



TEXAS POND HONKER

September 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, September 12, 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.

This Month

We have several charity focus items that will featured at this month's meeting.

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: Household & clothing Drive for The Family Place. Let's clean out our cupboards, closets or storage areas of clothing, household items. Why let this stuff just sit around our homes, let's give it to folks that really need these items. Bring these items to the meeting, or if you need us to come pick them up let us know.

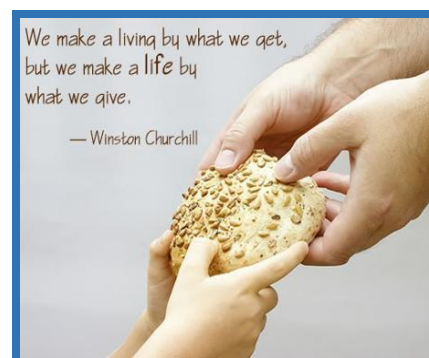


Remember the Blue Goose dues for 2016-2017 were due by September 1st. Have you paid your dues???



You're Invited...

To the Texas Pond Olympics. Come prepared to show your Goose skills at our meeting!



Daphney Elliott, MLG

Do you know the guiding principles of your great Blue Goose organization? They are Character, Charity and Fellowship. You will see examples of all three of these guiding principles in our meetings and at our events.

Our members are of strong and respectable CHARACTER and you will notice that FELLOWSHIP is always in abundance. As we plan this new fiscal year, your Texas Pond is facilitating ways to help every member be even more involved in CHARITY in a variety of fun and easy ways.

Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a LIFE by what we give". What wise words to remember and your pond provides a multitude of ways for you, your family or your company to "give". We provide opportunities for you to make donations of money or gifts, participate in our charity events, or volunteer your time to help one of our beneficiaries. So keep an eye out for announcements of upcoming charity activities you can participate in through your Texas Pond. And feel free to get your family and friends involved.

As with any organization, you will get out of Blue Goose what you put into it. So plan to take an active role in your pond and help us build on our founding principles of Character, Charity and Fellowship. You will be so glad you did!!



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



**Dallas Musicians
Meia and Dillan**

**Enjoy spectacular views of
Downtown Dallas**

**Take part in our Charity Raffle
Visit with friends old & new
Proceeds support your Texas Pond Charities**

\$20 event fee refunded to all guests who complete an application & pay \$50 dues to join Blue Goose on this evening!!

A big thank you to our great sponsors who continually help us create successful fun events for our members.



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Last Month



Along with \$330 in cash donations here is just a few of the school supplies we collected for Community Partners. The young kids will be so excited to have their very own supplies for school.



The Texas Pond attendees watching the pictures from the Grand Nest Convention in St. Louis. Daphney Elliott is

highlighting some of the great events and activities. Ray Wicker provided a review of the 2017 Southern Region convention that will be held in Savannah. This presentation was presented in St. Louis.



We want to also thank Ray Wicker for sponsoring the appetizers for the meeting.



The MLG did a surprise gander focus on the Grand Nest's new Most Loyal Grand Gander. Oh, yes, she was a happy gander.....after all look what she received. And yes those are her royal goose feathers around her neck.



"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."



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."

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Calendar of Events

2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

2016-2017 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

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
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





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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).

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.