

# TEXAS POND HONKER

**July 2015**

**Character, Charity, Fellowship**



## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, July 13, 2015**

**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.

## HOUSTON PUDDLE



**DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

**PLACE: Molina's**

Calling all Ganders, Goslings and Friends to come join the fellowship of the Houston Puddle at Molina's; 7901 Westheimer; Houston, Texas.



She is signing our song ..... MLG, Daphney Elliott



Let's Have Some Fun!

You said it and we listened. You want our meetings to be more FUN and that's our primary goal as we begin our new fiscal year. We want you to look forward to attending our meetings after a long day of work. You should have a chance to mingle more, socialize, make new contacts, and bring your friends for a relaxed and enjoyable evening. We believe this in turn will lead to growth in our membership. So please share any ideas you have with an officer or send us a note. We value your opinion and welcome your ideas.

Here are a few ways we plan to incorporate more FUN into our monthly meetings:

- ~Less talk – 15 minutes max allowed for Goose News
- ~Appetizers – considering ways to have appetizers provided
- ~Charitable Activities – make a difference during a meeting
- ~Guest Speakers/Fun Topics – learn something new & useful
- ~Gander Focus – discover something new about another Gander

Have a safe and fun summer! We hope you'll join us each month.

## TIME TO START COLLECTING DUES



It is time to start collecting dues for 2015-2016 Blue Goose Year.

Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.com](http://www.bluegoosetx.com). Click the tab for Dues and complete the Blue Goose Datasheet. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

The option to pay by credit card will be available May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. Dues on line via a credit card will be \$55.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash then the Texas Pond will accept dues for \$50.00 at the meetings during this time span, which we are referring to as our "Early Bird in Person Rate".



## EDUCATION

Our 3rd Wednesday Wings Webinar was held on June 10th. Steve Badger was our speaker. What a great presentation and an outstanding attendance.

Now for our next presentation on Wednesday, July 15, 2015; The Ethics of Appraising the Property Loss will be presented by Leo Jordon of the Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP law firm.

Appraisals have become a strategic battleground between public adjusters and policyholder lawyers on one hand and insurance companies on the other. The results of an appraisal are very likely to be binding as to the amount of loss. This course will guide claims personnel on their involvement in the process.

Take a look at what we have scheduled from now until November. These noon webinars allow you sit at your desk and obtain an hour of continuing education. Just register on line at [www.bluegoosetx.com](http://www.bluegoosetx.com) and follow the instructions provided during the webinar to obtain your continue education credit.

Wednesdays following our Monthly DFW Texas Pond meetings Cost: \$10

Register Online at [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org)

DATES	COURSE
April 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Completed</b>	TDI 92536 Jury Trials for Adjusters Amy Pollock - Willis Law Firm
May 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>Completed</b>	TDI 29541 Adjusters Role in the Personal Injury Lawsuit John Malanga – Malanga Law Firm
June 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Completed</b>	TDI 100382 Texas Hail Damage Claims – 2015 Update from the Trenches Steve Badger – Zelle Hofmann
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	TDI (TBD) The Ethics of Appraising the Property Loss Leo Jordan - Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP <b>1 hour ETHICS</b>
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	TDI 96686 Myths & Realities of Bad Faith Law Jennifer Gibbs - Zelle Hofmann <b>1 hour ETHICS</b>
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Course TBD Bryan Pope - Vincent Lopez Serafino Jenevein, P.C.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	TDI (TBD) Erosion of Traditional Claim File Privileges: Are You Protected? Clint Cox - Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	TDI 92536 Jury Trials for Adjusters Amy Pollock - Willis Law Firm
No December course-----	



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On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> the Honorable Order of Blue Goose International – Texas Pond hosted a Blue Goose Gala prior to the Western Regional PLRB getting under way.

Seventy-three Ganders and guests from across the west and central USA came to share their friendship. We had folks from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and our dear State of Texas.

A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors who without their support we could have not had the success we had. Those sponsors are: RIMKUS Consulting Group, Inc.; American Technologies, Inc.; Nelson Forensics, LLC; Restoration Specialties; S-E-A, Ltd.; Halliwell Engineering Associates, Inc.; United Salvage Associates, Inc.; CRS Temporary Housing; RGL Forensics, Inc.; EFI Global, Inc.; Temporary Housing Directory, Inc.; Cunningham Lindsey; Crawford; & Assured Relocation.

