



# TEXAS POND HONKER

June 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, June 12, 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.

Wow! Do we ever have a fun and jam packed agenda for this month's Texas Pond Blue Goose meeting. First off, we are going to have a celebration of all the great achievements the Texas Pond has had this year.

We will be honoring 5 Ganders who will be celebrating their 10-year membership anniversary. Come congratulate: Ashley Hansen, Tracy Wolf, Roger Foltz, Randy Webb and Mike McCrosky.

Following final nominations and voting, we will install our new 2017-2018 Officers.

Mandi Valdez from Scottish Rite Hospital for Children will be present to accept our check from our various activities this past year.

We will announce the 2016-2017 Scholarship winners at the end of our meeting.

Appetizers are going to be furnished by the Pond Officers.



**Daphney Elliott, MLG**

As I wrap up my last month as your MLG (Most Loyal Gander), I want to say THANK YOU to all of our Ganders, Goslings, and guests for all you have done for our Pond as a whole...particularly during this last 24 months.

When I moved into the role of MLG I had one key goal in mind. That goal was to facilitate member retention and growth by strengthening the dynamics of our Pond.

How were we going to do that? I personally felt that our members would enjoy attending our meetings if they were interesting and informative while remaining as quick and concise as possible. We know that most of our members attend meetings in order to visit with friends and colleagues in the industry and meet new contacts. So I wanted to make sure we facilitated networking at every meeting. And no one wants to attend meetings that are dull and boring, so we made it a point to make every meeting as fun and upbeat as possible.

I believe our Pond achieved many successes over the last 24 months. We retained most of our members and gained a few new faces, although I personally had expectations for much higher growth. We outdid ourselves in our charitable endeavors...Yay!! Our continuing education program was becoming a financial strain for us and our sponsors, so we attempted online educational seminars. For a variety of reasons we decided to eliminate continuing education altogether, but I am so proud of our efforts. We held some incredible events and meetings over the last two years. And we had continued success with our Annual Charity Golf Tournaments.

With all of this in mind I say "THANK YOU"! Thank you for supporting the Blue Goose organization and our Texas Pond by attending meetings, inviting new members to join, sponsoring events, donating to our beneficiaries, volunteering your time, and providing input on ways we could improve. Our Pond's success relies 100% on group effort. Your participation is very much appreciated!!

## *Fellowship & Fun*

**Blue Goose Family Outing**  
**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**  
**\$25 per person**  
**(includes \$10 Concession Credit)**



**Contact Ruben Castilla for tickets!**  
**214-677-5050**  
**castilla.rmc@gmail.com**

Our Guardian of the Pond put together a quick "Fellowship & Fun" event for everyone and their families. A total of \_\_\_ attended. The rain blew past us and the evening was fantastic. Lots of good conversation and laughter was had by all.



John, just sit down and enjoy the game. After all the little one below is being a very good boy!



So, ladies are you having a great time?????

## Next Month

Daphney Elliott, Jim Mathew, John Sterantino, Ray Wicker and Linda Meik will all be in Savannah, GA at the 111<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention when our next Texas Pond Blue Goose meeting is to take place.

Several very-very venturesome Ganders decided that they would like to get together for some fun and sipping time, so they are going to meet at Deep Ellum Brewery on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Deep Ellum Brewery is located at: 2823 St. Louis Street, Dallas, TX 75226. Plan to be there around 5:30 pm and stay as long as you want!

*There will be no newsletter for the month of July, as your editor will be in Savannah.*

## Last Month



Ed Roberts brought a bottle of wine, a card and some chocolates for someone to give as a gift for Mother's Day. The winner was Harry Hoyt! His wife is one lucky lady. P.S. The wine was named "Mad Housewife."



The room was filled with Ganders, Goslings & Guests. Lot's of great fellowship.



## 2017-2018 Dues

As we look to begin the 2017-2018 program year, we begin collecting dues for this next year at the close of our current 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](http://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 Wielder 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.

**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.

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### ***Signature Sponsor***



Check out what we have for our 12<sup>th</sup>  
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

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 [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://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](http://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.***



## Calendar of Events 2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

### **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**  
DEEP ELLUM BREWERY, DALLAS, TX



111<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
Southern Region Convention  
Savannah, Georgia  
July 9-15, 2017



### *Thoughts to Ponder*

"We cannot ask others to do what we have not done ourselves." – **Christiana Figueres**

"Leadership is not titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another." - **John C. Maxwell**

"Don't be intimidated by what you don't know. That can be your greatest strength and ensure that you do things differently from everyone else." – **Sara Blakely**



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