



TEXAS POND HONKER

April 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, April 10, 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.

Ways to Support our 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.



Appetizers are going to be furnished by Lemieux & Associates. Take time to thank Ms. Sherry Wallis-Montes.



Daphney Elliott, MLG

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of why the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose is so unique in the world of insurance.

The *Honorable Order of the Blue Goose* was founded in 1906 at the annual meeting of the *Wisconsin Field Men's Club* held at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Today, consisting of over 3,500 members or "Ganders" in groups or "Ponds" across the United States and Canada, the Blue Goose has a long and storied history. Although each Pond has its' own unique flavor, the Cardinal Principles of character, charity and fellowship are part of every Pond.

During initiation, the new Ganders learned of the secret *key honk* (password) and a secret *salutation* that have existed since the flight of the first Blue Goose on June 19, 1906.

As you attend more Blue Goose meetings or events you will come across people from a wide range of careers within the insurance industry and have a chance to get a pulse on trends and changes in the industry. You will quickly see the relaxed and fun manner the members enjoy their relationships with each other. And you will certainly see the effort the group makes to make a difference in the community as well as help their fellow Ganders.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2017

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/>

Last Month



Following the business portion of our March meeting everyone stepped up and help put together Easter baskets for the children at The Family Place.



Our great members stepping up to make kids have a great Easter with all these great Easter baskets.



We carried everything out and loaded in Daphney's vehicle and then The Family Place came to her house and picked up everything.



A total of 27 baskets were assembled. We had lots of left over candy after we finished the baskets, so we gave that to The Family Place also to use as they see fit.

Tonight's Appetizers
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you!

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How the Blue Goose - Texas Pond is Connecting With You!

Have you joined either of our two social media groups? If not, please do so today!

The Texas Pond to date has made some great strides in our charitable activities for 2016-2017. We set a goal of \$50 per member towards charity and we are glad to report that we have donated \$7,342.47 to organizations, and \$1380 to the Scholarship fund; a grand total of \$8722.47. We have 82 members this equates to \$106.37 per member as of 3/30/17.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1611270679166224/>

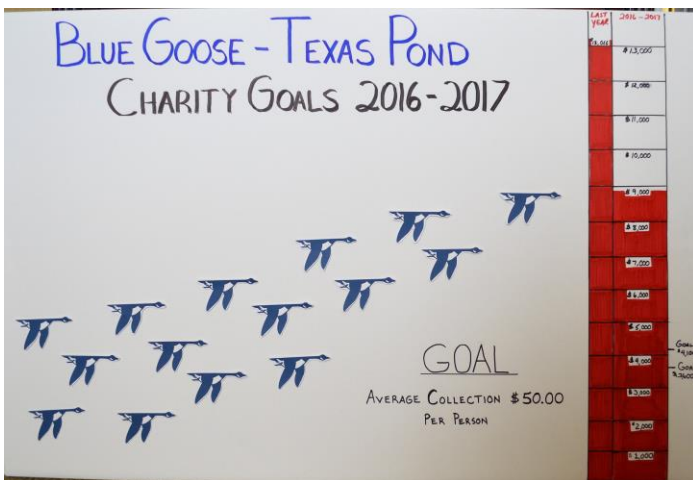


<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12010419>

Jim Mathew, Supervisor of the Flock and Ruben Castilla, Guardian of the Pond will be keeping the Facebook account updated with pertinent info on Pond activities.

Daphney Elliott, our Most Loyal Gander will be seeing that LinkedIn is updated.

Linda Meik, our Wielder will be updating the website. What an awesome team in spreading the Texas Pond Blue Goose news and what an awesome way to start 2017!



“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.”



www.BlueGooseTX.org

OUR NEW AND IMPROVED TEXAS POND WEBSITE: WWW.BLUEGOOSETX.ORG



Calendar of Events 2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

Texas Pond Officers 2016 – 2017

Most Loyal Gander – Daphney Elliott (W) 972-342-8728 Daphney.Elliott@HospitalBillReview.com

Supervisor of the Flock – Jim Mathews – (C) 469-569-2246 jim.mathew83@gmail.com

Custodian of the Goslings – Roger Foltz (C) 214-914-3733 Rbfoltz@aol.com

Guardian of the Pond – Ruben Castilla (C) 214-432-4414 castilla.rmc@gmail.com

Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – John Sterrantino (w) 972-931-8307 johns@williamsripa.com
And
Ashley Hansen (w) 817-788-3008 ashansen@aol.com

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 682-715-5341 lsmeik@aol.com

Thoughts to Ponder

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
— Anne Frank

“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” — Mother Teresa

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” — John Bunyan

“If you're in the luckiest one per cent of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99 per cent.” — Warren Buffett

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 10, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 8, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 10, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX



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

Are we going to get to see you in Savannah???



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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 Kohruss. BC Pond

Grand Nest Historian
John Bishop, Nova Scotia Pond



DID YOU KNOW? THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS POND WAS ON JANUARY 30, 1907!

This year the Texas Pond is 110 years old!

