



TEXAS POND HONKER

August 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, August 14, 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.



Jim Mathew, 2017-2018 MLG

Off to the races! Jim is lead jockey now for the 2017-2018 Texas Pond Blue Bonnet (Goose) Stakes! (Isn't that the State flower for Texas?)

Plan to be at the meeting on Monday, August 14th to hear Jim's thoughts on this upcoming year.



BACK toSCHOOL2017

at Community Partners of Dallas

SUPPLIES WE NEED THE MOST:

- backpacks
- construction paper 9X12 (preferably 100 sheets or less)
- manilla paper 9X12 (preferably 100 sheets or less)
- colored pencils
- folders
- pencil sharpeners
- block erasers
- glue sticks
- highlighters
- markers
- pencil pouches (preferably not boxes)
- red pens
- scissors

The Texas Pond will be collecting school supplies for Community Partners of Dallas at our August meeting. Stop and fill one backpack with items listed above and bring it to the meeting. Can we fill 25 backpacks – I think we can.



2017-2018 Dues

As we begin the 2017-2018 program year, we begin collecting dues for this next year.

Each Gander or current Gosling can pay their dues for 2017-2018 Blue Goose year via a credit card by going to our Texas Pond website (www.bluegoosetx.org) and clicking on the Membership button.

One can also pay by cash or check at our Blue Goose meetings. Obtain a BG File Information form from the Welder to complete while at the meeting.

Paying via credit card is available from May to the first of September, after that it is only cash or check.

Next Month

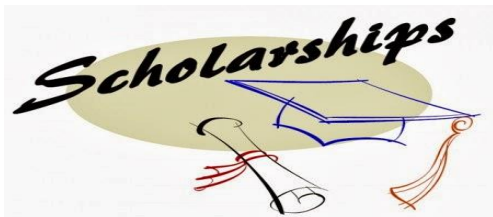
Next month we will be making collections for The Family Place. Let's help them by either purchasing/donating items for "Starter Kits" or for the Resale Shop.

Each year, The Family Place helps hundreds of women and their children start over again with "Starter Kits." These donations provide many of the items needed to set up a household, such as sheets, blankets, towels, dishes, pots and pans and other kitchen items.

Gently Used Household and Clothing Items

The Family Place Resale Shop serves a vital role for our clients, who often give up everything to flee for safety. Clients are provided with vouchers to purchase what they need at our Resale Shop so that they can start new lives free from violence.

Last Two Months



Scholarship Awards

Three scholarships were awarded in 2016-2017 at our June meeting. The recipients were:

- Brooke Justitz, daughter of Gander Daniel Justitz
- Elizabeth Hoyt, daughter of Gander Harry Hoyt
- Addison Williams, grandson of Gander Eddy Pokulda



Giving a great big clapping hand to a great year!



Recognizing our past Super Goose of the Year Winners.



2017-2018 Texas Pond Officers



Daphney being presented with her PMLG pin for two incredible years of service.



Texas Pond Officers presenting Linda Meik with a thank you gift for service!



Ray Wicker talking about convention, Blue Goose and Linda!

Daphney Elliott, Jim Mathew, John Sterrantino, Ray Wicker and Linda Meik were in Savannah, GA for the 111th Grand Nest Convention. On July 11-14, 2017.

Meanwhile, several very-very venturesome Ganders decided that they would like to get together for some fun and sipping time while the above folks were in Savannah, so they met at Deep Ellum Brewery on July 10th. There were 8-10 folks in attendance for some fellowship and a cold brew.



Enjoying some good company, air conditioning and a cold brew!

Save the Date

TEXAS BLUE GOOSE POND'S 12th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

North Texas Food Bank Scottish Rite Hospital
Wounded Warriors

Friday, October 13, 2017

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

Proceeds will benefit North Texas Food Bank, Scottish Rite Children's Hospital and Wounded Warriors.

Signature Sponsor



Check out what we have for our 12th Annual Golf Tournament of activities!



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



Let the FUN Begin!

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



3rd 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 www.bluegoosetx.org. Buy as many as you want....the more the merrier. Remember you do not need to be present to win.

Registration, sponsorship information, etc. can be found on our Texas Pond website. (www.bluegoosetx.org)



"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."

Thoughts to Ponder

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." —Mark Twain

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." — Albert Einstein



Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

BLUE GOOSE 12TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2017
8:00 AM SHOTGUN WITH BALL DROP
BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX





Texas Pond Officers 2017 – 2018

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

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 682-715-5341 lindameik9@gmail.com



111th Grand Nest Convention
Southern Region Convention
Savannah, Georgia
July 11-14, 2017



How about a SNEAK PEEK?

Into the Savannah 111th Grand Nest Convention!

The 2017 Grand Nest Convention was focused on our three precepts of Charity, Character and Fellowship. The convention began with a charity event at Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.

42 Blue Goose members and their families participated in assembling 645 weekend lunch bags.



Following the charity event, that night was a Welcome Party at Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Bar.



Speaker was Queen Quet, Chiefess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation. She wove in the history of her culture into the Blue Goose vision and history.



Color Guard was the American Legion Post 184 (all retired Vietnam vets)

National anthems of US and Canada led by the Gullah Geechee Ring Shouters Gospel Choir.



Tennessee Pond conducted the Memorial Service



Kentucky Pond conducted the Model Initiation. We initiated 4 Goslings: one from Alabama, one from BC Pond, one from Kentucky and our own Ms. Emily Stephens from the Texas Pond.



First Timers being recognized during the business meeting of the convention.



A highlight of the 2017 Grand Nest Convention was the number of First Timers. Daphney Elliott, Texas Pond and Cathy Hester, Alabama Pond were the coordinators for this program.



Guest Industry luncheon speaker was Billy Riggs of Texas. He delivered a powerful message about the importance of a clear organizational mission, inspired leadership and genuine action oriented.



The day ended with a Riverboat dinner cruise. Food was fabulous and the night was perfect. An awesome relaxing night. Sailing up and down the Savannah River.



Such a peaceful & relaxing evening.



The Texas contingency! Look at that enthusiasm.



Gordy Goose came to embrace the Texas Pond members and to tell us to come see him in Edmonton next year.



Cincinnati Pond was awarded the Gordon Crowther Charity of Excellence Award. The Texas Pond was given the honor to choose the winner.



Ray Wicker was named the Gander of the Year for the Southern Region.



The convention was a huge success due to our many corporate sponsors.



The convention ended with the "Dancing Thru the Decades" Gala.



The Grand Nest Officers honored Linda with a specialty made quilt highlighting Character, Charity & Fellowship.