



TEXAS POND HONKER

November 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, November 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.

At the November meeting we are going to hold an initiation for several young Goslings. Goslings come dressed appropriately in order to take your first official swim in the Texas Pond.



This month, our charity focus will be collecting toys for Community Partners of Dallas.

It's that time of the year when The Community Partners of Dallas organization needs our help in meeting the needs of children in the community.



Community Partners of Dallas is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring safety and restoring dignity and

hope to abused and neglected children by providing resources and support to the caseworkers of Dallas County Child Protective Services.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to our November 13, 2017 meeting and help make a difference. By supporting Community Partners of Dallas' Toy Drive, you will help grant wishes for more than **6,000** of Dallas County's abused and neglected children. For some, it may be the first time they have ever received a present. For all, it will be a time that makes them feel special and one that they remember.

Visit the Community Partners website if you need ideas of what toys to buy for what ages.



MLG, Jim Mathew

See this PROUD Bird! Yes, that is Jim Mathew. Do you want to know why his chest is all puffed out.....well check this out:

On November 1, 2017 at 11:21 pm, a sweet baby girl arrived to join big brother Dominic at the Mathew house. This little bundle of joy weighed in at 6 lb 5 oz and was given the name of Isabel Rose Cherukara Mathew.



When Dominic has his toys taken from him by his little sis, let's see if he still has this smile on his face.

Thoughts to Ponder

"It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to." -

W.C. Fields

"Life is uncertain; always eat dessert first." - **Anonymous**

"Smile, it makes people wonder what you are thinking."

- **Anonymous**

"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." - **James Dewar**

"Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do." - **Benjamin Franklin**

"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use." - **Charles M. Schulz**

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.



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

When is the last time you checked out our Texas Pond website????

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.

Last Month

Appetizers for the October meeting were provided by Kenna Johnson, Matson Driscoll and Damico, LLP.



Daphney Elliott, her husband and good friends joined Linda Meik at Scottish Rite's Treasure Street Event on October 19th.

Great music by Emerald City, huge silent auction, fantastic weather, lots of awesome food and plenty of refreshments were had by all.

Now if you want to know the story behind the following picture, well you need to come to the Blue Goose meeting on Monday, November 13th and talk to Daphney. **No**, you can't send her an email and ask her??? HA!

Yes. The five us had a great time!



There is always a good story, with Linda! HA!



SAVE THE DATE

**LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF
RIGHT WITH SOME GOOD
FRIENDS & GOOD CHEERS!**

**The Honorable Order of Blue Goose
International – Texas Pond invites you to
join us on Monday, January 8, 2018
5:30 pm to 9:30 pm**



SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY & TASTING ROOM
EST. 2014 - GRAPEVINE, TX
401 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051

Register to attend at www.bluegoosetx.org

**\$20 advanced registration until January 4, 2018; after
that date & at the door registration is \$35**

**Proceeds from event benefit:
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and
The Blue Goose Texas Pond Scholarship Fund**



***"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.***



**Membership or Belonging? The choice
is yours to make.**

*(This article was paraphrased from a message the current
DFW-RIMs President's August message.)*

**The desire to be a member of a purposeful society, to be
on the inside of a meaningful group, to participate in
something larger than oneself is fundamental to human
nature.** People draw identity from their participation in
communities of purpose, whatever form they might take.
Without meaningful groups in which to participate,
individuals usually experience not just loneliness, but a
lack of fulfillment and a deep sense of separation or
alienation. Longing for belonging is a powerful desire.

**The Texas Blue Goose Pond is a community with
purpose.** Every decision and activity supports our mission
of advancing the insurance profession among its
members, guests and business community through
charity programs and networking opportunities.

**Members of the Texas Blue Goose members do not get
together merely to be together. We get together to do
something together!** Our goals include meeting needs of
Insurance professionals by creating opportunities for
everyone to participate in fulfilling educational,
networking, and service needs where we work and live.
We engage insurance professionals; encourage them to
grow in knowledge and confidence; and instill a
regenerative and creative spirit among all stakeholders
that sustains the profession and organization benefiting
each other and the community.

The real value of Blue Goose is the sense of identity,
intimate connection, and purpose gained through pond
participation with some of the best insurance
professionals in Texas, as well as throughout the USA and
Canada.

**Your Texas Pond Blue Goose Executive Officers and
Committee Chairpersons want members to form
relationships through participation in our events and**

service opportunities. We want to know you as more than a name on the membership roll.

Membership without connection is separation from the best Blue Goose has to offer. Belonging to the Texas Pond provides opportunities to enjoy the full benefits of a relationship with fellow insurance professionals engaged in meaningful purpose where you work and live. That is what a meaningful society does for its members.



Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JANUARY MEETING - GRAPEVINE

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT
SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018
SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY
GRAPEVINE, TX

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 13, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 8, 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 12, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

GRAND NEST CONVENTION

EDMONTON, CANADA
JULY 11 – JULY 13, 2018



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