APIE Portable Wireless & Waterproof Outdoor speaker and a “No Water, No Beer!” t-shirt; congratulations to Tewobista Metaferia from CP&Y and Andrea Fernandez from CDM Smith, respectively, for winning the prizes. Thank you CDM Smith for sponsoring our drinks & apps and thank you to Perkins for sponsoring the raffle prize. Most of all, thanks to all of you who attended!

We are excited for the new year and have a full slate of YP activities in store for you! Our next event will be a Happy Hour on Thursday, Feb.22 from 6-8pm at Blue Mesa on West 7th St, FW.

For you real go-getters and planners, here is a tentative schedule of events for the year:

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  \item May 2018: 3rd Annual Service Event
  \item July 2018: Joint Social Event with WEAT – 3rd Annual Two-Stepping Night Out!
  \item September 2018: 5th Annual Casino Night benefitting Water For People
  \item November 2018: Joint Happy Hour with WEAT
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If you would like to be added to our YP listserv please email us at awwa.ntx.yp@gmail.com.

Your YP Chairs,
Jacob Niemeier (Stantec/Vera Aqua Vera Vita)
Brandon Mellgren (NRP Group)
Chris Boyd (Alan Plummer)
John Logan (TRA)
The Dodson’s Drive Endowment Fund was created in the spring of 2011 to honor the life and work of Kenneth Dodson. Kenny worked in the water/wastewater industry for 35 years and was a tireless supporter of YP education and growth throughout Texas. The endowment fund is fully funded by the one time a year event known as the Young Professionals Dodson’s Drive 5k. The Young Professionals Dodson’s Drive 5k event, held every year at the Texas Water Conference, helps raise funds to support WEAT/TAWWA Young Professionals’ through the Dodson’s Endowment Fund in continuing education and aids in sending YPs to the Young Professional Summit each year. Each year this event grows and gains the ability to help more YPs at an increasingly larger scale.

This year’s YP Dodson Drive 5k will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 250 E. Nueva St., San Antonio, TX 78205 with the race start time at 7AM. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now available online at http://getmeregistered.com/DodsonDrive5k. The event is open to all ages and running/walking abilities and presents a great opportunity to support our future industry leaders! Additional information and updates are regularly posted to the YP Dodson’s Drive Facebook Page, https://www.facebook.com/YPDD5k/. Emailed inquires can be directed to Brandy Martinez at bmartinez@perkinsconsultants.com or Keith Vierra at keith@nrgroup.net. Help us make this the best year, yet! Thank you for supporting our industry Young Professionals!

Educational/Outreach Opportunity

Dallas and Fort Worth Regional Science Fair Judging: AWWA and WEAT will again be supporting the Dallas and Fort Worth Regional Science Fairs this year and serve as Special Award Judges; as such, we are asking for twenty (20) volunteers for each event. Volunteering usually runs from 8:00 am to noon the day of the event, and consists of judging water and environmental related projects. Please note that the Dallas and Fort Worth Regional Science Fairs are held at separate locations and dates. For those interested in serving as volunteer judges, please contact the individuals listed below for each fair.

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Since the start of the Texas Section AWWA Scholarship program, the Texas Section has funded nearly $500,000 in scholarships. Each year there are approximately 60 applicants for scholarships, sometimes more. Out of these applicants, 16 are chosen to receive a $2,000 state level scholarship for the academic year. Brandy Martinez was among this year’s Texas Section 16 state level scholarships recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year. Brandy has been an active member of the NCT TAWWA Chapter for five years through Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc and has received the state level scholarship two times running. She has served on the Drinking Water Seminar committee for the last five years and was Chair for the 2017 NCT TAWWA Drinking Water Seminar. She is also an active member of WEAT and Co-Chairs the YP Dodson Drive Endowment Fund and 5k event every year. Brandy Martinez has an undergraduate degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and recently received her master’s in Sustainability and Development in Environmental Resources from Southern Methodist University in May 2017. Brandy is currently working to complete her master’s in Environmental Engineering at Southern Methodist University.

As a first-generation graduate and Texas native, her studies throughout her academic career have focused on environmental regulations and management and sustainable approaches to process design in both water and wastewater engineering, with major interests in fate and transport of contaminants/emerging contaminants and waste management. Brandy is also avid about outreach for all STEM fields and regularly volunteers to judge the local science fairs with AWWA and WEAT. Going through her undergraduate course work, she wasn’t introduced to AWWA or WEAT until she started as an intern for Perkins in 2013. She values the learning, networking, and volunteering opportunities she’s discovered as a member and hopes to help and encourage other students to find their path to success. Brandy has been a full-time graduate engineer at Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. since January 2014, and continues to apply the knowledge and skill sets gained through further education and our industry organization to serve the water industry. When Brandy is not studying, working, or volunteering with AWWA/WEAT, she spends her time with two of the best water leak detection dogs in the state of Texas. One of which, Rawr, is pictured here all geared up and ready to find some leaks.

