

TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: On the Border



Come join us at “On The Border” 4855 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas 75254 (West side of the Tollway on Beltline). We are meeting in the private room on the west side of the restaurant.



We are very fortunate to have Lucinda Ruch presenting “The Power of LinkedIn...What’s Your ROI?” at our February meeting. Lucinda is the president & CEO of Facilitating Into the Future, LLC (LinkforSuccess.com) where business consulting and LinkedIn services unite to help individuals and businesses gain a competitive advantage. Her LinkedIn profile is ranked in the Top 1% Viewed as well as one of the Top Most Recommended! She is asked to speak regularly for groups and for appearances on TV. Her extensive credentials, accomplishments, and expertise are listed on her website. You won’t want to miss this very informative presentation.

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She is singing our song MLG, Daphney Elliott

February is the month of LOVE!! Love is in the air and everywhere. You can’t miss it. It’s in every shop, in the news, at home, at the office, and even at Blue Goose!

How is *love* at Blue Goose you ask?? Let me explain...

The word *love* has many different meanings. For example, you love your partner differently than your friends. You may love to cook or you love your occupation or even a movie you just watched, but you love them all in different ways. To say you love something can really mean that you enjoy or like something quite a lot.

At Blue Goose I’ve heard many members say they love different aspects of what our organization offers. Some members love to socialize and meet new people. Others love to stay connected within industry groups. While others love to take part in activities outside of work with their co-workers.

We just wrapped up our January RUSH for new Goslings event and we were pleased to have many guests in attendance. I would like to encourage all of our members to invite those guests to join us at our monthly meetings. Make them feel welcome. Show them how much we enjoy the organization and the relationships we have with the people that make up our membership. Let them see

how much fun it is to be part of this great group. In other words,.... show them the LOVE!!



Rolling Towards the Southern Region Convention in 2017

At 211 degrees, water is hot.
At 212 degrees, it boils.
And with boiling water comes steam....
And with steam, you can power a train.

The Southern Region's convention pin has arrived. The pin was shared with folks at the 109th convention in Baltimore. This pin is available for the Pond members to purchase. The funds raised from the sale of these pins goes toward the Southern Region convention in 2017. The pin cost is \$20.



Watch for more details on powering this train as we head towards Savannah in 2017.

Quotable Quotes

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." **by Mahatma Gandhi**

"A man who can't change his mind has problems and should not be blindly followed." **Author unknown**

"If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm." **by Bruce Barton**

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." **by Oprah Winfrey**

SAVE THE DATE GOLF TIME IS AROUND THE CORNER!



TEXAS BLUE GOOSE POND'S 11th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

North Texas Food Bank Scottish Rite Hospital
Wounded Warriors

Friday, May 6, 2016

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

For further details, contact Wayne Ottoway at 214-220-5683 or via email at Wayne.ottoway@cna.com.

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The Texas Pond “Honker” (Blue Goose) newsletter is published 12 times a year, so each month your ad will appear in the newsletter.

A Business Card size ad for a year is \$240 for the year, just a mere \$20/month. A quarter page size ad is \$600/year; Half Page ad is \$900 for the year; and a Full Page size ad is \$1,200 for the year.

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MEMBERSHIP

Extending the hand of friendship..... No matter where you are.....remember membership recruitment is key to our organization, and each of us must do their part!



Did You Know?
 The Blue Goose Organization has 39 Ponds & several Puddles across the USA & Canada in its organization and as of to-date we have 3843 members.

The Texas Pond, of which Charlotte is a Puddle of, has 105 members: Texas has 79 & Charlotte has 26 members.



Last Month

January 11th, the Texas Pond held their New Year's Eve/ RUSH Kickoff Gala at Love & War in Texas. What a grand time was had by all. There were raffle item winners, college basketball square winners and the announcement of one of our "Super Goose" recipients. In addition, there was some awesome appetizers and marvelous fellowship.

We want to thank our sponsors for helping us make this one very successful event.



