



TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2017

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.

This month we will be hosting an Initiation Ceremony for some very fine Goslings. Here they are:

Chris Dailey, HSNO	Amanda Hignight, Vericclaim
John Holladay, Amtrust	Daniel Justitz, Sedgwick
Steven Keefer, Sedgwick	Wade Kotria, Vericclaim
Richie Marroni, Vericclaim	Sharon Wilkins, Sedgwick
Sabu Yohennan, MDD Forensics	

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

My Personal Primary Goal for our Texas Pond: GROWTH!

When I started on this path as your MLG a year and a half ago, I had several small goals in mind for our Texas Pond to achieve my primary goal of pond growth. I felt that if we kept the meetings concise, upbeat, and interesting you would be more willing to join us each month. I knew that after a long day at work you would enjoy yourselves more if you had plenty of time to mingle and if we provided ways for you to meet more members. Of course, who doesn't feel good when they contribute to their community around them? So, I knew we needed to make sure our charity efforts were consistent, meaningful, and offered an assortment of ways for you to take part.

I believed then and now that if we incorporated these elements into our meetings that over time we would enjoy considerable membership growth in our pond. Our officers agreed and, through a survey in late 2015, the membership apparently agreed also.

I want you to desire to attend our monthly meetings and events. In fact, I want you to be disappointed if you cannot attend a meeting.

Here is my challenge to you. Let me know if you feel that over the last 19 months we have accomplished much of the above. Please suggest any ways that you feel we can improve. And, more importantly, I hope that you will continue to invite potential members to join us so we can see considerable growth.

We appreciate all that you do for our Texas Pond. I hope you are enjoying yourself, cultivating the

relationships you currently have, meeting some new people, and feeling good about the charitable work you take part in.

Let me know your thoughts. See you at the next meeting!

Last Month



Football Squares for Sale

2017 College Football National Championship Winners

		Alabama	Clemson	Square	Winner	
	Scoring Play					
1	Opening Score	0	0	74	Tom Noonan	\$25
2	Touchdown	6	0	54	Tom Noonan	\$25
3	Extra Point	7	0	94	Ronnie Adcock	\$25
4	Touchdown	13	0	4	Cyndy Sterrantino	\$25
5	Extra Point	14	0	44	Steven Keefer	\$25
6	Touchdown	14	6	43	Laura Vaughn	\$25
7	Extra Point	14	7	50	Tyler Otto	\$25
8	Field Goal	17	7	100	Neil Ullrich	\$25
9	Touchdown	17	13	98	David Elliott	\$25
10	Extra Point	17	14	91	Neil Ullrich	\$25
11	Touchdown	23	14	1	Neil Ullrich	\$25
12	Extra Point	24	14	41	Linda Meik	\$25
13	Touchdown	24	20	44	Steven Keefer	\$25
14	Extra Point	24	21	42	Dave Janak	\$25
15	Touchdown	24	27	50	Tyler Otto	\$25
16	Extra Point	24	28	49	Larry Bednarz	\$25
17	Touchdown	30	28	79	Benita Roberts	\$25
18	Extra Point	31	28	39	Guillermo	\$25
19	Touchdown	31	34	31	Nick Carlson	\$25
20	Extra Point	31	35	37	Shaun Keefer	\$25

*Blue Goose Texas Pond
Held their annual*

New Year Kick-Off Party

*Monday, January 9, 2017
Football Pool Game ~ Wine Pull Event ~
Live Entertainment
Benefiting our Scholarship Fund*



Bottles of wine for our Wine Pull



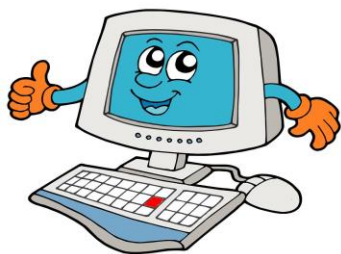
Tom Noonan, 2016-2017 Texas Pond Super Goose

Tom first joined Blue Goose in 1995, and today has been a member for 21 years. The Texas Pond received this Gander by flight in 2009. He first joined Blue Goose in Arizona, flew to California, then onto to South Dakota and finally into the Texas Pond.

The last two years he has served on the Scholarship Committee. He has always come to the rescue on the Blue Goose/PLRB Socials and other events by helping with sponsorships.

How the Blue Goose - Texas Pond is Connecting With You!

NEW AND IMPROVED TEXAS POND WEBSITE



For several years, the Texas Pond has had a website. How many of you have visited the website? **Please take a “gander” at our new and improved website.**

This is where all the newsletters and Pond info is housed. You will find upcoming events information, a gallery of pictures from our past events, Officers and contact information.

