



TEXAS POND HONKER

March 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2016

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.



She is singing our song MLG, Daphney Elliott

Spring is in Full Swing....And so is Blue Goose!

Everyone loves the arrival of spring. We certainly didn't have to wait long this year in Texas for spring to kick into gear with sunny weather, rainfall, and blooming plants everywhere. The weather beckons for us to get outside, take part in city and family activities, and soak up the sun. It's great!!

At Blue Goose, we are also in high gear this time of year. Your Texas Pond has plans to fill Easter Baskets during our March meeting for the children that The Family Place serves. Please join us on Monday, March 14th for this

activity while visiting with the members and meeting a few new guests.

In addition to monthly meeting activities, players and sponsors are signing up now for our 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament which will be held on Friday, May 6th. We are excited to offer a Ball Drop again this year to kick off our tournament. So go to our website and sign up! We would love to have you take part!!

On a national level, members and their families are registering for the 2016 Blue Goose National Convention being held in St. Louis this summer in July. Many fun activities are offered for all ages to see the sights and sounds that make St. Louis a great city. We would love for the Texas Pond to be well represented. So please consider joining us!

Nationally and locally, Blue Goose offers engaging activities in order to facilitate development of character, charity and fellowship in our membership. We hope you plan to join us for some fun in the sun! So bring a friend and get ready for a great time with some great people in our industry. We look forward to seeing you!!

Quotable Quotes

"Vision is the art of seeing the invisible." **Jonathan Swift**

"A moment's insight is sometimes worth a lifetime of experience." **Ernest Holmes**

"Nothing in this world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." **Victor Hugo**

"Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move men." **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

"The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the

obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were." **John F. Kennedy**



Rolling Towards the Southern Region Convention in 2017

At 211 degrees, water is hot.

At 212 degrees, it boils.

And with boiling water comes steam....

And with steam, you can power a train.

Over the last several months we have apprised you of the Southern Region's convention pin. The pin was shared with folks at the 109th convention in Baltimore.

The Southern Region is kicking off a fund raiser for the Southern Region members utilizing these pins. Each member of the Southern Region that purchases a pin, can also be entered into a drawing by completing a registration ticket.

At the Southern Region Regional meeting in St. Louis two names will be drawn: 1st place will be a free registration (\$375 in value) to the 2017 Southern Region Convention in Savannah, GA.; and the 2nd place winner will receive \$50 cash. One does not have to be present to win. The pin cost is \$20.



The Texas Pond's MLG will be presenting more details on this at our meeting.



Hello -- I have a question!

Have you signed up for the the 11th Annual Texas Pond Golf Tournament?????



TEXAS BLUE GOOSE POND'S 11th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

North Texas Food Bank Scottish Rite Hospital
Wounded Warriors

Friday, May 6, 2016

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

For further details, contact Wayne Ottoway at 214-220-5683 or via email at Wayne.ottoway@cna.com.

Signature Sponsor





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MEMBERSHIP

Extending the hand of friendship..... No matter where you are.....remember membership recruitment is key to our organization, and each of us must do their part!



Did You Know?
The Blue Goose Organization has 39 Ponds & several Puddles across the USA & Canada in its organization and as of to-date we have 3843 members.

The Texas Pond, of which Charlotte is a Puddle of, has 105 members: Texas has 79 & Charlotte has 26 members.



Last Month

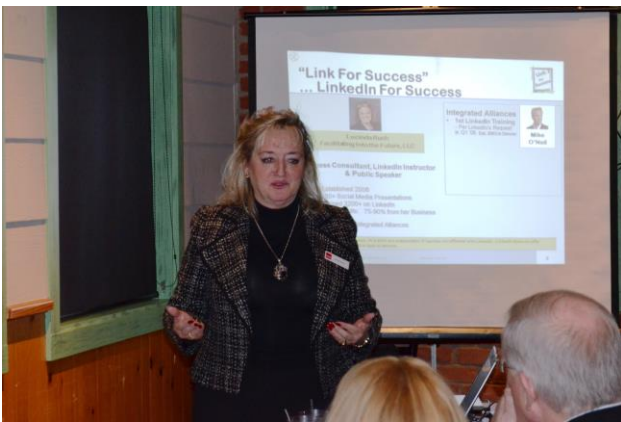


Lucinda Ruch presented “The Power of LinkedIn...What’s Your ROI?” at our February meeting. Lucinda is the president & CEO of Facilitating Into the Future, LLC (LinkforSuccess.com) where business consulting and LinkedIn services unite to help individuals and businesses gain a competitive advantage.

www.LinkForSuccess.com



Everyone listened intently to the great information presented by Lucina Ruch.



Great tips and insight in how to utilize this social media program was provided to all the attendees at our February meeting of the Texas Pond.



