



# TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2015

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE:** Monday, October 12, 2015

**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.



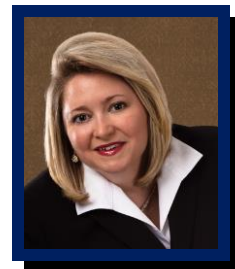
This month we would like to focus on Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, one of our Beneficiaries. Not only is there the Treasure Street event (see details on page 3), but we are asking each member to bring 4-5 children's books to our meeting. The books will be delivered to Scottish Rite. One can also bring any children's games.

Appetizers are being furnished by Bryan Pope with Vincent Lopez Serafino Jenevein. Be sure to thank Bryan!



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## THIS MONTH



We are excited to have Melody Gray, CFP, MBA, and LUTCF as our Guest Speaker for our October meeting. She has been a financial advisor with Spectrum Financial Group for over 11 years. She is also in the 106th Army Band and a Staff Sergeant with the Army National Guard. Her presentation, "7 Steps to Build a Solid Financial Home", is perfect for a large group with a broad financial knowledge base. You won't want to miss her presentation!

## HOUSTON PUDDLE

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Molina's

Calling all Ganders, Goslings and Friends to come join the fellowship of the **Houston Puddle** at **Molina's; 7901 Westheimer; Houston, Texas.**



She is signing our song ..... MLG, Daphney Elliott

Calling all Leaders...Let's Grow Together!



Time, Inc. is a 93 year old company rich in traditions and history much like the 109 year old Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. Companies and organizations can only maintain vibrancy if they are flexible and adapt to the changing times, attitudes, and habits of the people they service...whether it be customers, employees, or members. If Time or Blue Goose had not been flexible and cognizant of the importance of change throughout their history, neither entity would be here today.

Greg Giangrande, EVP, Chief Human Resources Officer for Time Inc. said this... "The more you take an interest in helping employees, the more engaged they become with your company. And the higher the engagement level with the employer, the better productivity you get, the better discretionary effort you get, the better loyalty you get".

Now read those words again thinking about Blue Goose and substituting "members" and "organization" into the paragraph...

The more you take an interest in helping members, the more engaged they become with your organization. And the higher the engagement level with the organization...the better productivity you get, the better discretionary effort you get, and the better loyalty you get"

Isn't this our GOAL?? Loyalty, effort and productivity through character, fellowship and charity? The more we build our Pond, the more we all benefit with a fun and active organization.

Great leadership provides strength to any business or organization. As a member of Blue Goose you have a chance to be more involved and make a difference. Participating in committees affords you a chance to get to know more members, recruit new members and build your own leadership skills.

In order to grow, we need strong leaders and active members. Blue Goose will continue to survive many years to come. Please consider getting more involved....you will be glad you did!

## EDUCATION



On Wednesday, October 14, 2015 the Blue Goose Wednesday Wings webinar will be "Erosion of Traditional Claim File Privilege: Is Your Claim File Protected?" TDI: 101093 presented by Clint Cox with Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo.

"If a claim goes into suit, is your claim file privileged? Recent attacks on traditional privileges may result in adverse disclosure to opposing counsel. Attend this presentation to learn how to best protect your claims file privileges."

Following this webinar, we will have one (1) more webinar to finish out 2015. To register please go on line at [www.bluegoosetx.com](http://www.bluegoosetx.com) and follow the instructions provided.

Wednesday Wing Webinars are schedule for the Wednesday following our Monthly DFW Texas Pond meetings.

Cost: \$10 (Funds go to the Scholarship Fund)  
Register Online at [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org)





## IS FOR GOALS

In last month's newsletter we noted the Blue Goose - Texas Pond Goals for 2015-2016. We encourage each member of our Pond to become familiar with the goals and as our MLG stated in her message get involved in our organization, help Blue Goose achieve great success.



## Rolling Towards the Southern Region Convention in 2107

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.

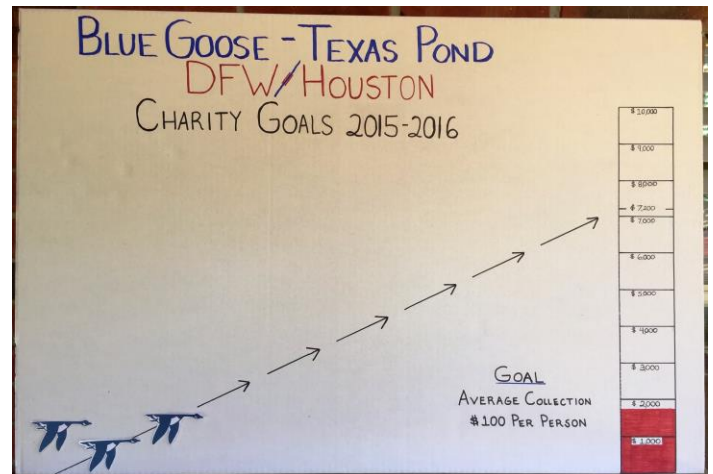
The Southern Region's convention pin has arrived. The pin was shared with folks at the 109<sup>th</sup> convention in Baltimore. This pin is available for the Pond members to purchase. The funds raised from the sale of these pins goes toward the Southern Region convention in 2017. The pin cost is \$20.



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



"The object of this Order shall be the promotion of charity, good fellowship and acts of benevolence among its members."



October 15, 2015

Treasure Street Benefiting Scottish Rite Hospital  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.



We are encouraging all members to support this fun-filled event. If you do, save those receipts! You can bring a copy of the receipts to the meeting in November or email a copy to [kjohnson@mdd.com](mailto:kjohnson@mdd.com).

