Celebrating Texas Water!

Clockwise from top: Raj Bhattarai greets Chairman of CP&Y and Gloyna Breakfast speaker Walter Chiang • Incoming AWWA Director Dave Scholler, Chair-Elect Jennifer Elms, Chair Alissa Lockett, Vice-Chair Daniel Nix and Immediate Past Chair Christianne Castleberry • Outgoing Texas Section Chair Christianne Castleberry passed the gavel to incoming Chair Alissa Lockett • Attendees enjoy the Conference Night Out event at the Frontiers of Flight Museum • TAWWA Chair-Elect Jennifer Elms and TAWWA Chair Alissa Lockett visit with Peggy Glass, executive vice president at Alan Plummer Associates and Women of Texas Water Luncheon speaker • Attendees visit with exhibitors in the exhibit hall.
Donna Howe Surprised with Fuller Award

Donna Howe received the prestigious George Warren Fuller Award at the Texas Water 2014™ Conference Lunch in Dallas on April 15. Howe, President of the Wells Branch Municipal Utility District, also serves as an appointed member of the State Water Conservation Advisory Council and on the AWWA Diversity and Member Engagement Committee. She is one of the top AWWA membership recruiters in the country and has volunteered countless hours to encourage dialogue among those with diverse ideas, helping to build AWWA at both the Texas and national level.

The award recipient is selected by previous Fuller winners and recognizes distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the contributions of AWWA leader George Warren Fuller. The winner of the award is kept secret until the luncheon.

Previous Fuller Award winners surprise Donna Howe at the Texas Water 2014™ conference luncheon. The winner of the award is kept secret until the luncheon.
Leadership Sets New Goals

BY ALISSA LOCKETT
Texas Section Chair

Following in the footsteps of a successful leader can be a daunting task. Or it can be empowering, if you embrace that leader’s vision and strive to keep up the momentum. And so begins my year as Chair in the high-heeled footsteps of a wonderful mentor and our Education Division aficionado, Christianne Castleberry. I am humbled to be in this position and look forward to working with the tremendous volunteers of our Texas Water community to provide education resources to a broader network than we ever have before, as well as professional development opportunities for our members that are timely, convenient and economical.

Record-breaking attendance at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas, made possible through the momentous efforts of a Local Host Committee led by TAWWA Co-Chair Terry Lowery, reminds me that regional education and networking opportunities are so important when utilities, and consequently service providers, are stretching their dollars to fill water supply gaps and address infrastructure renewal. TAWWA and WEAT join forces every year to host a top-notch technical program and smorgasbord of exhibitors in our backyard. While I’ll refrain from calling it a productive cross-connection of water and wastewater professionals because of the negative connotation, it’s certainly refreshing when we all come together to discuss what unites us.

Recognizing that many “drinking” water professionals have already crossed the aisle and include treated wastewater and stormwater in their water supply portfolios, AWWA changed their vision to “A Better World through Better Water” and rolled out a new strategic plan at ACE13 in Denver. On May 9, during an orientation for board and committee members, we worked to align our Texas Section strategic plan with AWWA’s new plan. With a brain trust of volunteers in the room all anxious for lunch, we were able to cover a lot of ground quickly and crafted the revised mission, “TAWWA is dedicated to the promotion of safe and sufficient water for all,” along with the following goals:

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From Source to Tap

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When you are so close to something for so long, you take for granted that everyone knows what you know. After swimming around in the water community for nearly thirty years, I am always surprised (much less so as I get older) how little some people know about water, where it comes from and how valuable it really is to us every day.

The general public who live in urbanized areas do take water for granted. They expect water to appear as if like magic from the tap. They expect it to be clean and safe. And, they expect to have as much water as they want to do with as they please, including throwing it on the ground to make grass grow. And when they are done with the water, they expect it go down the drain or be flushed away and never to be seen again. In fact, sometime around the age of two, we have all been taught that when you flush anything down the toilet, it just disappears!

And, when one of these expectations is unmet, such as when the power goes out during a disaster or during a drought, many just don’t know what to do. It’s what my now adult children remind me is a “first world problem.”