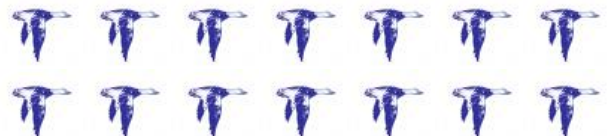
Scott Sterrantino was presented with our 2nd Super Goose Award for 2015-2016. Scott is the Texas Pond’s Acting Webmaster.

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Appetizers were sponsored by Ashley Hansen with Buchanan Clarke Schlader LLP. Thank You Ashley!

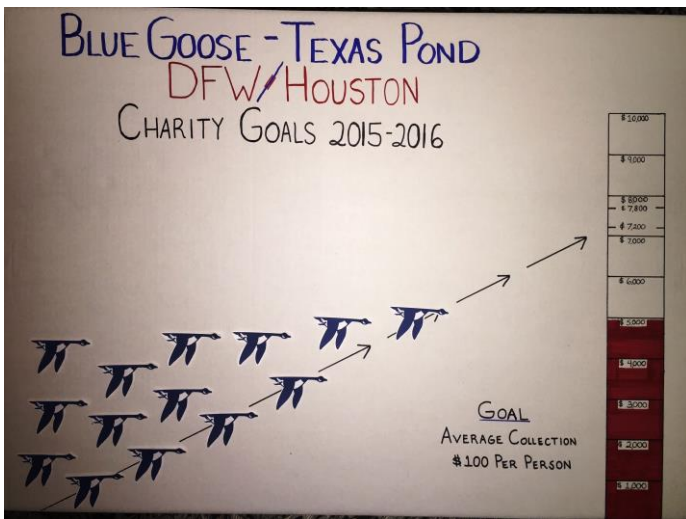




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Charity Works

The Texas Pond is soaring high in its Charity endeavors. At the close of our December meeting, the Texas Pond has made donations to our various beneficiaries totaling **\$5,091.**



Our charity goal for 2015-2016 is an average of \$100 per member. Our current membership is 79 wonderful Ganders.



Did You Know?????

The Native Indians of Texas included the Apache, Alabama, Atakapa, Biloxi, Caddo, Cherokee, Choctaw, Comanche, Creeks, Koasati, Koroa, Kiowa, Muskogee, Pueblos, Quapaw, Shawnee, Waco and Wichita tribes.

Origin of the name - Texas comes from the Caddo Indian word "teysha" meaning "hello friend" referring to the friendly tribes throughout the region.



Calendar of Events

2015- 2016 Blue Goose Year

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

GOSLING INITIATION

SECOND MONDAY APRIL 11, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

BLUE GOOSE 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLD THIS DATE: MAY 6, 2016

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

BEGIN DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017

PRESENTATION OF 2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

SECOND MONDAY MAY 9, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2016-2017

INSTALLATION OF 2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

SECOND MONDAY JUNE 13, 2016

ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX



Upcoming Grand Nest Events

July 2016

110th Grand Nest Convention

St Louis Pond

<http://www.bluegoosestl.org>

July 20-23, 2016

July 2017

111th Grand Nest Convention

Southern Region Convention

Savannah, Georgia

<http://bluegoosetx.com>

July 9-15, 2017



Texas Pond Officers 2015 - 2016

Most Loyal Gander – Daphney Elliott (W) 972-342-8728 Daphney.Elliott@HospitalBillReview.com

Supervisor of the Flock – Vacant – TBD

Custodian of the Goslings – Roger Foltz (C) 214-914-3733 Rbfoltz@aol.com

Guardian of the Pond – Wayne Ottoway (W) 214-220-5683 wayne.ottoway@cna.com

Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – John Sterrantino (w) 972-931-8307 johns@williamsripa.com
And
Ashley Hansen (w) 817-788-3008 ashansen@aol.com

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 817-269-6516 lsmeik@aol.com



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Check out our website, we have made several exciting updates to our website.

Our web site address is: www.bluegoosetx.com or you can also go to the Blue Goose Grand Nest: www.bluegoose.org



Our Grand Nest Officers 2015-2016

Most Loyal Grand Gander
Randy Wilson, St. Louis Pond

Grand Supervisor of the Flock
Linda Meik, Texas Pond

Grand Custodian of the Ganders
Mark Robertson, Edmonton Pond

Grand Guardian of the Nest
Kim Bilbrey, Dayton Pond

Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg
Dan Rich, Hartford Pond

Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill
Terry Maloney, Wisconsin Home Nest

Judge Advocate
Robert Cockerham, St. Louis Pond

Grand Nest Historian
Jerry Hale, Hartford Pond



Some More Humor

*Love the sayings on those
Coffee Mugs*

