

AUGUST 2003 NEWSLETTER

Southeast Chapter of TAWWA

Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003

Time: Registration at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at 11:50 p.m.
Speaker at 12:20 p.m.

Place: Houston Engineering and Scientific Society
5430 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056

Luncheon: \$20 if confirmed by 8/18 and an AWWA member
\$25 if confirmed by 8/18 and not an AWWA member
\$25 after 8/18

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RSVP: E-mail your reservation to Ms. Marilyn Christian at mchristian@harriscountyhealth.com. Please include your first name, last name, and organization (needed for name tag). Questions? Call Ms. Christian at 713-439-6260. **No-show's** will be invoiced for their lunch.

FEATURED SPEAKER

SE Chapter of Texas American Water Works Association is proud to present E. Buck Henderson, TCEQ, Water Supply Division, as the featured speaker for the August 2003 Meeting. His topic will be: **Securing Drinking Water Sources.**

Buck Henderson is the Manager of the Public Drinking Water Section. He has a B.S. Degree in Aquatic Biology and a Masters Degree in Fisheries Management

from South West Texas State University. Buck has over 30 years environmental management experience with the TCEQ, Lower Colorado River Authority and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Agencies with varying responsibilities in Fisheries, Power Plant, Environmental Laboratory and Drinking Water Program Management.

Buck has served as a board member for the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) and on ASDWA's State/EPA Relations Committee. Currently, he is a member of the ASDWA Security Committee, TCEQ's Homeland Security Core Team, EPA's National Drinking Water Advisory Council's (NDWAC) Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) Process Work Group, Chair of the AWWA Texas Section's Regulatory Agencies Division and EPA's NSF/ETV (National Sanitary Foundation - Environmental Technology Verification) Steering Committee.

For additional information on this presentation, you may contact Buck at ehenders@tceq.state.tx.us or (512) 239-0990, fax (512) 239-0030.

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The President's Message



I hope you all have enjoyed summer and that everyone will be back from vacation for our next meeting on August 21 at HESS. Our speaker will be Buck Henderson of TCEQ.

Buck will be speaking to us about vulnerability assessments for smaller systems. As you know, the deadlines for submittal of assessments for systems in the 50,000 to 100,000 and 3,300 to 50,000 population ranges are December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004, respectively. So it's time to get started. Buck has been involved in emergency planning on the state and national levels. He will give us some perspective on developing the assessments.

We are still looking for motivated members to get involved with the chapter. Please consider calling one of the officers or committee chairs to volunteer. Eddie McCall moved to Chicago over the summer and the Membership Chair is now open. I know that the right person is out there somewhere to fill it.

– Gary Smith, P.E.



Correspondence Committee



The SE Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs approved transitioning away from mailing newsletters to sending e-newsletters. We are doing this to

reduce printing and mailing costs, to expand the newsletter, for job listings, and for a professional service directory.

With your assistance, we hope this August 2003 newsletter will be our last mailed newsletter for most members. In order for you to receive future e-newsletters, please join our Yahoo!Groups website and registering the information requested. To register online you need to log onto our website, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SE_CHAPTER_TAWWA/, and go through the following motions:

1. Click the button that says "Join the Group!"
2. Click the message that states "New to Yahoo!? Sign up now to enjoy Yahoo!Groups."
3. Fill out the form entitled "Sign up for your Yahoo! ID." You must fill out the "Choosing your ID" and "Word Verification" in order for you to be on our e-mailing database. We would appreciate your filling out the "Customizing Yahoo!" portion of the form so we can recognize who you are.

Once you are a member of our group, you may log onto this website for

Southeast Chapter postings, link to our monthly newsletter, and related websites.

We will continue to mail our newsletter to members and non-members without e-mail capabilities. Please call me with your preference to be on this separate roster.

WARNING: You may need to talk with your IT Staff about filtering and deleting e-mail from our Yahoo!Groups website. Please notify them that messages from this e-mail address are okay and not SPAM:

SE_CHAPTER_TAWWA@yahoogroups.com.

We will be sending our e-newsletters from this website. We hope to send the August 2003 newsletter, our first e-newsletter, to those who are already gave their e-mail addresses to AWWA national website.

– David Dow, P.E.



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3. \$100/newsletter: A company/person can place a

professional job position opening in the newsletter. This will be a new section in the newsletter.

Your contributions allow us to give to such worthy endeavors as college scholarships and money for the science fair award recipients. For more information, please contact me.

– Ms. Pat Truesdale



Young Professional Committee



The State Science Fair Conference for teachers (Grades 4 to 12) will be held in Houston at the Reliant

Center from October 30 to November 2, 2003. Volunteers from the Southeast Chapter of TAWWA are needed to work the booth as well as assist and conduct training seminars for the teachers.

Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for this event.

– Greg Lentz, P.E.



Programs Committee



The Texas Chapter AWWA holds bi-monthly luncheon meetings, typically at the HESS building. We are looking for a speaker for our October 16, 2003 meeting. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

For our December 4th meeting, we are planning on holding a joint meeting with American Public Works Association. We hope Mr. Jon Vanden Bosch, Director of City of Houston Public Works Department, will be able to talk to us about the City's 2004 Capital Improvement Plan.

For our February 19, 2004 luncheon meeting, our featured speaker will be Mr. Jimmie Schindewolf, General Manager of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

Hope to see you at the August meeting!

– Betul Roberts



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