You will recall that in the last issue I wrote about how the folks up in Wichita Falls have stepped up and realized that their best hope to beat the drought in the long run is to begin the largest direct potable reuse project in the country. Once the testing is done and the TCEQ signs off, 50 percent of the highly treated wastewater in Wichita Falls will be returned to the water plant to be blended and retreated again to provide the more than 100,000 residents with a steady and reliable supply of water for a long time. This project has not gone unnoticed, as articles and news reports from all over the country have shown.

Many of these reports took the expected path with headlines of “Toilet to Tap,” with emphasis on the so called “yuk” factor. Many of the television stories, including one on the “Today” show, went in the same direction. But that is to be expected. On the surface, we all think “potty” jokes are funny (don’t lie — you know you do!). Secondly, the public thinks that raw
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Thomas Taylor Receives "Doc" Ballard Award

Thomas Taylor was recognized with the W. T. "Doc" Ballard Award during the Conference Luncheon at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas.

Created in 1999, the "Doc" Ballard Award recognizes Texas Section members who have distinguished themselves in our profession by using their personal influence to shape the course of change in our profession by helping utilities and individuals serve the profession better. This award is not presented every year and only to those whose selfless contributions to the industry deserves recognition.

Taylor began his career in Texas with the City of Dallas. He became the youngest department head at the city, serving as head of three different departments. He served as director of Dallas Water Utilities from 1980 to 1986, and was honored as one of the "Top Ten Public Works Leaders in North America" by the American Public Works Association in 1981. During his tenure with DWU, he helped shape many of the facilities and policies that are still in place today.

In 1986, Taylor left DWU for the private sector, leading discussions with Denton County cities and utilities regarding the needs for a regional water system, which led to the creation of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District in 1989.

Taylor was appointed as the first executive director of the newly formed regional water district and has continued to lead the organization for 25 years.

Taylor has been instrumental in shaping and leading the water industry throughout his career, including serving on the Utility Council for AWWA. His leadership ensured that the Dallas Water Utilities and the Upper Trinity Regional Water District became model agencies for others to follow.

AWWA Vice President Michael Simpson presents Thomas Taylor with the W.T. "Doc" Ballard Award at Texas Water 2014™.
C. J. Gillaspie and the City of West Public Works Department was recognized with the Heroism Award at Texas Water 2014™ for their response to the West fertilizer plant fire on April 17, 2013. Gillaspie, a captain of the West Volunteer Fire Department, was one of the first responders to the fertilizer plant fire. He drove the fire truck to a nearby school because the plant didn’t have a fire hydrant and called for backup. The plant then exploded, knocking him to the ground. He ran back toward the plant, cancelling the backup call to prevent further injuries. Gillaspie searched through the debris and found three injured firefighters, letting them know ambulances were on their way.

He later discovered that his own home had been destroyed but his family was safe. The responders continued evacuations throughout the night, and Gillaspie headed to his public works office to begin the process of dealing with the water and wastewater system.

The explosion resulted in 15 deaths, 300 injuries and more than $100 million in damages.

For the next several weeks, his staff and the Central Texas “Water Brotherhood,” composed of volunteers from surrounding cities, rural water systems and contractors, provided for the health and safety of 2,800 residents by assessing damages and quickly implementing strategies to safely supply water after a total system shut-down.

AWWA Vice President Michael Simpson presents C.J. Gillaspie with the Heroism Award.
John Kubala, Arlington's first director of utilities and mentor to many in the industry, died on Monday, May 26, 2014, in Dallas. Born and raised in West, Texas, Kubala was awarded a football scholarship to Texas A&M University, where he played for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. After graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1962, he went to work for the City of Arlington as its first water and sewer engineer. In 1967, he was named the city's first Director of Utilities when water and sewer operations were separated from the Public Works Department.

Kubala retired from Arlington in 1996, and the following year the city honored his more than 30 years of service by dedicating the John F. Kubala Water Treatment Plant in his name.

