



TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, December 12, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: On The Border

Please come join us on Monday in Addison at On the Border for a festive and informative meeting. We are planning on having a guest speaker.

This month, our charity focus will be two-fold: we will be collecting new or gently used books for Scottish Rite Children's Hospital of Dallas.

Also, the month of December any donation made to North Texas Food Bank is matched dollar for dollar by the Beaumont Foundation. Remember to keep a copy of your donation receipt and bring it to the December or January meetings. One can make an online donation to the North Texas Food Bank.

A reminder our New Year's Kick Off Gala will be held on Monday, January 9th. Registration is open, go to our website and reserve your spot for this evening of fun and with plenty of great music.

We will be again will be hosting a Football Squares Pool Game for the National College Football Championship. You can buy your squares at the December Blue Goose meeting, so bring plenty of CASH!

Also at this event we are having a Wine Pull, so if you would like to contribute a bottle or two of your favorite wine, bring it to the meeting also.

Just a reminder to all Ganders, wear your Blue Goose pins to the December meeting. Our Supervisor of the Flock is going to be checking.



Other Ways to Support our Charities

NTFB BOX: If you have canned food at home, bring it to any meeting and put in the NTFB box. Or, stop at the nearby grocery store and grab a few cans. When the box gets filled we will deliver to NTFB.

CHARITY BOWL: Each us carries around a lot of spare or loose change, well let's lighten your load and give you a place to deposit these coins. This charity bowl is on the registration table. Remember, any amount is welcome and these coins really add up.

Daphney Elliott, MLG



A Time of Giving, Sharing & Celebrating!

Happy Holidays to the entire Blue Goose Texas Pond Family! I hope your holidays have started off on a happy and healthy note. Don't you just love this time of year? I certainly do!!

A Time of Giving...Our Texas Pond is one heck of a charitable group. The Charity Committee has come up with many options for giving throughout the year that hopefully touch your heart and fit your pocketbook. Without a doubt, we make a difference to our beneficiaries. And I know each of you feel good to be part

of an organization that gives back to the community. So, this month, remember to bring new or gently used books for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children to the meeting. Or you can make an online donation to the North Texas Food Bank...it will be matched dollar for dollar making your donation double!

A Time of Sharing... This Blue Goose Texas Pond is part of your business family. It is another important connection to your colleagues, customers and friends. Attending meetings and events within the organization helps you create new friendships and cultivate relationships. Now is a great time to consider sharing the positive experiences of Blue Goose with people who may have an interest in joining us. Feel free to invite someone you know to attend a meeting and meet some new contacts within the insurance industry. We can help them get connected!

A Time of Celebrating... Come to our next meeting on December 12th and celebrate this holiday season with your friends in the insurance industry. And don't miss our New Year Kick-Off Party on January 9th at The Victoria Restaurant in Farmers Branch. It is always a fun and well attended event! Make sure you check out our calendar at www.BlueGooseTX.com for all upcoming events so you don't miss out on any of our activities.

Last Month

At the November meeting the Texas Pond proudly initiated six wonderful Goslings. Our illustrious MLG mad sure they were dressed appropriately for their first swim.

Here is just a glimpse at these delightful new Ganders!

Charllotte Armstrong is a very proud single mom of a nine- year old son. She loves to dance (she says not professionally, but we will see???), sing, travel and yoga when she has time. Charllotte works for Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc. as an Account Manager.

James Fulmer is married with two sons, who are both Aggies. He is a sports nut who also loves golf. He loves how at the meetings folks mix and mingle. He is the Claims Manager for Frost Insurance Agency.

Sherry Montes was introduced to Blue Goose via Alicia Elliott with Haag. Ms. Sherry is married with children and puppies at home to keep her amused. Sherry is the Regional Sales Manager for Texas, Mississippi, Alabama & Louisiana for Lemieux & Associates. She loves the positivity of the owners of this company.