Scholarship Funds for the Texas Section and NCT TAWWA Chapter come from sources such as the scholarship golf tournament at the Texas Water Conference, the NCT AWWA Drinking Water Seminar, and of course the generous donations from our members and industry. In addition to the 16 state level scholarships, the Texas AWWA Section also awards the Alan Plummer Scholarship in cooperation with Alan Plummer to a student studying to become an engineer or scientist in the water environmental field, and the AWWA Operator Scholarship which can be used for certification/ licensure, two-year water related associate degrees, technical school programs, professional training programs, books and manuals, and operator-related conferences.
The water industry of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex has one of the largest, experienced, and most diverse pools of water operators, technologists, utilities and consultants in the United States. The North Central Texas Chapter of the Texas Section of AWWA (NCT TAWWA) is here to serve its members by encouraging meaningful continuing education and networking for the local industry at large. In an effort to keep our members well-informed of the most up-to-date happenings within our industry from across the Metroplex and beyond, the NCT TAWWA is soliciting abstracts for presentations for the April 2018 – February 2019 meetings and seminar. We would like to hear from you to help us generate new and exciting topics for the coming year’s program!

Our yearly program for the NCT TAWWA consists of bi-monthly chapter meetings in February, April, June, October and December; meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each calendar month. Our bi-monthly chapter meetings consist of a networking period followed by a one-hour chapter meeting and technical presentation. In addition, our chapter brings to you the Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar held each year in October. This day-long seminar has historically consisted of multiple 30 to 45 minute technical presentations featuring a variety of technical presenters and topics.

To that end, we are asking for brief abstracts to be submitted for consideration by our chapter leadership in preparing the program agenda for the coming year. Please note that engineering, management, and operational topics are desired for submission to ensure education opportunities to our broader membership base.

**Click here to submit your abstract online!**

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Utilities that would like to nominate their facility for the April plant tour, please [click here](#).

**Abstracts will be accepted through Wednesday February 21, 2018.** Selected presenters will be notified and speaking engagements confirmed at least four to six weeks in advance of the meeting or presentation. For the Seminar, the notification to the selected speakers will be by May 31, 2018. The anticipated dates for 2018/2019 Chapter Meetings and the 2018 Drinking Water Seminar are as follows:

- April 2018 – Plant Tour and Dinner Meeting
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*Please note, the Drinking Water Seminar is an all-day seminar. If selected for the seminar, the speaker needs to be available all day to allow scheduling flexibility.

Additionally, note that the dates for the 2018 year have not been finalized. Tentative dates have been provided.
The following are water-related events sponsored and coordinated by other organizations which may be of your general interest. If you would like to add an event to this calendar, please contact Katie Stowers.

**New Year, New YOU! Work on that New Year’s Resolution by Volunteering:**

**February 10th & March 10th, 8am-Noon**

Let’s Keep White Rock Lake Beautiful! Every second Saturday, join a group of volunteers to clean-up the shorelines of White Rock. A “continental breakfast” consisting of hot Starbucks coffee, orange juice, chocolate milk, as well as treats brought to you by monthly sponsors from restaurants around the area. If interested, register [here](#).

**February 17th & March 17th, 9am-Noon**

Come to the hilly terrain of Cedar Ridge Preserve to help The Sierra Club maintain the Possum Haw Trail. Volunteers are needed on the third Saturdays of almost every month to help clean and maintain the trials. For more information, email [Ginger Bradley](mailto:Ginger Bradley) of the Dallas Sierra Club or call 214-526-3733.

**February 24th & March 24th, 9am-Noon**

One Saturday of each month, the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center invites individuals and groups to assist with outdoor projects based on their current needs. Projects may include trail building, habitat management, invasive plant removal, working in their gardens, and much more. For more information, contact Conservation and Operations Manager [Julie Collins](mailto:Julie Collins) or call 469-526-1991.

**March 1st, 6pm-8pm**

Want to conserve water & save money?! The Fort Worth Water Department, in partnership with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, is hosting a series of [free](#) seminars, highlighting the “how to of water-saving landscapes.” Their March 1st seminar features “Rainwater Harvesting”. Click here to [register](#).

**March 24th, 8am-1pm**

Cowtown Great American Cleanup & Earth Party is an annual event that brings thousands of volunteers to help Keep Fort Worth Beautiful by cleaning litter from parks, right of ways, rivers, and other public areas. Following the volunteer effort, Fort Worth puts on a huge party to celebrate everyone’s efforts at the Forth Worth Water Gardens. If interested, see [link](#).

**Upcoming AWWA Webinars — Coming to a Computer Screen Near YOU!**

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WEAT/AWWA YP HAPPY HOUR

Date: Thursday February 22nd, 2018
Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm
Where: BLUE MESA SOUTH WEST GRILL
612 Carroll Street
Fort Worth, 76107
Who: Young & Young at Heart Professionals
Free Quesadilla Bar and Drinks!!
Tappin It In Texas

We are thrilled to announce the 2nd Annual “Tappin It In Texas” Competition will be held on Thursday, March 22, at the DN Tank Facility located in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The event is a casual affair for water industry professionals and their family members to eat, drink, network and socialize while cheering on their favorite pipe tapping team from Dallas and Fort Worth as they all compete for the ever-prestigious bragging rights as the “Fastest Tappers in North Texas”!

In addition to individual attendees, the Chapter is seeking sponsors to help cover the costs of the event. All $250 sponsors will be recognized on all advertising materials as well as at the event. If you are interested, please donate and register online and forward your logo to Chris Bitter at cbitter@jqqheng.com.

Profits from the this event will benefit the One AWWA Operator Scholarship Fund!

Thanks to our Sponsors!

REGISTER TODAY at www.tawwa.org/event/NCTpipetapping18

Questions? Contact Sally Mills-Wright at sally.wright@dallascityhall.com
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