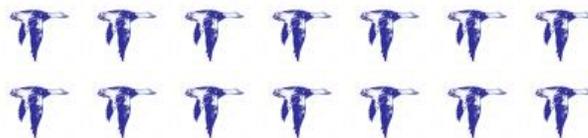
Our Outstanding Sponsors For This New Year/RUSH Gala



**Tollefson Bradley Mitchell
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There were 13 different winners. Two people won three times, and three people won twice.



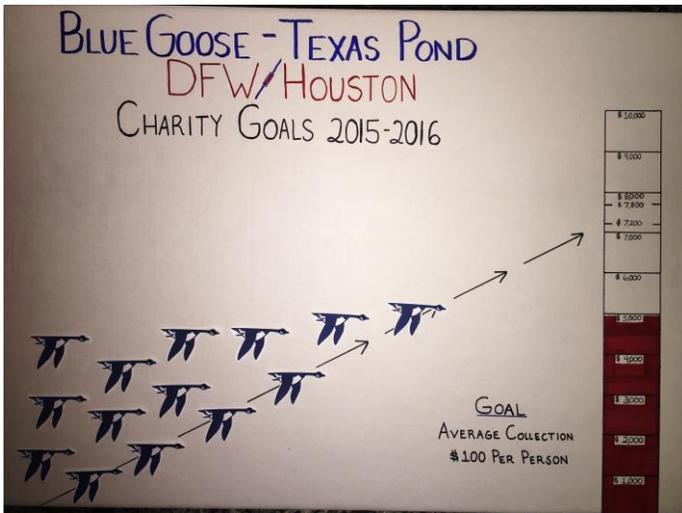
	Scoring Play	Alabama	Clemson	Square #	Winner	
1	Opening Score	0	0	20	Alexis Britton	\$25
2	Touchdown	6	0	13	Carol Novak	\$25
3	Extra Point	7	0	19	Jay Palmer	\$25
4	Touchdown	7	6	99	Roger Foltz	\$25
5	Extra Point	7	7	29	Larry Bednarz	\$25
6	Touchdown	7	13	89	Victoria Castilla	\$25
7	Extra Point	7	14	69	Neil Ulrich	\$25
8	Touchdown	13	14	64	Eric Trainer	\$25
9	Extra Point	14	14	61	Dave Janak	\$25
10	Touchdown	20	14	70	Harry Hoyt	\$25
11	Extra Point	21	14	62	Joe Cardner	\$25
12	Field Goal	21	17	22	Alexis Britton	\$25
13	Touchdown	21	23	82	Chris McKamie	\$25
14	Extra Point	21	24	62	Joe Cardner	\$25
15	Field Goal	24	24	61	Dave Janak	\$25
16	Touchdown	30	24	70	Harry Hoyt	\$25
17	Extra Point	31	24	62	Joe Cardner	\$25
18	Field Goal	31	27	22	Alexis Britton	\$25
19	Touchdown	37	27	29	Larry Bednarz	\$25
20	Extra Point	38	27	25	Thomas Noonan	\$25
21	Touchdown	38	33		No Payout	
22	Touchdown	44	33		No Payout	
23	Extra Point	45	33		No Payout	
24	Touchdown	45	39		No Payout	
25	Extra Point	45	40		No Payout	



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Charity Works

The Texas Pond is soaring high in its Charity endeavors. At the close of our December meeting, the Texas Pond has made donations to our various beneficiaries totaling **\$5,091.**



Our charity goal for 2015-2016 is an average of \$100 per member. Our current membership is 79 wonderful Ganders.



Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International

Regional Realignment

An amendment is being proposed to change the constitution and by-laws of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International as it relates to the general topic of regional realignment.

Background

This proposal is put forth to amend the constitution and by-laws of the Order in response to declining membership in our Western Region. The objective of this proposal is to assign the States in the Western Region to the Southern and Central Regions, which will provide the existing Ponds in the West with regional support, as well as, provide the remaining four regions with sufficient Pond membership for future conventions in those regions.