Kubala became a member of AWWA in 1962. He served as trustee of the Southwest Section when Texas was part of that Section and became a

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AWWA Vice President Michael Simpson presents John Kubala with the Gold Water Drop Award, recognizing 50 years of AWWA membership.
Letty Gomar Receives Maverick Award

Leticia (Letty) Arvide De Gomar was named the Maverick Award winner at Texas Water 2014™. The Maverick Award recognizes a young professional in the Texas Section who exemplifies qualities in volunteerism, community involvement, leadership and outstanding service in the science of water supply, treatment, operations and water quality.

Gomar served as the Illinois Section Awards Committee Chair from 2006-2008 before moving to Texas. She has served on several committees for the North Central Texas Chapter and is currently serving as President. She also served as the Texas Section’s Young Professionals Committee Chair for two years, growing the group into the active committee it is today.

Gomar also organized the first environmental service event at Texas Water 2013™ in Galveston, became the Chair of the new Mentoring Committee and also served on the AWWA Sustainable Infrastructure Committee.

Gomar continued to dedicate much of her career to AWWA, at the Chapter, Section and national level.

AWWA Vice President Michael Simpson and TAWWA Chair Christianne Castleberry present Letty Gomar with the Maverick Award.
Water For People Award Goes to Adam Conner

Adam Conner, a water planner with San Antonio Water System, received the Water For People Kenneth J. Miller Founder’s Award at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas. The Kenneth J. Miller Founder’s Award, established in 2001 by the Water For People Board of Directors, honors outstanding local level volunteer service to the international humanitarian effort to assure safe drinking water in developing counties.

Conner has helped guide the South Texas Chapter’s Water For People program since 2009, including ensuring the success of the Chapter’s annual Water For People Golf Tournament, which has raised more than $100,000 for Water For People over the years. Under Conner’s leadership, this year’s tournament raised more than $28,000, making it the single largest Texas Section Water for People fundraiser to date.
Donald Malovets received the Operator’s Meritorious Service Award at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas.

The Operator’s Meritorious Service Award recognizes a Texas Section member who has distinguished themselves in our profession by using their personal influence to shape the course of change in the profession by helping utilities and individuals serve the profession better.

Malovets has worked for the Brazos River Authority for more than 20 years and is known as the go-to guy for diagnosing and fixing any problem in a facility or in the field. His keen ability to study any problem and visualize a creative solution has served BRA and its customers well. Whether it’s keeping intakes working during drought conditions or crafting and installing temporary air diffuser piping for an aeration basin to maintain compliance during an outage, his talents are in demand for keeping systems online and teaching others how to do the same.

Malovet’s consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance has helped prolong the useful life of equipment.
Capital Area Chapter Recognized as Chapter of the Year

The Capital Area Chapter was recognized as the Chapter of the Year at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas due to its achievements in communication, membership recruitment and retention, and educational offerings.

The Capital Area Chapter regularly communicates with its members in a variety of ways, including a bi-monthly newsletter, email, Texas Section AWWA website, Texas Section board meetings and student chapter communications.

The Chapter is also committed to recruiting new members and retaining existing members. The Chapter encourages its members to reach out to their colleagues and bring them to AWWA-sponsored events. Chapter membership has increased 31 percent over the past two years, with a 17 percent increase in 2013. There are currently 435 members in the local chapter.

To encourage young professional participation, the Chapter sponsors networking events with the local WEAT chapter and collaborates with the student chapter of AWWA/WEAT at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Chapter promotes educational offerings by holding bimonthly meetings and hosts an annual fall seminar that provides an opportunity to hear about leading edge projects, learn from experts and network. This year’s one-day seminar was attended by about 70 people. The seminar also supports the Texas Section AWWA scholarship program and raised $5,000 for scholarships this year.
Apply for a Texas Section AWWA Scholarship!

Deadline: July 11, 2014

This year, the application is entirely online. Please review the instructions carefully before proceeding with the application.

Open to the children of Texas Section members or members who have returned to full-time education. Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in college or post-graduate work. Applicants must be full-time students.

