



TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, October 10th, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: El Fenix



October 10th Rooftop Roundup

Blue Goose - Texas Pond
Invites You & Your Guests
to a Private Rooftop Event



El Fenix Private Room & Rooftop Patio
in Downtown Dallas

1601 McKinney, Dallas, TX 75202 / 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$20 per person includes 2 drinks and appetizers

Register online at www.BlueGooseTX.org
or \$30 (CASH ONLY) at the door

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Take part in our Charity Raffle

Visit with friends old & new

Proceeds support your Texas Pond Charities

Other Ways to Support out 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.

FOCUSED CHARITY OF THE MONTH: This month, through our Silent Auction at the Roof Top we will be sharing the proceeds from the auction with North Texas Food Bank, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, and Wounded Warriors.

Daphney Elliott, MLG



Loving your Texas Pond?

We are working hard to make sure you do!

Just like you, I don't want to go to dread going to any meeting or event. Any gathering I attend needs to be meaningful and enjoyable for me to really want to attend. During a recent conversation with Lori Snelson she happened to mention that she attends industry meetings to "learn something and have fun".

When I became your Most Loyal Gander (MLG) I decided that I had two primary personal goals for the Pond: increase attendance to meetings and increase Pond membership. So I asked the officers and you, the members, how can we achieve that?

You said you want our Texas Pond meetings to be quick, fun, interesting and meaningful. You want plenty of time to visit with your friends within the Pond and to network with new contacts. You also want us to help facilitate networking so you can easily get to know more of the members.

We asked, we listened and we are acting!

We are working hard to make sure these requests are met by implementing new activities or focuses. Myself and

the rest of the officers are mindful of all of your wishes when we plan any meeting or event. And we remind the committees of our goals during their planning sessions.

Thank you for attending the meetings, inviting your contacts to join you and participating in our events. Please share any suggestions you have that may help us continuously improve.

If you haven't joined us in a while...come back! We'd love to see you.

Let's have fun and grow together!

Last Month



On a great September (early) evening several Ganders, Goslings and Guests gathered on the banks of the Texas Pond.



Kenna Johnson, the Charity Chair Person gave an update on where we are at in our current charitable collections. As of this date we had collected \$1,493.85.

Following our brief business meeting we launched into fun and frolic time by creating our very own Olympics.



You're Invited...
To the Texas Pond Olympics.

The pictures say a 1000 words of what fun we had.

First the "Elephant Walk" competition.



Moving on....we had the "Point - Aim - Shoot" contest



Boy this is some serious 'Card Tossing into 3 Rings'



Catching those "Marshmallows" is a real talent, especially when you have crazy Ganders tossing them.





What a fun evening!!!!!!



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

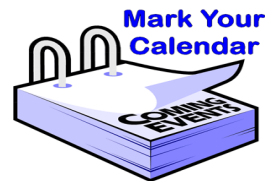
This is just one of the sights in Savannah, Georgia the city for the 2017 Grand Nest Convention. Along with these two Savannah beauties:



Linda Meik and Mary Kay Marchetti show casing the theme of the 2017 Southern Region Convention:
"Passport to the South."



"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

2016-2017 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2016
EL FENIX, 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





Texas Pond Officers 2016 – 2017

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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



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





D/FW RIMS – Fall Conference, Spa Day and Golf Tournament

When:

Conference – October 27th

Spa Day – October 28th

Golf Tournament – October 28th

Where:

Conference at Marriott at the Shops at Legacy

Golf at Bear Creek Golf Course

Spa at Relache Spa – Gaylord Texan

D/FW RIMS Chapter is pleased to open their registration for individuals wishing to attend the Fall Conference, Spa Day and/or Golf Tournament. Please check the D/FW RIMS website for more information or you can contact John Mayfield, RIMS Chapter (469-767-5684 or at dfwrimsmembership@gmail.com).

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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.