This proposal also maintains the integrity of the regional system and continues the tradition of matching the officer with a Pond and/or region for a convention. The host region/Pond for the convention would be appointed and announced one year in advance in order for the host region/Pond to begin raising funds and planning for the convention. For example, the Southern Region host candidate for the 2021 convention would be announced at the 2016 convention in St. Louis. This allows for the continuation of a five-year cycle of fund raising for the convention.

Ultimately, we must continue to work hard at growing our Order through the development of leaders throughout the organization with a focus on membership and Pond growth to assure our future. This re-alignment proposal we believe positions us to accomplish that objective.

Voting Delegates to the Resolution and Effective Date

This resolution for amendment is proposed for consideration by the voting delegates at the 110th Grand Nest Convention in St. Louis to be held from July 20th to July 23rd in 2016. The effective date of this amendment, if passed by the delegates at the 110th Grand Nest Convention will be July 1, 2016.

If anyone needs to see a copy of the amendment and/or the Constitution & By-Laws, please touch base with Linda Meik.

Did You Know?????

170 Years ago, the lone star joined 27 others when the Republic of Texas flag was lowered and the US flag raised. Texas became the official 28th State on December 29, 1945.



Calendar of Events

2015- 2016 Blue Goose Year

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 14, 2016
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
GOSLING INITIATION
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 11, 2016
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX
BLUE GOOSE 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
HOLD THIS DATE: MAY 6, 2016

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
BEGIN DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017
PRESENTATION OF 2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 9, 2016
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017
INSTALLATION OF 2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS
SECOND MONDAY JUNE 13, 2016
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX



Upcoming Grand Nest Events

July 2016

110th Grand Nest Convention
St Louis Pond
<http://www.bluegoosestl.org>
July 20-23, 2016

July 2017

111th Grand Nest Convention
Southern Region Convention
Savannah, Georgia
<http://bluegoosetx.com>
July 9-15, 2017



Texas Pond Officers 2015 - 2016

Most Loyal Gander – Daphney Elliott (W) 972-342-8728 Daphney.Elliott@HospitalBillReview.com

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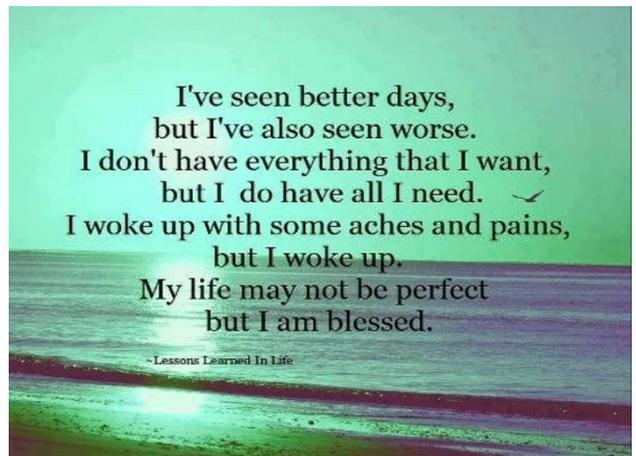
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And
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Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 817-269-6516 lsmeik@aol.com



I've seen better days,
but I've also seen worse.
I don't have everything that I want,
but I do have all I need. 
I woke up with some aches and pains,
but I woke up.
My life may not be perfect
but I am blessed.

- Lessons Learned In Life





THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Check out our website, we have made several exciting updates to our website.

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



Our Grand Nest Officers 2015-2016

Most Loyal Grand Gander
Randy Wilson, St. Louis Pond

Grand Supervisor of the Flock
Linda Meik, Texas Pond

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Mark Robertson, Edmonton Pond

Grand Guardian of the Nest
Kim Bilbrey, Dayton Pond

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Dan Rich, Hartford Pond

Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill
Terry Maloney, Wisconsin Home Nest

Judge Advocate
Robert Cockerham, St. Louis Pond

Grand Nest Historian
Jerry Hale, Hartford Pond



Some More Humor

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." "They were seated immediately.

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to make a living under the laws they have just passed.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!' "

