



TEXAS POND HONKER

March 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018

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.



Following our business meeting, we will assemble Easter Baskets for The Family Place. We need items to make the Easter Baskets, so consider bringing an empty basket or two, some grass and items and/or candy to put in these baskets.

If you have any questions on what items are needed for the Easter Baskets, contact Daphney Elliott at 972-342-8728 or via email at daphney.elliott@gmail.com

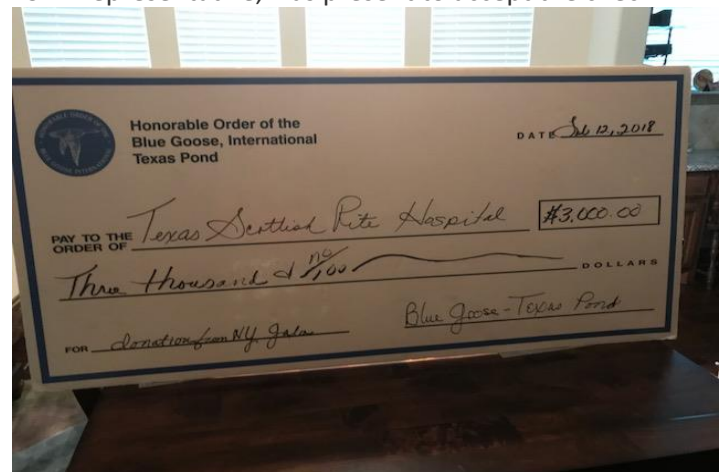
BLUE GOOSE

A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International is a social insurance fraternity built on sentiment, loyalty and friends. It is a vehicle to aid us in developing Character, Charity, and Fellowship with others who share a place in our great industry. Sure, we have fun, but this is coincidental to knowing and being known by other insurance people. It provides an opportunity to meet those in the same field who may be competitors, adjusters, publishers, rating bureau personnel, insurance commissioners, salvage bureau people, insurance professors, insurance premium finance people, insurance agents and brokers, and many others as shown in the Membership Eligibility Rules. Blue Goose provides a wonderful opportunity for us to improve the image of ourselves and our industry in the eyes of the general public. We have so very much more in common with one another than we do in conflict.

Last Month

The Texas Pond proudly presented to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children a check for \$3,000. Mandy Valdez, TSRH representative, was present to accept the check.



In addition, from the Southern Region Convention, there were several leftover registration bags and name badge holders that we donated to TSRH to use at the lids camps.



A total of 22 tote bags and 40 lanyard/badges were given, along with all the leftover stickers from the Passport activity that was held at the convention to promote fellowship mixing & mingling.

The New Year's Kick Off event allowed us to make this contribution to Scottish Rite and contribute a \$1,000 to our Texas Pond Scholarship Fund. The remaining net proceeds of \$700+ was placed in the general Pond fund.

More on Charity

Our two main beneficiaries for the last 3-4 years as been North Texas Food Bank and Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Here is a glimpse at what the Texas Pond has contributed to these two entities.

Scottish Rite

2014 - \$4248.63 (we had an anonymous donor who gave \$2,000 to this for us, so the organization gave \$2,248.63)
2015 - \$2,250
2016 - \$2,750
2017 - \$1,600
2018 - \$3,000

NTFB

2014 - \$2,883.52
2015 - \$2,250
2016 - \$2,750
2017 - \$875, which was matched by one of NTFB's matching donors = \$1750
2018 - \$1,220, Which again was matched by one of NTFB's matching donors = \$2,440

Our goal for 2017-2018 was to make a charity donation amount of \$100 per active member of the Pond. As of today, we are at \$102.13 per active member.

In addition to NTFB and TSRH the Texas Pond also supports Community Partners of Dallas, Family Place and Wounded Warriors. To date we have given these three entities \$2,905.06, which does not count what we will be doing on our Easter Basket making project at the March meeting.

The Texas Pond membership should be very proud of their charity efforts. Remember it is not the total amount it is the commitment as an active member each has made.

Thoughts to Ponder

"A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money." – **John Ruskin**

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." – **Unknown**

"Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought." – **E.Y. Harburg**

"Thought is the wind. Knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel." - **Augustus Hare**

Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Program



Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2018

You will find the application along with the complete requirements and details on our Blue Goose Texas Pond website under the "Education" tab:

<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>



Golf Time is Around the Corner

The Texas Pond will host its 12th annual golf tournament. The Blue Goose 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be held, Friday, June 8th, 2018 at Bear Creek Country Club and it will be an 8:30 shot gun.

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING BENEFICIARIES

North Texas Food Bank Texas Pond Scholarship Fund
Wounded Warriors

Friday, June 8, 2018

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

For further details check the website.

<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>

Signature Sponsor



OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:

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- ❖ Quest Pro/Q-Temps
- ❖ Hendron McFarland Plumbing



Other golf activities at the tournament are:



Mulligans.....buy as many as you want! Or, should I say need????



Let the **FUN** Begin!

Putting Contest, the winner will take home half of the proceeds collected for this event.



3rdrd ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP

COST: 1 BALL FOR \$10, 3 FOR \$20, OR 7 FOR \$40
MEGA DEAL 20 BALLS FOR \$100

PRIZES

- 1ST PLACE - \$500
- 2ND PLACE - \$300
- 3RD PLACE - \$150
- FARTHEST - \$50

To purchase golf balls for this event, go to our website at <http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>

Buy as many as you want....the more the merrier. **For the Ball Drop please remember you do not need to be present to win.**



Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 9, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 14, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

12TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 8, 2017 8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JUNE 11, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 9, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

GRAND NEST CONVENTION

EDMONTON, CANADA
JULY 11 – JULY 13, 2018



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Every month we update items on our website and in addition, this is where you can obtain all past newsletters. Also, did you know you can join our Facebook and LinkedIn groups via our website.



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