Apply online at www.tawwa.org
(click on the link on the upper left side of the homepage)
Texas Section and WEAT honored members for their efforts to communicate with the public. During ceremonies at Texas Water 2014 in Dallas, the winners of the annual Watermark Awards were recognized.

**CATEGORY I  Communications programs: internal campaigns, external campaigns, crisis communications, community relations.**


**CATEGORY II  Periodicals: magazines or newsletters.**


**CATEGORY III  Publications: annual reports, annual water quality reports, brochures, direct mail materials and other multi-page publications.**


**CATEGORY IV  Online communications: websites, Facebook, Twitter, online newsletters, etc.**


**CATEGORY V  School Curriculums.**

**Large Utility** » Dallas Water Utilities: Fighting the Grease Monster One Classroom at a Time.

**CATEGORY VI  Writing releases, features, scripts, speeches, public service announcements, etc.**

**Non-Utility** » Tarrant Regional Water District: Ten on Tuesday PSA.

**CATEGORY VII  Audio and visual: videos, DVDs, slide shows, Power Point presentations, etc.**

**Small Utility** » City of Round Rock: Water-Wise Videos. **Large Utility** » El Paso Water Utilities: Stormwater Project to Bring Flood Protection and Financial Relief to Homeowners. **Non-Utility** » Pump Solutions, Inc:

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Blue Legacy Awards Recognize Conservation Efforts

The Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council honored four recipients of its Blue Legacy Award during the Conference Luncheon at Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas.

To recognize entities that have made strides in the area of water conservation, the WCAC created the Blue Legacy Awards. Recognition is given to water suppliers that have demonstrated outstanding and innovative commitment to the state’s mission of promoting responsible management of water resources, as well as conservation of Texas’ water resources. Receiving awards this year were:

**City of Austin**
The City of Austin has created partnerships between Austin Water Utility and multiple energy utilities to reduce water and energy costs for building upgrades for low-income residents, multi-family residential owners and renters. In 2013, the city launched the Home Efficiency Assistance Program (HEAP) to help provide energy and water efficiency assessments, repairs and upgrades to low-income residents. It also launched the Small Business Outreach Program to incorporate local businesses into water and energy conservation strategies. The City of Austin has seen success with these programs. HEAP has funded home improvements for more than 750 low-income customers and Austin Water contributed more than $50,000 in water conservation improvements. The water savings from all programs is estimated at 48,068 gallons per day with a cost savings of about $228,083.

**City of Round Rock**
In response to dry weather conditions throughout the last several years, the City of Round Rock has promoted several rain barrel sales to encourage rainwater harvesting. Since 2009, the city has hosted three rain barrel sales, with each barrel costing the customers $25. City staff modifies 55-gallon drums from the water plant at a cost of $14 per barrel. Due to high interest in the program, the environmental supervisor with the city reached out to an Austin company that generates plastic drums from a soap manufacturing process and now incorporates these drums into the program. In October 2012, the city hosted its one-day rain barrel sale in partnership with Rain Water Innovations. The city advertised the event for six weeks and final counts revealed that 396 Ivy barrels were distributed to around 200 customers at the October event. The following sale in April 2013 distributed 291 Ivy barrels, 61 Moby barrels and 26 100-gallon barrels to 240 people.

**City of New Braunfels**
The City of New Braunfels was recognized for promoting water conservation through education, program outreach, interaction and increasing community involvement. In 2006, New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) created the Behavioral Modification Program, which includes goals of reduction of water use, improving the public's perception of water conservation, easing the strain on the Edward's...
Members Receive Longevity Awards

At Texas Water 2014™ in Dallas, Texas Section honored 34 water professionals for longtime membership in AWWA and service to the industry.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS Receiving Life Membership Awards, recognizing members who previously achieved Silver Water Drop Award status and are now at least 65 years old, were John Brock of Cypress, and John Wier of Arlington.

SILVER WATER DROP & LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS Receiving Life Membership Awards, recognizing 30 years of AWWA membership by individuals who are at least 65 years old, were Ron Baker of Carbom, Phillip Boyd of Combine, Jerry Chapman of Denison, Robert Higgins of Houston, Ahmed Kadry of Waco, Clarence Littlefield of Gonzales, P.K. Patel of Dallas, David Rich of Lake Jackson, Jean Schulze of Canton, John Stull of Dallas, Charlotte Voelker of Elgin, and Dorothy Warren of Austin.