These Texas Pond Ganders also desire an immense thank you for helping coordinate this event: Daphney Elliott, Jennifer Hatch, John Sterrantino & Linda Meik.

## Quotable Quotes

In his Poor Richard's Almanac, Franklin wrote many clever sayings which are still part of our cultural heritage today. At 26, Franklin published the first edition of Poor Richard's Almanac under the pseudonym Richard Saunders.

- Remember that time is money.
- A little neglect may breed mischief: for want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost.
- A penny saved is a penny earned.
- Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do.

- Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- Fish and visitors smell in three days.
- Genius without education is like silver in the mine.
- God helps them that help themselves.
- Haste makes waste.
- Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?
- It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.
- Little strokes fell great oaks.
- Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.
- Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.
- Well done is better than well said.
- In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.
- There never was a good war nor a bad peace.
- Never contradict anybody.

## LAST MONTH



A room full of great fellowship!



Kenna Johnson & Linda Meik presenting a check to NTFB from the golf tournament proceeds.



PMLG Ray Wicker installing the Pond Officers for 2015-2016.



July 19<sup>th</sup> the National Capital Pond in Baltimore will welcome Blue Geese from all over the USA and Canada to the banks of the Inner Harbor for the Grand Nest Convention. Daphney Elliott and John Sterrantino, from Texas, will be the Delegates for this convention. They will be joined by Alan Mayfield from Charlotte.

And then next month, these two Delegates will share with you all their adventures.....oh, and the will not tell you what the Texas Pond Wielder did or did not do. Alan will share the stories with all the Charlotte Puddle members.



The new MLG for 2015-2016, Daphney Elliott looking on as Linda Meik, Wielder presents Randy Webb with a pin to commemorate his year as MLG.



## Our Grand Nest Officers 2014-2015

**Most Loyal Grand Gander**  
**Bill Olson, National Capital Pond**

**Grand Supervisor of the Flock**  
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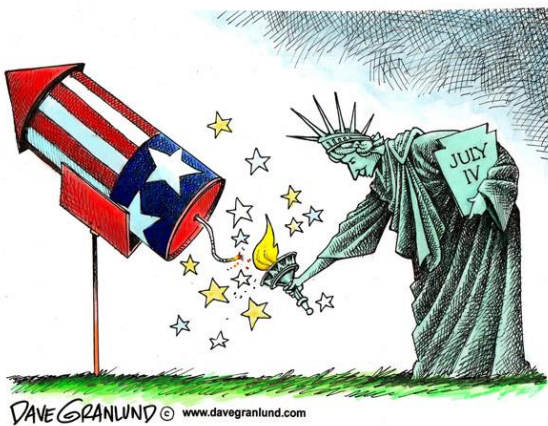
**Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg**  
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**Terry Maloney, Wisconsin Home Nest**

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**Jerry Hale, Hartford Pond**

## DID YOU KNOW?????????



Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence died on July 4, 1826 at noon in his home in Virginia. The day he died was the 50th anniversary of the document's signing.

Ironically, John Adams of Massachusetts who supported the Declaration of Independence and is also the father of President John Quincy Adams died just a few hours later on the same day, July 4, 1826.





## Calendar of Events

### 2015- 2016 Blue Goose Year

#### 2015 – 2016 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

##### **JULY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY JULY 13, 2015**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

##### **WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015**  
**12:00 P.M. CST**

##### **JULY MEETING – HOUSTON**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**THIRD TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015**  
MOLINA’S, HOUSTON, TX

##### **GRAND NEST CONVENTION – BALTIMORE** **JULY 19 – 22, 2015**

##### **AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2015**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

##### **WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015**  
**12:00 P.M. CST**

##### **AUGUST MEETING – HOUSTON**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**THIRD TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2015**  
MOLINA’S, HOUSTON, TX

##### **SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

##### **WEDNESDAY WINGS WEBINAR**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**  
**12:00 P.M. CST**

##### **SEPTEMBER MEETING – HOUSTON**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**THIRD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**  
MOLINA’S, HOUSTON, TX



