



TEXAS POND HONKER

April 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, April 9, 2018

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.

The Ganders of the Texas Pond are inviting all Goslings to come prepared to take your first official swim in the Texas Pond at our April meeting. This means we are going to initiate you into The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International.



*Root Tooting Texas Pond
Sheriff - MLG, Jim Mathew*

The last several days have been wet and dreary. I'm looking forward to the sun again. On the bright side, we might have another year of healthy rain levels and avoid a serious drought. And, we need water levels to be good for Initiation of our Goslings, which is at this month's

meeting. We have several Goslings who will be taking the dive. I love our Initiation, especially the language used. I encourage everyone to listen to the words and use this as an opportunity to renew your commitment to the work we do in the Blue Goose Texas Pond.

Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Program



**Scholarship Applications Now Being
Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2018**

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/>



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

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



The Texas Pond spent part of their meeting assembling Easter Baskets for the children of The Family Place. Here is the lineup of baskets to start filling full of Easter treasures and goodies.



Here are the baskets filled to the brim and sure to make a child smile!



Where to begin????



Ganders busy at work!



Filling the plastic eggs and adding goodies to the baskets. Special something for every basket.



Working as a team in filling the baskets and then wrapping them in cellophane.



Last basket! Even the waiter at On The Border helping us finish up. The Texas Pond assembled 52 baskets this year, this is 25 more than what we did the previous year.



Baskets all wrapped and ready for delivery.



In addition, at our meeting prior to the Easter Basket assembly, the room via the tables was divided into fourths. The tables were labeled red, blue, yellow & green via UNO cards. As each Gander arrived and signed in they were given a UNO card and advised to sit at the table with that color. Jim Mathew, MLG then identified a table leader and presented them with a list of two questions for each table mate to answer in 1-2 minutes:

1. Tell us about your company and your role with the company.
2. Share something interesting about yourself that most of us probably don't already know.

The Ganders, Goslings & guests learned some interesting tidbits as this activity unfolded.



Golf Time is Around the Corner

The Texas Pond will host its 12th annual golf tournament. The Blue Goose 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be held, Friday, June 8th, 2018 at Bear Creek Country Club and it will be an 8:30 shot gun.

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING BENEFICIARIES

North Texas Food Bank Texas Pond Scholarship Fund
Wounded Warriors

Friday, June 8, 2018

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

For further details check the website.

<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>

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Other golf activities at the tournament are:



Mulligans.....buy as many as you want! Or, should I say need????



Putting Contest, the winner will take home half of the proceeds collected for this event.



3rdrd ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP

COST: 1 BALL FOR \$10, 3 FOR \$20, OR 7 FOR \$40
MEGA DEAL 20 BALLS FOR \$100

PRIZES

- 1ST PLACE - \$500
- 2ND PLACE - \$300
- 3RD PLACE - \$150
- FARTHEST - \$50

To purchase golf balls for this event, go to our website at
<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>

Early Bird golf pricing ends on May 1st!

Thoughts to Ponder

Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple, died a billionaire. Here are some of his last thoughts and words:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I have become accustomed to. At this moment, I am on my sick bed and recalling my life. I realize that all of the recognition and wealth in which I took so much pride have become meaningless in the face of my impending death.

You can employ someone to drive a car for you and to make money for you; but you cannot employ anyone to bear illness for you. Material things, when lost, can be found; but the one thing that can never be found when it is lost is your health and eventually your life itself.

When a person goes into the operating room, he realizes that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading, "The Book of Healthy Life".

Whatever stage in life we are at currently, in time we all face that day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse and love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others.

As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$3,000.00 or a \$30.00 watch is not important. The time is the same. Whether we carry a \$300.00 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag, the contents are the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$100 or \$10 wine, the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 sq. ft., the loneliness is the same. Whether you fly first class or economy if the plane goes down, you go down with it.

You will come to realize that true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Therefore, treasure your buddies, old friends, brothers and sisters. Chat often, laugh, sing songs with them. Talk about north-south-east-west, or heaven & earth. That is true happiness."



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Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 14, 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 11, 2018
THE PATIO OF CANTINA LAREDO, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS
NO MEETING

GRAND NEST CONVENTION
EDMONTON, CANADA
JULY 11 – JULY 13, 2018



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BLUE GOOSE A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

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