

SEPTEMBER 2015

Southeast WEAT Section Lunch - Application of Membranes for **Water and Wastewater Treatment** Presented By Sunil Kommineni, PhD, PE, BCEE



Dr. Kommineni leads the Water Quality and Treatment group for KIT Professionals, Inc. He has more than 18 years of experience in planning, process selection, pilot testing, preliminary engineering and process design of water and wastewater facilities. As the National Practice Leader for Water Treatment for a national firm, he has been the Technical Lead for several water projects with Houston, Baytown, The Woodlands, Sugar Land, Dallas and others. Kommineni successfully led the technical concepts development and associated preliminary engineering efforts for several water treatment plant projects that ranged in capacity from 2 million gallons per day (mgd) to 640 mgd. Dr. Kommineni is a certified Professional Engineer in Texas and Arizona and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer. He is an active member of the American Water Works Association, Water Research Foundation, Water Environment Foundation and Society of Petroleum Engineers. Dr. Kommineni has published more than 100 articles, conference papers, reports, and books on his work.

Meeting Information

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 Date:

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: **HESS Club**

> 5430 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX - 77056

Registration: 11:30 am - 12 pm

\$35 (Private Sector)

\$25 (Government/Student)

Registration

Deadline: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Payment:

Or RSVP to weatsoutheast@gmail.com to pay in person with cash or check at the door

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The President's Message

Welcome Back! I hope everyone found ways to stay cool this summer.

The Southeast Section of WEAT has kept busy this summer organizing events and planning for the year. Over the summer the Young Professionals (YP) Group attended an Astros game in July along with YP groups from SETAWWA and ASCE. In August we held our 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament. Turn the page to check out photos of both events.

This fall we have a full line-up of events starting in September with a presentation by Dr. Sunil Kommineni of KIT Professionals on Membrane Treatment in Water and Wastewater Applications at the HESS Club. The November tour will follow up on the topic of mem-



Monica Stiggins, P.E. Southeast Section President

brane treatment with a tour of the new SJRA Water Treatment Plant, including its Membrane Treatment system, in Conroe. The tour will be hosted by SJRA's own Mark Smith.

Also in November, the Water for People Charity event is back! We will be announcing details soon, including its new location. In January we will be joining the Electrical/Instrumentation/Control (EIC) chapter of the Southeast Section of WEAT for an evening event focused on electrical and instrumentation issues of interest to both engineers *and* operators. Stay tuned for the topic and location later in the year. In the spring, the Half Day Seminar is set for February 2016 and we will round out the year with the annual Ethics Training in May 2016.

Stay up-to-date with exact dates, time and locations of events on the website: www.weat.org/southeast and with the SE WEAT email blasts. Also, remember to support WEAT by keeping your membership active; there is a link on the website to join or renew your membership.

SE WEAT extends a special thanks to all our sponsors for all our events. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year.

Monica

WEAT Section 9 Calendar September 15, 2015 SE WEAT Section Lunch About WEAT November 2015 SJRA Water Treatment The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) is **Plant Tour** made up of about 1,600 Texas professionals including **Water for People** scientists, engineers, utility managers, operators and regulators who have dedicated their careers to January 2016 Joint event with WEAT Electronprotecting and enhancing our state's water resources. ics & Instrumentation Committee February 2016 **Annual Half Day Seminar Texas Water April 2016** May 2016 **Engineering Ethics**



2014 - 2015 Recap

September Lunch with Louis C. Herrin



⇒ Louis Herrin discussed proposed changes to TCEQ Chapter 217



November Hobas Pipe Facility Tour







February Half-day Seminar

- *⇒* 150+ in Attendance
- \Rightarrow 30 Sponsors
- ⇒ Save the date for February 18, 2016





May Engineering Ethics with Daniel Wong, TBPE

⇒ Dr. Wong presented on engineering ethics and the future of Professional Engineering licensing.





NEWS Southeast Section

2015 Sporting Clays Tournament



On Friday, August 28th, 8 teams showed off their shotgun skills at American Shooting Centers in our 3rd Annual WEAT Southeast **Sporting Clays Tournament**















Young Professionals

Our young professionals had an active year with joint events alternate months with TAWWA, APWA and ASCE Houston. These events provided young professionals with an opportunity to meet fellow professionals in an informal setting, have fun and also give back to the community through service events.



Left to Right - Houston Food Bank volunteer night, Buffalo Bayou cleanup and Houston Astros game.





2015 - 2016 Officers and Committee Chairs

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