



# TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, February 12, 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.

A representative from Texas Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital will join us in February. We will present Scottish Rite with a check from the fantastic Kick Off Event in January.



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

I’ve mused on a couple of our cardinal elements: charity and character. This month I’ll take on fraternity. I’m reading Fyodor Dostoevsky’s the Brothers Karamazov. One of the characters, Fr. Zosima, recalls an encounter he had with a physician who said, “I love mankind, but I am

amazed at myself: the more I love mankind in general, the less I love people in particular.”

Let’s not be this guy. Fraternity in a lot of ways is similar to charity. Rightly understood, a true spirit of fraternity will reach out to those closest to us to ensure their comfort. We should practice being more affable, willing to engage all those around us to build meaningful relationships and not merely a more robust client base. At the same time, we must be careful to put aside the personal grievance we may have for another. Let’s readily reach out to those around us and forgive those that have wronged us.

One last thing: For the last several months the officers have been trying to be more mindful and intentional about introducing ourselves to new guests because we’re supposed to be welcome and encourage the stranger in our midst. I encourage all our members to engage someone you haven’t spoken with previously. It’s a good practice to get ourselves out of our comfort zone and it goes a long way to realizing the purpose of our organization.



## 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*

January 8, 2018 the Honorable Order of Blue Goose International – Texas Pond hosted a grand celebration to kick-off the New Year. The event was held at:

The proceeds from event went to benefit: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and The Blue Goose Texas Pond Scholarship Fund.



**SLOAN & WILLIAMS**  
**WINERY & TASTING ROOM**  
EST. 2014 - GRAPEVINE, TX

The evening was filled with fun & frolic, silent auction, raffle, lottery scratch off, music and awesome wine & food.



We could have not achieved the success of fellowship & charity without the help of our awesome sponsors.

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*This is how to start a PARTY! Let everyone walking Main Street know we are about to have some fun.*



*MLG Jim Mathew*



### *Silent Auction Display*



We had 72 folks pre-register and 5 more registered at the door.

All left over food was donated to the Grapevine Fire Station First Responders.

The winners of the 3 Gift baskets were: the wine basket – Stephen Keefer; golf basket – Trisha Klement; and Meat U Anywhere basket – Ray Wicker.

From this event we were able to generate \$4,000 + for our beneficiaries: Scottish Rite & the Texas Scholarship Fund.



*MLG Jim Mathew giving a BIG Blue Goose Texas Welcome to everyone!*



*Ganders, Gosling & Friends of the Pond*



*Gander Ed Roberts displaying his guitar and signing talent!*



*Sloan & Williams Event was Awesome!*



*Gander Jim Devall is our "2017 Super Goose" honoree.*

### *Thoughts to Ponder*

"One of my favorite little sayings is, 'To avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, be nothing.'" - **Robert Gates**

"Friends are the sunshine of life. - **John Hay**

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." - **James M. Barrie**

"Along about the beginning of February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer, I caught one of those colds which last for two days in the children and two weeks with me." - **Shirley Jackson**

Each year the Texas Pond, via the MLG, identifies one Gander to honor, who through the years has continued to make great contributions to the Pond through deed and spoken word. They demonstrate our three cardinal principles of: Character, Charity and Fellowship

# Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Program



Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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/>



## 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/>

## Signature Sponsor



Other golf activities at the tournament are:



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<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP

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

### PRIZES

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - \$150  
FARTHEST - \$50

To purchase golf balls for this event, go to our website at

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

Buy as many as you want....the more the merrier. **For the Ball Drop please remember you do not need to be present to win.**



## Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

### **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

**12<sup>TH</sup> 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**



## Texas Pond Officers 2017 – 2018

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