SILVER WATER DROP AWARDS AWWA recognizes members who have achieved 30 years of service to the water community and AWWA. Receiving recognition at Texas Water 2014™ were Hector Acevedo of Missouri City, Roger Aguillon of Kirby, John Bolender of Huffman, William Boomer of Fort Worth, S. Frank Crumb of Fort Worth, Bruce Curtis of Grand Prairie, Kirit Daftary of Waco, Linda Gaddy of Houston, Richard Gerlach Jr. of Houston, Gary Hartwell of Frisco, Stephen Jenkins of Carrollton, Bobbie Kidd of Clarendon, James McNutt of Dallas, John Mercer of Edna, Edward Motley of Arlington, David Mueller of Houston, Jerry Potter of Mansfield, Jimmie Sims of Huntsville, and Jeannie Wiginton of Austin.

Workforce Development Award

Sally Mills-Wright with the City of Arlington and Kevin Smith with the Texas Veteran’s Commission were awarded the joint TAWWA and WEAT Workforce Development Award at Texas Water 2014™ for their partnership in helping veterans find employment. The award recognizes a utility, agency or company for an innovative and successful program designed to promote workforce development for the utility, agency or company or the water industry in general.
TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw Appointed by EPA to Border Environmental Committee

TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E., has been named to the EPA’s Good Neighbor Environmental Board by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

Shaw was appointed this month as the state of Texas representative, for the term ending March 9, 2015. The GNEB is an independent federal advisory committee. Its mission is to advise the President and Congress of the United States on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico. Its recommendations are focused on environmental infrastructure needs within the U.S. states contiguous to Mexico.

Created in 1992 by the Enterprise of the Americas Act, the GNEB issues an annual report to the President and the Congress on U.S.-Mexico border environmental and infrastructure projects, with the goal of improving the quality of life of residents in U.S. border states.

“I am humbled and honored to represent the State of Texas on the GNEB as it provides advice to the federal executive and legislative branches on addressing environmental infrastructure issues along our 1,950 mile border with Mexico,” Shaw said. In addition to serving on the GNEB, he also leads the TCEQ’s Border Initiative and is the U.S. state co-chair of two Border 2020 Regional Work Groups under the La Paz Agreement for the protection of the U.S.-Mexico border environment.

Shaw serves on the Executive Committee of the Environmental Council of the States. He received a bachelor’s and master’s degree in agricultural engineering from TAMU and a doctorate degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also earned his professional engineer (P.E.) license in October 2013.
Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts for workshops, oral presentations, panel discussions, and roundtables on topics addressing water and wastewater management. Topics to be covered at the conference include but are not limited to:

- Benchmarking & Performance Measurement
- Business Practice Optimization
- Communicating Value to Customers and other Stakeholders
- Customer Service
- Finance, Accounting & Rates
- Leadership/Management Development
- Legal/Regulatory/Political Issues
- Management—Combined Utilities
- Management—Environmental Issues
- Management—Infrastructure
- Management—Operation/Maintenance
- Management—Utility Sustainability
- Public Involvement/Public Affairs
- Public Officials Issues
- Regional Collaboration
- Security & Emergency Preparedness
- Succession Planning
- Workforce Support and Development
- Other

Call for Papers opens February 27, 2014.
Call for Papers closes June 26, 2014.

To view topic categories and to submit an abstract, visit www.awwa.org/umc15/cfp.
TCEQ Hosts Dam Safety Workshops This Summer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is scheduling dam safety workshops in June and July. The first one was held on June 4 in Austin.

**Thursday, June 26**
Granbury Resort Conference Center
621 E. Pearl St.
Granbury, Texas 76048

**Thursday, July 17**
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road
Conroe, Texas 77303

Workshop hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and cost $55, which includes lunch. You can earn up to 4 hours CEU credit for PEs and PGs. Additional information and registration are available online at [www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/dam-safety.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/dam-safety.html).