Lynn Polk is married with three grown sons. She loves to read, spend time with her great family, college football and teaching 4th & 5th grade Bible Fellowship with her husband. Lynn is the Claims Manager for Corvel Corporation here in Dallas.

Eddy Pokluda works for Haag engineering as a Senior Construction/Restoration Consultant. He is married with a son and two daughters. He is also a grandfather to five grandchildren. He loves to play golf, watch his grandson's n their sports activities and his one granddaughter who is a cheerleader.

Jordann Reis is about to become a new mom. The little one is due to arrive in March 2017. Meanwhile her other two little ones that she loves to play with are her Shih Tzu puppies: Elsie and Bronze. Jordann is the Marketing Manager in the DFW area for RIMKUS Consulting Group.

See how these Goslings were dressed so that we could appropriately guide them into the waters of our great Pond.



At this meeting, we also collected toys for the children of Community Partners of Dallas.

A Thought to Ponder

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. -- Calvin Coolidge

Blue Goose  Texas Pond
Invites You & Your Guests to Our Annual

New Year Kick-Off Party

*Monday, January 9, 2017 ~ 5:30 to 8:00PM
Football Pool Game ~ Wine Pull Event ~ Live
Entertainment
Benefiting our Scholarship Fund*

\$20 Per Person

includes drinks and appetizers!

Register Online www.BlueGooseTX.org

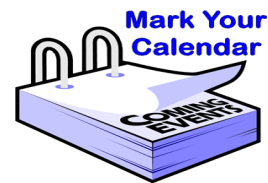
\$35 cash only at the door

company. After executives vetoed the original name, Rollo, May's young daughter suggested Rudolph

Given the different time zones, Santa has 31 hours to deliver gifts, but his reindeer really must fly, since that means visiting 823 homes per second.



111th Grand Nest Convention
Southern Region Convention
Savannah, Georgia
July 9-15, 2017



Calendar of Events

2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

2016-2017 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**2016 COMES TO A CLOSE AND WE EMBARK ON THE
NEW YEAR OF 2017!**

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2017

VICTORIA'S, FARMERS BRANCH, TX



13435 Bee Street, Farmers Branch, TX 75234
ample parking on west side of building
www.thevictoriamexican.com

Bring a Friend to Join Blue Goose

*\$20 registration fee refunded to guests who complete
an application & pay \$50 dues to join Blue Goose on
this evening!*

Did You Know???

Rudolph first alighted on the holiday scene in 1939, when in-store Santas at Montgomery Ward stores distributed 2.4 million copies of the booklet "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," written by Robert L. May, a copywriter for the

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 13, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 10, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 8, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 10, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Check out our website. How many of you have noticed the updates?

Our web site address is: www.bluegoosetx.com or you can also go to the Blue Goose Grand Nest: www.bluegoose.org



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Our Grand Nest Officers 2016-2017

Most Loyal Grand Gander

Linda Meik, Texas Pond

Grand Supervisor of the Flock

Mark Robertson, Edmonton Pond

Grand Custodian of the Ganders

Kim Bilbrey, Dayton Pond

Grand Guardian of the Nest

Dan Rich, Hartford Pond

Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg

Randy Wilson, St. Louis Pond

Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill

Terry Maloney, Wisconsin Home Nest

Judge Advocate

Lorena Kohlruss, BC Pond

Grand Nest Historian

John Bishop, Nova Scotia Pond



We are a fraternal organization of individuals who work in the insurance related industry.

We are home office executives, field claims reps, auditors, underwriters, general adjusters, agents, brokers, investigators, contractors, regulators, appraisers, salvors, attorneys, engineers, and a host of others.

We meet socially, and not as a part of any insurance or industry group. Our mutual link is the career experience we have in our chosen field

Blue Goose offers the opportunity to meet and know individuals from the U.S. and Canada, and to be involved with worthwhile charitable endeavors resulting in lasting, long-term friendships and a sense of generous accomplishment.