

OCTOBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

Southeast Chapter of TAWWA

Meeting Notice

- Date:** Thursday, Oct. 16, 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 10/13 and an AWWA member
\$25 if confirmed by 10/13 and not an AWWA member
\$25 after 10/13
- Sponsor:** Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc.

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 Ron Neighbors, HGCSO, as the featured speaker for the October

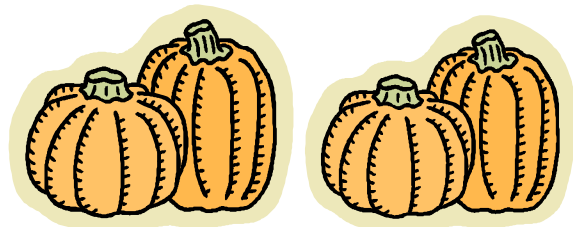
2003 Meeting. His topic will be: **A Regulatory Plan Update for HGCSO and FBSD.**

Mr. Neighbors is the General Manager of all of the Subsidence Districts in Texas. He has held that position since 1977. His office is located in Friendswood, Texas. He

graduated in 1958 from Texas Tech University with a BBA. He has served as City Manager of Carrollton, Texas from 1965-1968 and held the same position in Odessa, Texas from 1968-1977.

He presently serves as Chairman of the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Risk Management Fund, a position he has held since 1988. He also serves as Chairman of the TWCA Employee Benefits Trust. He is a Director and Past President of the TWCA and Past President of the Groundwater Management District's Association (GMDA). He is also an active member of the following organizations:

- Region H Regional Water Planning Group – 1997-Present
- Groundwater Management District Association President – 1979
- American Geophysical Union
- American Congress on Surveying & Mapping
- American Water Works Association
- American Water Resources Association
- National Ground Water Association
- Association of Water Board Directors
- International City Management Association
- Texas City Management Association
- American Society of Civil Engineers – Affiliate Member
- National Water Resources Association



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Annual Request for Partnership Volunteers

From SE Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs-

WHAT:

The Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST) is the annual membership meeting of the Science Teachers Association of Texas for science teachers of Grades K to 12. CAST has a national reputation for excellence and is attended by many Texas science teachers as well as science teachers from other states. It will be held in Houston at the Reliant Center from Thursday, October 30 to Sunday, November 2, 2003. For more information about the conference, visit their website:

<http://www.statweb.org/CASTHouston/index.htm>

WHO IS NEEDED:

The "Texas Partnership for Water Resource Education" (Partnership) is made up of volunteers from EPA, the Southeast Chapter of TAWWA, and WEAT organizations.

WHY:

Partnership Volunteers are needed to work in several areas: 1) an exhibit booth, 2) assist in training seminars or conduct training seminars for the teachers, 3) a field trip to a wastewater treatment plant, and 4) other volunteer needs.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT AS A VOLUNTEER:

Marilyn Christian, Harris County Health, at 713-439-6260; Greg Lentz, LAN, at 713-821-0422; or Karen Bick, EPA, at 214-665-7539. Please call one of them if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for this event. Check your schedules and if you have time to volunteer,

please call Marilyn, Greg, or Karen. It's a lot of fun and you help our science teachers with your professional expertise!

AREAS TO PLUG IN AS A PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER:

1) *EXHIBIT BOOTH:* The Texas Partnership for Water Resource Education is registered as an EXHIBITOR for the CAST Conference. The Exhibition is in the RELIANT CENTER too. Partnership volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday 10/29 from 12-6 PM as well as Thursday 10/30 8-12 Noon, depending on which day(s) you want to set up. The Exhibition Hours are Thursday 10/30 2 PM-7 PM ; Friday 10/31 9 AM- 5:30 PM; Saturday 11/1 8 AM-12 Noon.

2) *TRAINING SEMINARS:* Partnership volunteers are also scheduled to give a short course (3 hours) on Friday (10/31) from 1 PM - 4PM at the University of Houston's Farrish Hall. The title of the course is "Water: Science and Stewardship." The brief abstract says, "Water Professionals will guide you through several hands-on classroom activities from the Water Sourcebook." All activities are correlated to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Teachers will also receive an assortment of classroom resources.

3) *FIELD TRIP:* The Partnership also sponsoring a field trip to a wastewater treatment plant for the teachers on October 30th. Volunteers are needed here too.

4) *Other Partnership volunteers needs:*
4a. Temporary storage in Houston for "materials to be shipped"

4b. Transportation of "materials to be shipped" from storage place to Reliant Center on 10/29 or 10/30, as well as booth set-up

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4c. Set up schedule for Partnership Exhibit Booth volunteers or pick a time slot(s) to assistance in the Partnership Exhibit Booth to interact with teachers.

4d. Possible need for a laptop computer and/or TV/VCR to use at Partnership Exhibit Booth

4e. Provide assistance for the Teacher Training Workshop on 10/31 (1PM- 4PM) at Un. of Houston - Farrish Hall.

4f. In past conferences, volunteers have chosen FOUR activities from the Water Sourcebook. Each team of two volunteers takes ownership/responsibility for presenting one of the activities. The teachers will rotate to TWO activity stations (i.e. each team needs to be prepared for two presentations).

QUOTE:

There are three types of baseball players—those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened.

—Tommy Lasorda

Correspondence Committee

This is our first newsletter to be delivered digitally to all members. 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.

If you have not already done so, please join our Yahoo! Groups website and register the information requested. To register online you need to log onto our website, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SE_CHAPT

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1. Click the button "Join the Group!"
2. Click the message "New to Yahoo!? Sign up now to enjoy Yahoo! Groups."
3. Fill out the form "Sign up for your Yahoo! ID." You must fill out the "Choosing your ID."
4. Do not activate "Yahoo! Mail." Unclick the box "Create your free Yahoo! e-mail address for this ID and begin using Yahoo! Mail."
5. Please give us your first and last name in "Customizing Yahoo!"
6. Go to "Recalling your e-mail" and type in your e-mail address.
7. Uncheck "personalize my browser with Yahoo! companion toolbar."
8. Fill out "Word Verification" in order for you to be on our e-mailing database.
9. Yahoo! Group will send you a confirmation e-mail, click the website link "Important! Click here to join," review, and click "join" link at the bottom.

NOTES:

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2. 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.



– David Dow, P.E.



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Programs Committee



The Texas Chapter AWWA holds bi-monthly luncheon meetings, typically at the HESS building. For our December 4th meeting, we are planning on holding a joint meeting with American Public

Works Association. We have scheduled Mr. Jon Vanden Bosch, Director of City of Houston Public Works Department, 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. Corporate Sponsor(s) are needed for both luncheons.

Hope to see you at the October meeting!

– Betul Roberts



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QUOTE:

I don't know that there are any shortcuts to doing a good job.

—Sandra Day O'Connor