## Upcoming Grand Nest Events

##### **July 2015**

109<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
*National Capital Pond and Eastern Region*  
<http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com>  
**July 19-22, 2015**

##### **July 2016**

110<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
*St Louis Pond*  
<http://www.bluegoosestl.org>

##### **July 2017**

111<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
*Southern Region Convention*  
*Savannah, Georgia*  
<http://bluegoosetx.com>  
**July 9-15, 2017**



## THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Our web site address is: [www.bluegoosetx.com](http://www.bluegoosetx.com) or  
you can also go to the Blue Goose Grand Nest:  
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## Some More Humor

Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy. To do nothing and have it count for something. To lie in the grass and count the stars. To sit on a branch and study the clouds. - **Regina Brett**

Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability. - **Sam Keen**

Let a man walk ten miles steadily on a hot summer's day along a dusty English road, and he will soon discover why beer was invented. - **Gilbert K. Chesterton**

I'm an idealist. I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way. - **Carl Sandburg**

A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's: She changes it more often.- **Oliver Herford**



## Suggestions for Summer

by

Shelia Moss, a humor writer from Tennessee.



“With winter over and summer on its way, people are beginning to plan exactly how they will spend the long, lazy days and enjoy their favorite season. As usual, I have a few suggestions for you:

**EXERCISE:** This is easily accomplished without fuss while mowing grass. Grass, as everyone knows, grows one inch per minute in the summer. That means that if you run as fast as you can while pushing the power mower in front of you, you can finish the yard at least 30 minutes before it is tall enough to mow again.

**PICNICS:** Picnics are a wonderful way for the family to spend time together in an unstructured manner. If you do not have time to prepare a picnic basket, feel free to stop at a fast food place and grab a bag of burgers. Food just tastes better when enjoyed in the fresh air. The ants, bees, and flies also enjoy eating outside where they can enjoy the food without hazardous obstructions, and they don't eat very much.

**PARKS:** Parks are a favorite way to enjoy the outdoors with a variety of different activities. There are often hiking trails and playground equipment for the kids. Be certain to pick up a tube of lineament on the way home to ease the aches from too much walking, band-aids for the kids knees, and some ointment for mosquito bites.

**VACATIONS:** Most people try to plan some time off work during the summer season. This gives a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the traffic jams while trying to reach your destination. Furthermore, you can spend a fortune to sleep and eat and see numerous interesting sights, such as other tourists doing the same thing. You will have an opportunity to visit destinations far different than your home and to push, shove, and sweat with strangers.

**SWIMMING:** This is a favorite activity for summer because it keeps you cool during the heat and provides healthy activity at the same time. Water activities can be great exercise and you can have fun in the sun while getting a healthy tan. If you do not have a tan to show off, cover those white legs with a towel and wear a jacket and sun hat and maybe no one will notice. If you do this correctly, only your ankles and the back of your neck will be sunburned.

**COOKOUTS:** Different foods are more readily available in the summer months, and a variety of foods can be prepared out of doors. Cooking over a charcoal fire gives food a taste not obtained with other types of cooking. Be sure to watch the food carefully, and keep your cell phone handy to summon the fire department if the deck catches on fire. Don't worry about the charred and dry meat, just slop on the barbecue sauce and eat it anyhow.

**CAMPING:** Many families enjoy getting back to basics by spending time living in the great outdoors and enjoying getting back to basics. Spending the night outside is far more enjoyable, however, if it is not raining. In the event of rain, we recommend moving to a motel. While this is more expensive than camping, it is also much more comfortable than soggy sleeping bags and squishy tennis shoes, which tend to spoil the outdoor experience in a hurry. It also helps immensely with keeping the raccoons out of your food.

**SPORTS:** There are many summer sports that can be enjoyed by individuals or as team activities. If tennis, golf and organized team sports no longer hold your interest, try some of the more extreme sports such as rubber rafting and bungee jumping. You will have an experience to remember and the hospital bill will be worth every penny.

And there you have it, suggestions for fun ways to spend your summer at home, on the road, or at far away locations.

Have fun... And be sure to remember to send a postcard so we can see what we missed while setting in front of the TV under the air conditioner complaining about the heat."



*Enjoy these summer days!*