



TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, December 10, 2018

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cantina Laredo



Come join us at "Cantina Laredo" 4546 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas 75254



Appetizers for our December meeting will be sponsored by Lewis Brisbois & Bisgaard (Tracy Wolf) and ATI Restoration (Coral McMinn).

At the December meeting we are having an Ugly Sweater or Tie Contest. Drag that old sweater or tie out of the closet, put it on with some Holiday Pride and come to the Texas Pond Blue Goose meeting.



Our charity focus for the December meeting will be a new or gently used books for Scottish Rite.



Listen Up" some words from our campfire cook – Roger Foltz, MLG

As we all take a day to give thanks, let's try to be thankful all of the coming year. Without listing the obvious, there are many small things that occur in our lives to be thankful for. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. I know I'm thankful for each of you in Blue Goose, and the work we do for others. A wise person said, "Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life".

Now, looking forward to our December meeting, hope to see each one of you there!

Holiday Thoughts



"So, remember while December brings the only Christmas Day, in the year let there be Christmas in the things you do and say."-- **Anonymous**

"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display-so much tinsel and decorations. For it isn't the holly, it isn't the snow. It isn't the tree not the firelight's glow. It's the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again."-- **Anonymous**

Have you marked your calendar to start 2019 off by kicking up your heels at the Texas Pond's Denim & Diamonds event???

Register to attend at www.bluegoosetx.org

Blue Goose Texas Pond
New Year's Kickoff Event
Bring your guests to join the fun!
Denim & Diamonds

Wine ★ Cider ★ Wine-A-Rita ★ Appetizers
Raffle ★ Silent Auction ★ Boot Scootin'

Sloan & Williams
Winery & Tasting Room
401 S Main St in Grapevine

Tuesday
January 15, 2019
5:30pm - 9:30pm

\$20 per person until January 7, 2019
Register online at
www.BlueGooseTX.org
\$35 (cash only) at the door

Proceeds
Benefit:



Sponsorship opportunities available for \$300



**Take a look at our great
sponsors for this event.**

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**DID YOU KNOW? THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS
POND WAS ON JANUARY 30, 1907!**

Come celebrate our birthday at the New Year Kick Off
Event on January 15, 2019, as in this year the Texas Pond
is 112 years old!





The Texas Pond is launching a membership contest from November 2018 until June 2019.

There will be two baskets for Ganders and one for new initiated Goslings to culminate the end of this fun contest. We are asking all Blue Goose members to help fill these baskets. The two Gander baskets themes are:

Big Basket of Booze & Texas Gourmet (all types of Texas food items)

Here are some ideas of items needed to fill these baskets:

Big Basket of Booze – Any size beverage from sample to full size (must be new and sealed), Mixers, glasses, Corkscrews, Bottle openers, and/or Gift cards

Texas Gourmet – Pecans, Salsa, Chili mixes, Gift cards, Beverages, Cookbook, Cooking/eating utensils or dishes.

The new initiated Gander basket will be called and some suggested items for this basket are:

Texas Beach Party - Beach towels, Sunscreen, Bucket & shovel/Sand castle molds, Beach ball or swim ring, Kite, Swim goggles, Hats, Gift cards, Snacks, and/or Beach safe cups.

Now with every type of contest there are rules and guidelines for one to follow. See below.

Blue Goose Membership contest rules

- Each active Gander who brings in a new member will receive one raffle ticket at the time the application is complete, and dues paid.
 - Applicant must first be presented to our Welder, Linda, as guest of the sponsoring member
 - Sponsoring member must be the first Gander (of three) to sign membership application vouching for the Gosling

- An additional raffle ticket will be received by the Gander when the Gosling completes initiation.
 - New Gander will receive a raffle ticket to the New Gander gift basket
- Next Initiation is April 2019
- Gander will have a choice of two baskets to deposit their tickets
- Baskets will be raffled in June 2019



We look forward to everyone lending a helping hand to fill these baskets and make this a fun & great event for the Texas Pond on building our membership.



“During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI’s use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable and commercial, among other uses.

Trivia

Christmas Movie Trivia

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| ✂ What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in <i>Frosty the Snowman</i> ? |
| ✂ What's the reason <i>The Grinch</i> hates Christmas? |
| ✂ In the Christmas Classic, <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> , what happened every time a bell rang? |
| ✂ In <i>Polar Express</i> , what word does the conductor punch into the ticket of the 'young man with all the questions'? |
| ✂ What 1983 movie is about a boy who wanted a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas? |
| ✂ Ernest made a Christmas movie, in 1988, where he helped Santa find a successor. What is that movie called? |
| ✂ This 1990 Christmas movie is about a boy named Kevin who is left behind when his family goes on vacation. |

✂ In 2000, Jim Carrey starred in a live action film, which was first a cartoon made in 1966. What is the movie?

✂ In this movie, Buddy was raised by elves at the North Pole, and doesn't realize he is a human and not an elf.

✂ This movie, made in 1947 and 1994, is about a girl names Susan who doesn't believe in Santa Claus

The answers to this list of trivia questions will be made available at our December Blue Goose meeting.

Last Month



A room full of great Ganders, Goslings & Guests.



One check for \$150 and 43 toys valued at \$336 were collected for Community Partners of Dallas kids. Total donation value is \$486.00



*Check out these birds! #gander
Our Guardian of the Pond is standing proud
with Mother Goose!*



So now what do I do.....feed her or talk to her???????



Let me show you how a goose waddles!

2018-2019 Grand Nest Officers



The Grand Nest Officers for 2018-2019. Back Row L to R: Michael Smith, GCOG; John Bishop, Grand Historian; Dan Rich, GSOF; Terry Maloney, GWGGQ. Front row L to R: Lorena Kohlrus, Judge Advocate; Wendy Kinezsk, GGON; Kim Bilbrey, MLGG; Linda Meik, GKGGE.



The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was founded in 1906 at the annual meeting of the *Wisconsin Field Men's Club* held at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Today, consisting of **3142** members or "Ganders" in **36** groups or "Ponds" across the United States and Canada, the Blue Goose has a long and storied history of both charity and fellowship. The 1st "Bulletin" was published in 1908, the annual publications have continued to this day with news and information about both the Blue Goose and insurance related industry.



See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose 2018-2019 Year!

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

**2018 COMES TO A CLOSE AND WE EMBARK ON THE
NEW YEAR OF 2019!**

JANUARY MEETING - GRAPEVINE

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY
GRAPEVINE, TX

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 8, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX
GOSLING INITIATION

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 13, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 7, 2019 8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JUNE 10, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX
MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RAFFLE DRAWING
BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2018-2019 COMES TO AN END!

GRAND NEST CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
JULY 17– JULY 20, 2019

Happy
Holidays!



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2018 – 2019

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