From the website: This year's event, scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015, promises to be a spectacular



night filled with fantastic friends, 5-star cuisine and music by Pat Green! Tickets are \$100 and proceeds benefit the Scottish Rite Hospital.

Find out more about this event by visiting <http://www.treasurestreet.com>

To-date this event has produced \$600 from our organization.



#### 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.

Anyone, wanting to advertise in our Blue Goose newsletter contact Linda Meik at 817-269-6516 or via email at [lsmeik@aol.com](mailto:lsmeik@aol.com).

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## THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Our web site address is: [www.bluegoosetx.com](http://www.bluegoosetx.com) or you can also go to the Blue Goose Grand Nest: [www.bluegoose.org](http://www.bluegoose.org)

## Quotable Quotes

"The spring, summer, is quite a hectic time for people in their lives, but then it comes to autumn, and to winter, and you can't but help think back to the year that was, and then hopefully looking forward to the year that is approaching." [Enya](#)

Autumn arrives in early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day. [Elizabeth Bowen](#)

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." [William Cullen Bryant](#)

"The season for enjoying the fullness of life -- partaking of the harvest, sharing the harvest with others, and reinvesting and saving portions of the harvest for yet another season of growth." [Denis Waitley](#)

"Autumn mornings: sunshine and crisp air, birds and calmness, year's end and day's beginnings." [Terri Guillemets](#)

## LAST MONTH

Clean out those closets!



The Texas Pond (DFW area) focused on cleaning out closets to make donations for The Family Place's Resale Shop. What a great effort. Members such as Angie Lupton put boxes around her office for folks to place donations in. An old member of the Texas Pond visited us on this Monday night and informed us he was relocating to Missouri, so he has lots of items for us to donate – thanks Brad Webb. We will collect these items from Brad over the next few weeks.

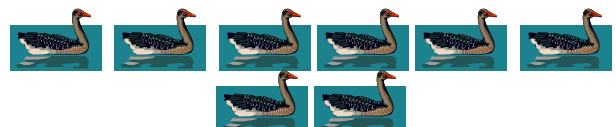


All together we collected and delivered to-date a total of \$1,536 in items.....so stay tuned for the final amount from this endeavor.

Appetizers for the September meeting were sponsored by Darrell Cole with Supreme Roofing Systems.



Notice on the far right of the appetizer table is a pan of homemade cupcakes made by the MLG – Daphney Elliott for the Texas Pond Wielder's birthday. Yes that is the same root-tooting Blue Goose Grand Supervisor of the Flock, Linda Meik. Happy B-day!



At the September meeting the DFW area held a Gosling Initiation. Eight Goslings took their first swim in our Pond.





(Left to right) Shaun Keefer Jeffery Perkins Ryan Sillers  
Darrell Cole Tyler Otto Chris Jagger Bryan Lin Nick Carlson



## Our Grand Nest Officers 2015-2016

**Most Loyal Grand Gander**  
Randy Wilson, National Capital Pond

**Grand Supervisor of the Flock**  
Linda Meik, Texas Pond

**Grand Custodian of the Ganders**  
Mark Robertson, Edmonton Pond

**Grand Guardian of the Nest**  
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**Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg**  
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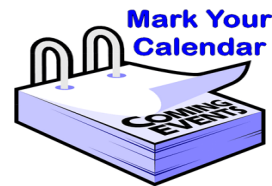
**Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill**  
Terry Maloney, Wisconsin Home Nest

**Judge Advocate**  
Robert Cockerham, St. Louis Pond

**Grand Nest Historian**  
Jerry Hale, Hartford Pond



*Enjoy these fall days!*



## Calendar of Events

### 2015- 2016 Blue Goose Year

#### 2015 – 2016 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

**OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2015**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

#### WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015**  
12:00 P.M. CST

**OCTOBER MEETING – HOUSTON**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**THIRD TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2015**  
MOLINA'S, HOUSTON, TX

**NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2015**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

#### WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015**  
12:00 P.M. CST

## NOVEMBER MEETING – HOUSTON

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

THIRD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2015

MOLINA'S, HOUSTON, TX

## DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2015

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

## WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR



NO WEBINAR IN DECEMBER

## DECEMBER MEETING – HOUSTON

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

THIRD TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2015

MOLINA'S, HOUSTON, TX

## JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

## WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

12:00 P.M. CST

## JANUARY MEETING – HOUSTON

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

THIRD TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016

MOLINA'S, HOUSTON, TX

## FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

## WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

## JANUARY MEETING – HOUSTON

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

THIRD TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016

MOLINA'S, HOUSTON, TX



## Upcoming Grand Nest Events

### July 2016

110<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention

St Louis Pond

<http://www.bluegoosestl.org>

July 20-23, 2016

### July 2017

111<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention

Southern Region Convention

Savannah, Georgia

<http://bluegoosetx.com>

July 9-15, 2017



## Texas Pond Officers 2015 - 2016

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## Fall entrepreneur...



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# Some More Humor

## "OBSERVATIONS"

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe, before you start looking like a mental patient.

My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 195 lbs. I've gained.

I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters..... do they just give you a bra and say, "here fill this out" ..?

Four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion Jeff Gordon announced that this will be his final season of racing. **You** could tell it was time for him to retire during his last race when he had his blinker on the whole time.

The speed in which a woman says "nothing" when asked "What's wrong?" is inversely proportional to the severity of the \$\$\$\$ storm that's coming.

Denny's has a slogan, 'If it's your birthday, the meal is on us.' .....If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday... **your life may not be too exciting!**

If I make you breakfast in bed, a simple "Thank you" is all I need.....not all this, "how did you get in my house" business!

I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penny has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."

