



TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, January 9, 2017

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Victoria's

Daphney Elliott, MLG



Happy New Year to each of our Texas Pond members!

A new year is always a time for reflection on the past year and planning for the upcoming months. As you reflect on the past few months with Blue Goose, I hope your memories are fond and your heart is happy. We have enjoyed some great events and meetings, visited with our friends, met some new folks, and had great success toward our goals. I hope you have enjoyed yourself as much as I have.

We have plans for 2017 to be much of the same including exciting events, working to help our beneficiaries, and grow our membership. As you read this note I hope you will commit to join us as often as possible and take an active role in your membership. After all, you get out of life what you put into it. Blue Goose can certainly make a positive impact on your professional and personal life.

Hats Off to 2016 and Cheers to You in 2017!! We look forward to seeing you often!

Blue Goose  *Texas Pond*
Invites You & Your Guests to Our Annual

New Year Kick-Off Party

Monday, January 9, 2017 ~ 5:30 to 8:00PM
Football Pool Game ~ Wine Pull Event ~
Live Entertainment
Benefiting our Scholarship Fund

\$20 Per Person

includes drinks and appetizers!

Register Online www.BlueGooseTX.org

\$35 cash only at the door

13435 Bee Street, Farmers Branch, TX
75234
ample parking on west side of building
www.thevictoriamexican.com

Bring a Friend to Join Blue Goose

\$20 registration fee refunded to guests who complete an application & pay \$50 dues to join Blue Goose on this evening!

Last Month

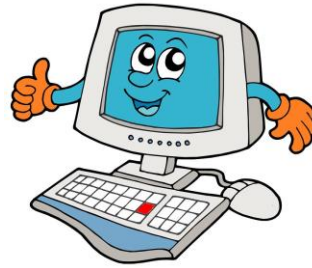


Last month we collected children's books for Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. A total of 83 books and 15 craft items were donated.



Happy Holidays to everyone from the Texas Pond!

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



**THE TEXAS POND
WEB SITE**

For several years, the Texas Pond has had a website. How many of you have visited the website? This is where all the newsletters and Pond info is housed. Our web site address is: www.bluegoosetx.com or you can also go to the Blue Goose Grand Nest: www.bluegoose.org

Now the Texas Pond is expanding its communication links by adding a Facebook and LinkedIn pages/accounts. We want every Blue Goose member to join these accounts.



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



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



O.K. Edward Roberts, we think you have been celebrating toooooo much! Then again, look at Larry Bednarz, is he a sleep? Neil, so what do you think about your Blue Goose colleagues?



Everyone listening intently.

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!

Also, please note there is a national Blue Goose LinkedIn page that you may want to become part of also.

tablecloth. White wines can range from a pale yellow-green to a brownish hue. Reds begin at purple and scale all the way to brown.

- California has more Chardonnay grapes than anyplace in the world. It has been the most successful white grape in the state, yielding a wine of tremendous character and magnificent flavor. It is also the top selling varietal in the United States.
- Per the U.S. Dietary Guidelines, there are 100 calories in a 5-ounce glass of wine (compared to 150 calories in a 12-ounce beer). Plus, wine is a fat-free and cholesterol-free drink. Cheers!

Did You Know???



Since we are having a “wine pull” at our gathering on Monday, January 9th, it would be good to have a little wine knowledge in our back pocket.

- It is a misconception that all wines improve with age. In fact, more than 90 percent of all wines should be consumed within one year. The three major collectibles that should age more than 10 years are: a great Châteaux of Bordeaux, the best producers of California Cabernet Sauvignon, and the finest producers of vintage port.
- February 18th is National “Drink Wine” Day.
- The top three imported wines sold in the U.S. are Yellowtail (Australia), Cavit (Italy), and Concha y Toro (Chile).
- IN 2008, the top five wine-producing states in the U.S. were California (3.4 million tons of grapes crushed for wine), Washington (145,000 tons), New York (45,000 tons), Oregon (40,000 tons), and Pennsylvania (13,200 tons).
- As white wines age, they gain color. Red wines, on the other hand, lose color as they age. To analyze your glass of wine, hold the glass on an angle in front of a white background, such as a napkin or



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

Thoughts to Ponder

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." - - **Oprah Winfrey**

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals." **Melody Beattie**

"I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years!"
Henry Moore





Calendar of Events

2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

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

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

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

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



Texas Pond Officers

2016 – 2017

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“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.”



Our Grand Nest Officers 2016-2017

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 Kohlruss, BC Pond

Grand Nest Historian
John Bishop, Nova Scotia Pond



Words to Think About

When the door of happiness closes, another opens;
but often times we look so long at the
closed door that we don't see the one,
which has been opened for us.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive.
Don't go for wealth; even that fades away.

Go for someone who makes you smile,
because it takes only a smile to
make a dark day seem bright.
Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Dream what you want to dream;
go where you want to go;
be what you want to be,
because you have only one life
and one chance to do all the things
you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet,
enough trials to make you strong,
enough sorrow to keep you human and
enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily
have the best of everything;
they just make the most of
everything that comes along their way.

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.