



TEXAS POND HONKER

May 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, May 9, 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 will present to one of our beneficiaries some of the proceeds from our golf tournament.

Wayne Ottoway, Guardian of the Pond will provide a summary of the Golf & Corn Hole Tournaments.

We will be honoring one of our benefactors some of the proceeds from the golf tournament.

The Southern Region just completed hosting the Grand Nest Officers at a mid-year meeting in Savannah, the city for our 2017 Southern Region Grand Nest Convention. Ray Wicker & Linda Meik will share some of the highlights of this meeting.

Daphney will highlight some of the upcoming activities for the Texas Pond.

And, it is getting time for our annual dues for Blue Goose. Remember our Blue Goose year ends on June 30th and the new year awaits us. Linda will review the dues process for this coming year.



She is singing our song MLG, Daphney Elliott

Friendships...a huge benefit of Blue Goose membership!

Your membership in your Texas Pond provides much more than a chance to drink a cold draft beer and sample some great guacamole. Attending meetings provides a real opportunity for you to cultivate some truly great friendships.

As you know, friendships enrich your life in countless ways. Your relationships with co-workers is, of course, very important, but you may find yourself slightly guarded with work relationships. Depending on your role at work you may feel that it is best to keep relationships at a pleasant, but comfortable distance.

The friendships you develop within Blue Goose can many times be more relaxed. The kind of relationships that are supportive and fun and keep you coming back month after month. You look forward to seeing your Blue Goose friends.

It's such a great feeling to walk into a meeting, see familiar faces, catch up with people you care about and have a chance to meet some new folks. Participating on committees and helping with charitable activities creates even closer bonds.

So don't miss out on a chance to meet someone new and create a lasting friendship. Blue Goose provides many

opportunities for you to cultivate friendships and the benefits are countless in your business and personal lives.

Quotable Quotes

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." **Babe Ruth**

"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition." **Martha Washington**



Scholarship Applications
Now Being Accepted Through
Midnight May 21st, 2016

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/>



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

Signature Sponsor



Check out what we have just added to
our 11th Annual Golf Tournament of
activities!



This, we hope, will be the beginning of fun for our non-golfers. To register to play, just plan to show up at 9:30 with \$25 dollars in hand. (Note: This new event registration is not available on line this year. If you want to eat breakfast and/or lunch, please go on-line and purchase the breakfast and/or lunch option.)

Golfers, when you finish playing your outstanding game of golf, and you want to play in this Cornhole Tournament, we would love to see your great skills in action. Please note that the registration for this tournament is not included in your golfer registration

The registration fee of \$25 per person will be split in half: one half of the fee will be allocated to the scholarship fund and the other half to the awards for the top 3 winners. The award pool of money will be presented to the top three winning teams as follows: 60% of the pot for first place; 30% for 2nd place & 10% for 3rd place.

Other golf activities at the tournament are:

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



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



2ndnd 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 www.bluegoosetx.org. Buy as many as you want....the more the merrier. Remember you do not need to be present to win.



Preview of the Golf Outing.....

A total of 83 golfers have signed up; 13 Hole Sponsors and a Signature Sponsor.

As of this writing, there are 358 golf balls that will be dropped for the Ball Drop; 138 mulligans were purchased; and 76 tickets for the Putting Contest.

There will be several Corn Hole boards available for folks to try their skills at. Oh, and a special thank you to Jim Devall for making the Texas Pond their very own set of Corn Hole boards.....see below:



Blue Goose Advertisers for 2015- 2016

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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Last Month



We initiated two awesome Goslings, that is after they demonstrated they could honk properly for a goose & had the right waddle!



Heather Massey with Cunningham Lindsey and Kyle Hejl with Touchstone Bernays Attorneys at Law.



Appetizers were sponsored by the Texas Pond.



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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



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.

Over the last several months we have apprised you of the Southern Region's convention pin. The pin was shared with folks at the 109th convention in Baltimore.

The Southern Region has kicked off a fund raiser for the Southern Region members utilizing these pins. Each member of the Southern Region that purchases a pin, can also be entered into a drawing by completing a registration ticket.



At the Southern Region Regional meeting in St. Louis two names will be drawn: 1st place will be a free registration (\$375 in value) to the 2017 Southern Region Convention in Savannah, GA.; and the 2nd place winner will receive \$50 cash. One does not have to be present to win. The pin cost is \$20.



Calendar of Events

2015- 2016 Blue Goose Year

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

2015-2016 BLUE GOOSE YEAR COMES TO AN END!



2016-2017 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017

SECOND MONDAY JULY 11, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017

SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 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-

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Supervisor of the Flock – Jim Mathews – (C) 469-569-

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Guardian of the Pond – Wayne Ottoway (W) 214-

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Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – John Sterrantino

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And

Ashley Hansen (w) 817-788-3008 ashansen@aol.com

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik

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Our Grand Nest Officers 2015-2016

Most Loyal Grand Gander

Randy Wilson, St. Louis Pond

Grand Supervisor of the Flock

Linda Meik, Texas Pond

Grand Custodian of the Ganders

Mark Robertson, Edmonton Pond

Grand Guardian of the Nest

Kim Bilbrey, Dayton Pond

Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg

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



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Some More Humor

Bumper Stickers

Where there's a will ... I want to be in it.

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wrights made an airplane.

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

I've taken a vow of poverty. To annoy me, send money.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

My life has a superb cast, but I can't figure out the plot.

Nothing's impossible for those who don't have to do it.

My reality check, just bounced.

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

Despite the cost of living, it's still popular.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.
I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

The more you complain, the longer God lets you live.

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.



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.