



TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, December 11, 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.

At the December meeting we are having an Ugly Sweater or Tie Contest. Drag that old sweater or tie out of the closet, put it on with some Holiday Pride and come to the Texas Pond Blue Goose meeting.



Our charity focus will be to collect new or gently used books for Scottish Rite Children's Hospital of Dallas.



MLG, Jim Mathew

At last month's meeting I brought up the promises we made during our own initiations. It's not every day that we make official promises, or take vows or something similar. Such occasions are significant. During our initiations, I like to recall the promise I made because it reminds me of what I've dedicated myself to by being a member of Blue Goose. In my head, I repeat the promises to hold myself accountable and strengthen my resolve. I would encourage everyone to repeat the promises silently and ask yourself whether you can do more to be involved in the Texas Pond. With the new year almost here, I'm already thinking ahead to the end of the Blue Goose year in July 2018. There are officer positions, committee positions, and roles to be filled. If you believe you can and want to offer yourself more to this great organization, please reach out to myself or one of the other officers. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and I'm wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Thoughts to Ponder

"Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you - spent, around April fifteenth of the next year." - P.J. O'Rourke

“Christmas is the season when you buy this year’s gifts with next year’s money.” – **Author Unknown**

“The two most joyous times of the year are Christmas morning and the end of school.” – **Alice Cooper**

How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?
- **Dr. Seuss**



**Kick Up the Dust and Board That Wagon Train
for the Blue Goose Annual New Year Kick Off
Gala**

**Wine, Outlaw Cider, Bellinis to quench the thirst
from that dusty ride!**

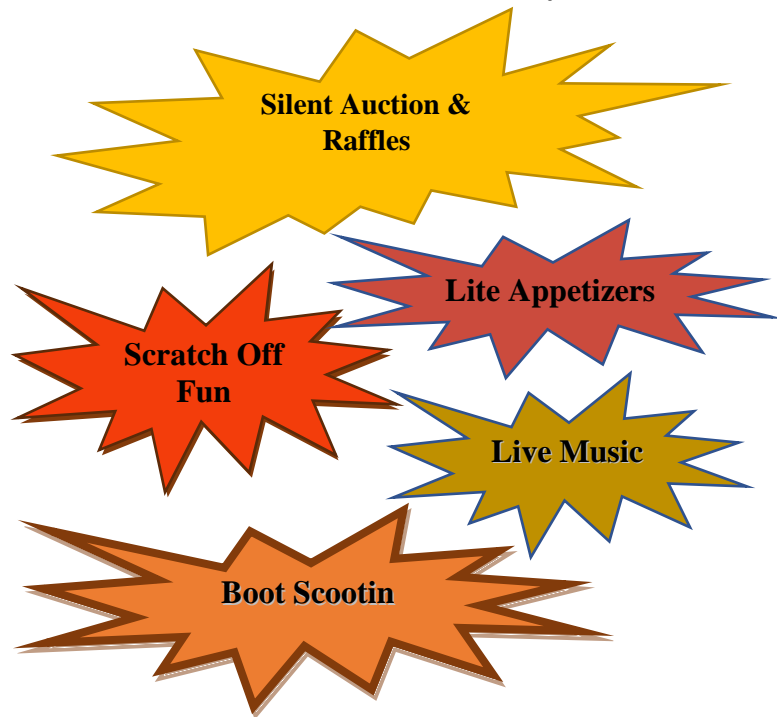
SLOAN & WILLIAMS
WINERY & TASTING ROOM
EST. 2014 - GRAPEVINE, TX
401 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051

**The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International
– Texas Pond invites you to join us on Monday,
January 8, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

Register to attend at www.bluegoosetx.org

**\$20 advanced registration until January 4, 2018; after
that date & at the door registration is \$35**

**Proceeds from event benefit:
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and
The Blue Goose Texas Pond Scholarship Fund**



**Please note, spouses and guests are welcome to
attend and partake of the fun.**

Last Month

Appetizers for the November meeting were provided by Lynne Polk of Corvel.

New toys were collected for the children of Community Partners of Dallas. A total of \$905 in toys and cash were collected.





These two cowboy geese flew in (oh, we mean rode in) to the Blue Goose Texas Pond meeting. Their ponies were well behaved and let these birds demonstrate how to flap their wings in grand style for all present.



The two cowboy/girl are: Trisha Acosta and Chris Wooten. Trish is an underwriter for Combined Group and has one daughter. We hear she is a pool shark! As for Christopher, well he works for Sedgwick Claims Services. He does not like to wear name tags – why????? Not sure about that! Both new Blue Goosers have a great big heart when it comes to charity.



The meeting was closed out with a presentation of baby clothes for our MLG, Jim Mathew's newly arrived daughter.



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.



“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 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

JANUARY MEETING - GRAPEVINE
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT
SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018
SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY
GRAPEVINE, TX

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MARCH 13, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY APRIL 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 8, 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 12, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

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



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.



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2017 – 2018

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