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

Also, the Texas Pond has expanded its communication links by adding a Facebook and LinkedIn page/accounts. We want every Blue Goose member to join these accounts.

Today there are only 15 folks who have joined Facebook.....so come on sign up today.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1611270679166224/>



<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12010419>

Jim Mathew, Supervisor of the Flock and Ruben Castilla, Guardian of the Pond will be keeping the Facebook account updated with pertinent info on Pond activities.

Daphney Elliott, our Most Loyal Gander will be seeing that LinkedIn is updated.

Linda Meik, our Wielder will be updating the website.

What an awesome team in spreading the Texas Pond Blue Goose news and what an awesome way to start 2017!

Also, please note there is a national Blue Goose LinkedIn page that you may want to become part of also.

Did You Know???

Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International (Chapter One)

Introduction by Paul E. Rudd, Grand Nest Historian

Too often more history is neglected than written—it is not thought of as important enough to be recorded, although it is often the little things that count most in the long run, but if not written down and preserved, they are apt to be lost and not available for accurate reference, especially after those who participated and made the history are no longer with us, as was mostly the case when the writing of this historical record was commenced.

Exact information as to the date and day in June 1906, when the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose had its birth, was not found in any of the records of the Order. The first official No:1, Grand Nest Bulletin is dated April 1908, nearly two years later. It refers to the event as having been "in June 1906." It does say that the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose had its origin at that time. The idea was intended as a joke and for that occasion only, to promote good fellowship and pass the time on that cold, rainy day by inducting new field men into the fake lodge. This was at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Field Men's Club, being held at the Oakwood Hotel, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

A few weeks before going to press, it was concluded to ask The National Underwriter Co., (successor to The Western Underwriter); The Insurance Field Co., and the New York Journal of Commerce, to search their files for Blue Goose items in issues of late June 1906. Following are the findings: One paragraph of 33 words was found in The Western Underwriter of June 21, 1906, in the article reporting the annual Field Club meeting with the heading "Green Lake, Wisconsin, June 19-Special." The one paragraph reads: "The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose will hold its meeting on the lake shore at 10 o'clock tonight. George Wright, W.J. Cecil and Jim Heaney are the candidates for initiation." Nothing further was found in the old files of that newspaper through September 1906, but that one paragraph contains all the information needed to prove the date of the founding of the Order to be the 19th of June. Charter member Robe Bird said: "June 19, 1906 fell on Tuesday." That brief paragraph of news also proved that the name Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was agreed upon before the original meeting that June night (instead of at a later meeting in Milwaukee) and it identifies the three candidates for initiation in the order of their initiation. We could hardly have asked for more in so few words.

The Insurance Field Co., found no mention of the Blue Goose in its columns until its issue of June 20, 1907. The item of that date with a Green Lake Wisconsin date line bears the heading: "Back To Parent Nest—Ganders Flock To Green Lake To Celebrate Anniversary of Organization." The article reads, in part: "Green Lake, Wis., June 20 (Special)- The Blue Goose was organized a year ago, last night on the festive shores of Green Lake and the Ganders have come back to the Mother Nest for a celebration of the event. Most Loyal Grand Gander Atwater is not here, his place being filled by M.M. Hawst. Most of the Wisconsin Ganders are on hand. The annual election of Officers will be held next week in Milwaukee." (But it was not held until September 16, 1907, as you will find later in this History.)

We were informed by the New York Journal of Commerce that all its old issues are filed with the New York Public Library. Those files were searched as requested and we were advised just before going to press: "We have examined the Insurance pages of the New York Journal of Commerce from June 18, 1906, through August of the same year, but are unable to locate any account of the founding of this fraternal organization."

These facts bring clearly into view that the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was regarded very casually at its inception and during its early existence, but it was destined for good and has proven its worth.



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

Are we going to get to see you in Savannah???

Thoughts to Ponder

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Having a dream is what keeps you alive. Overcoming the challenges makes life worth living." ~ **Mary Tyler Moore**

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." ~ **Mattie Stepanek**



Texas Pond Officers 2016 – 2017

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Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – John Sterrantino (w) 972-931-8307 johns@williamsripa.com
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Words to Think About

“Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, how you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark.”



“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.”



Calendar of Events

2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

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



Other important days in February

Lincoln’s Birthday – Sunday, February 12th

Valentine’s Day – Tuesday, February 14th

President’s Day – Monday, February 20th

Washington’s Birthday – Wednesday, February 22nd



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.