The workshops will educate dam owners about state dam safety laws and regulations, dam failure modes and case histories, owner responsibilities and liabilities, security issues, dam operations, maintenance and inspections, and developing and implementing emergency action plans.

Lunch and refreshments are included in the registration fee. Participants will also receive a copy of the Workshop Participant Manual and have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with TCEQ dam safety personnel.

For more information regarding the workshops, contact Joe Briseno at events@tceq.texas.gov or 512-239-6781.
TCEQ Announces Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Winners
Nine Honorees Receive State's Highest Environmental Award

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announces the winners of the 22nd annual Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. These prestigious awards bring attention to the most innovative and effective projects that prevent pollution and preserve natural resources in Texas.

Among this year's honorees are: two Eagle Scouts who worked to save natural resources for future generations; a company that makes water heaters from stainless steel; an aerospace company that reduced energy use by 3,600 megawatt hours per year; an oil and gas company that reduced air emissions from cleaning pipelines by 90 percent; a company that developed a water-based finishing process for fiberglass doors; and an airplane repair facility that saves millions of gallons of water through a re-use system. In addition, a hands-on marine science education program for fifth and sixth graders and the state's Master Naturalist program are highlighted.

“I commend all of this year's winners for their commitment to improving the environment by thinking creatively and acting decisively,” says TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E.

“It is a great pleasure to join with my fellow commissioners in congratulating these honorees whose environmental stewardship serves as an example to Texans everywhere,” says TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker.

“The 2014 award recipients show the rest of us some of the many ways we all can take care of Texas by protecting and improving our environment,” says TCEQ Commissioner Zak Covar.

This year's winners were recognized at a banquet held in their honor on May 7, 2014, as part of the TCEQ's Environmental Trade Fair and Conference at the Austin Convention Center. For more information go to http://www.teeqa.org/2014-winners.

2014 Texas Environmental Excellence Award Winners

AMARILLO
Pioneer Natural Resources
(Category: Pollution Prevention)

AUSTIN
Conner Crowe
Archer Samuel Hadley
(Category: Youth)

CORPUS CHRISTI
Flour Bluff Intermediate School
(Category: Education)

FORT WORTH
PVI Industries, LLC
(Category: Pollution Prevention)

HOUSTON
GlassCraft Door Company
(Category: Innovative Operations/Management)

MCKINNEY
Raytheon Company
(Category: Technical/Technology)

SAN ANTONIO
StandardAero San Antonio, Inc.
(Category: Water Conservation)

STATEWIDE
Texas Master Naturalist Program
(Category: Civic/Community)
Register for the Water For People Golf Tournament

The Water For People San Antonio Committee is sponsoring the Sweat for A Cause Golf Tournament on Friday, August 22, 2014, at Canyon Springs Golf Club.

Water For People works with people and partners to develop innovative and long-lasting solutions to the water, sanitation, and hygiene problems in the developing world. Water For People strives to continually improve, to experiment with promising new ideas, and to leverage resources to multiply their impact. Water For People is an international nonprofit development organization. All proceeds from the tournament benefit Water For People.

The following sponsorships are available:

- Title Sponsor - $3,000
- Platinum Sponsor - $2,000
- Breakfast Sponsor - $1,500 (limit 1 sponsorship)
- Gold Sponsor - $750
- Silver Sponsor - $250

If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in the tournament, please visit www.tawwa.org/group/south_texas to register with a credit card or use the form on Page 25 if paying by check. Contact Amy Middleton at 210-302-3201 or amiddleton@sara-tx.org if you have any questions.

TW14 COMPETITION ROUNDUP

TRA’s Tarrant County Water Supply (pictured at right with AWWA Vice President Michael Simpson) won the Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest at Texas Water 2014™. They’ll continue onto Boston to represent Texas at the AWWA Annual Conference (ACE).

Dallas Water Utilities (pictured at right, below) took home first place in the Pipe Tapping Competition with the lowest time of 1:36:19, followed by SAWS and New Braunfels Utilities. SAWS Women’s Team was the only competitor in the women’s division and came in with a time of 3:06:84.

Fort Worth Water Department took home first place in the Top Ops Competition and will be traveling to Boston to compete at ACE. Midlothian Water Utility came in second place and Trinity River Authority took third.

Jason Escobedo with New Braunfels Utilities came in first place in the Meter Madness Competition with a time of 40:03 seconds and will be representing Texas at ACE. Kain Coughlin, City of Plano, came in second place and Dennis Laskowski from SAWS came in third.

In the Junior Meter Madness Competition, Tyler Brown from Arlington came in first place, followed by Lindsey Hoda from Arlington and Carlos Guerrero from Waco.
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Breakfast & Registration: 7 - 7:40 am
- Shotgun Start: 8:00 am
- BBQ Lunch: 1:00 pm
- Awards Ceremony & Raffle Drawing: 1:30 pm

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  - Includes statewide advertisement, special recognition at tournament, logo sign, and one foursome.

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  - Includes statewide advertisement, special recognition at tournament, logo sign, and one foursome.

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  - Includes tee box logo sign, and two golfers.

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  - Includes name recognition on special thanks sign at tournament.

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**SPONSORSHIP LEVEL**

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- Title
- Platinum
- Gold
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- Individual
- Foursome
- Lunch Only
- Hat/Visor Only
- Unable to play, but please accept donation: $________

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Cash
- Check Enclosed
  - (Payable to South Texas Chapter AWWA)
- To pay by credit card, visit TAWWA site to register: http://www.tawwa.org/group/south_texas#

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San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980, San Antonio, TX 78283
p: 210.302.3201 | @: amiddleton@sara-tx.org

For more info, contact Adam Conner at 210.233.3452.
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Cinco Ranch Municipal Utility District

The Cinco Ranch Municipal Utility District retrofitted its irrigation system to not only be compliant with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations but to make their system a water efficiency project. The MUD is converting about 20 percent of their public space and replacing existing spray heads with spray bodies, which utilize higher theoretical efficiency. The MUD is also converting the property to a central control irrigation system. The MUD has continued the program beyond a full retrofit to include training both in the classroom and the field, along with evaluations on those receiving the instruction. The MUD will also implement a new billing system using a water budget rate structure. In this system, if a customer uses more than actual plant/water needs for a month, additional fees will apply.

Aquifer and extending water supply. The city gave water conservation presentations, set up informational booths and interacted with children in entertaining and educational activities at community events. The city also built a mobile water display from 354 one-gallon recycled milk jugs to illustrate the city's water use. The city promoted rebates for water conservation strategies such as rain barrels and appliance upgrades and created a landscape calendar contest for the most drought-friendly yard.
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**Large Utility** » City of Fort Worth Water Department: Displays for Public Meeting on Privatization Exploration Process. **Non-Utility** » Trinity River Authority of Texas: Industrial Photography.

**MEDIA AWARD** *Print Media.*


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**Southeast Chapter Raises Awareness About Safe Drinking Water During Water Week**

Daniel Olsen of Arcadis speaks to students about water conservation.

Drew Molly, TAWWA SE Chapter President, accepting certificate of appreciation from City of Houston Deputy Director of Public Utilities Division Jun Chang and Public Works Director Daniel Krueger.

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...charter member of the Texas Section when it was formed in 1971. He was a chair of the newly formed Texas Section in 1972 and a former trustee of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation Board of Directors from 1984 through 1990. During his career, he was honored with the George Warren Fuller Award, Doc Ballard Award and the Abel Wolman Award. He was most recently recognized for achieving Gold Member status, honoring 50 years of AWWA membership and service to the water community, at Texas Water 2014™ in April.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the TAWWA Scholarship Fund, online at [www.tawwa.org](http://www.tawwa.org).

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...The Southeast Chapter of TAWWA was one of several sponsors of the City of Houston’s Water Week Festival, from April 28 – May 2. The event was held at the Water Works and Education Center at the City of Houston’s Northeast Water Purification Plant. The opening ceremony was kicked off with the City of Houston’s Public Works and Engineering Director Daniel Krueger thanking the sponsors and making some remarks to the children about the importance of safe drinking water.

TAWWA members volunteered the entire week to staff an education booth, which provided opportunities to play educational games and talk to children about the water industry. The event was attended by approximately 1,750 people during the week.

A special thanks to the TAWWA coordinator, Adam Trescott with CDM Smith, and the volunteers, including:

- David Munn and Lindsey Tracy – AECOM
- Daniel Olsen – Arcadis
- Lynette Maynard – Vector Controls
- Gary Rabalais – Jones and Carter

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Since Sections are where the members “live” within AWWA, commonality between Section and Association goals is essential to AWWA. Likewise, Chapters are where the members “really live” within the Texas Section since great distances separate us geographically as the largest single state Section within the Association. This year, we are planning a series of **Chapter Roadshows** where our Executive Committee, Regional Activities Committee Co-Chairs and Executive Director will work with Chapter leaders on grassroots goal alignment and training, with the culmination of these Roadshows being a **Chapter Summit** in the Austin area. At this Summit, we will share success stories and ideas so that in the future, a member transplanted from Dallas to Austin, Houston to Corpus Christi, El Paso to San Antonio, etc., has an AWWA experience that is enjoyable wherever they land. The Coastal Bend Chapter is a true success story, having been created last year through hard work by volunteer leaders that knew the value of water professionals putting their heads together to discuss common problems and share solutions.

I look forward to meeting as many Texas Section members as possible this year and hearing your stories as to how you chose a career in water. Each of you embodies AWWA’s vision of making the world better through your daily jobs in the water industry. Safe water has been a reality for so long that people take it for granted, and we face that challenge every day as we struggle to replace broken or deteriorated infrastructure and to guarantee water supplies for future generations and even today.

The Education Division has been laying the groundwork for us to share the knowledge and resources that we have with more people so that the value of water is better understood by our communities and funding hurdles can be overcome. Realizing the strain on funding, Section Divisions and Committees are planning training on current issues that will enhance the value of membership by providing web-based continuing education that is economical.

If you want to get more involved in these efforts or have ideas to share, please let me know or contact the Chair of the Division, Committee, or Chapter that fits your interests through the TAWWA website, [www.tawwa.org](http://www.tawwa.org).
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wastewater is harmful. And they are right. We know that, too. The difference is that we, in the water community, now take for granted that with the right science, we can turn raw wastewater back into drinking water and have been since the middle of the 20th century.

However, it has taken a severe drought to pull back the curtain off the "magic" of reclaimed water and what can and is being done to augment water supplies everywhere. But it is going to be up to us in the water community to be sure two things happen. The first is that we have to make sure, through the best science and the best practices, that we continue to protect the public’s health. Because, when it comes down to it, that is what we do. Simple as that.

Secondly, we need to help the public understand what it is we do, why we are committed to their safety, what the real value and costs of clean water are, and what it means if we don’t have the water we need, which, by the way, is not always the same as having all the water we want. And, to make this all work, we have to clearly and concisely communicate to the public that we have the knowledge to eliminate their fear of the “yuk” factor.

One recent news article that was extremely well done and made very clear that we are all downstream from someone was written by The Texas Tribune’s writer Neena Satija. The May 14, 2014, article, "No Joke: Most Drinking Supplies Flush With ‘Potty Water’" is well worth reading. Toward the end of the article is this quote from the National Academy of Sciences' study on wastewater reuse.

“...the risk from potable reuse does not appear to be any higher, and may be orders of magnitude lower, than currently experienced in at least some current (and approved) drinking water treatment systems.”

I’ll let that quote speak for itself. You can read the whole article at this link: [http://www.texastribune.org/2014/05/14/dont-point-and-jeer-wichita-falls/](http://www.texastribune.org/2014/05/14/dont-point-and-jeer-wichita-falls/).

Watch for some upcoming information about how we are working on additional training for utilities to be better at communicating with their customers on a variety of issues, including helping the public understand and overcome their fear of good science.
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