



# TEXAS POND HONKER

May 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, May 14, 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.

Appetizers for our May meeting will be sponsored by Genex Services.



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

Springtime is here, albeit a cold one so far. It's a time for growth and change. As we approach the close of the 2017-2018 TX HOBGI year we'll be looking to our members to fill officer and committee positions. I encourage you to consider serving our great order with your time and strategic thinking to continue to grow this already thriving Pond.



*Golf Time is Here*

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. The Ball Drop will be at 8:00 sharp and one does not need to be present to win. The golfers will head to the golf course for an 8:30 shot gun start.

## 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



## OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:

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Other golf activities at the tournament are:

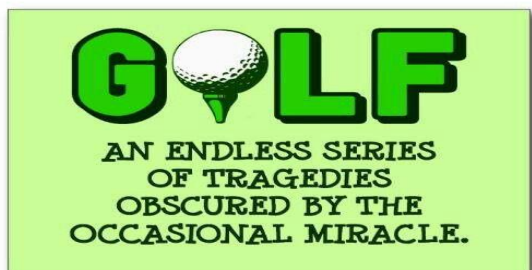
**Mulligans**.....buy as many as you want! Or, should I say need????

**Putting Contest**, the winner will take home half of the proceeds collected for this event.

**3rd<sup>t</sup> ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP**, 4 prizes: Closest to the Hole (1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500; 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$300; 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - \$150; and farthest from the Hole wins \$50).

Golf registration can be found on our website at:

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



## Committees – we need you....



Each Executive Officer have been placed either as the Chair or Co-Chair of these committees. In addition to each Executive Officer we are looking for members to step forward and take an active part in one committee. We would suggest that no member undertake more than one committee as each committee will be looking at some meeting time beyond our monthly meeting. The committee members will formulate goals, duties; undertake activities for the year, etc. Making these committees vibrant will push our Pond to the next level and will assist us in growing the membership. Members want a purpose and to know that their organization is being active, so we ask each of you to seriously evaluate which committee you would like to sit on and be prepared to give a small amount of time toward the success of the committee and our great organization.

**CHARITY COMMITTEE:** The Texas Pond of the Blue Goose has chosen North Texas Food Bank, Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, Community Partners of Dallas, The Family Place, and Wounded Warriors for their beneficiaries. This committee needs 4-5 members who will attend the meetings and assist in the collection of items for the beneficiaries as identified for the meeting. These members will then deliver the items to the applicable charity and provide the Wielder with the receipt for the Pond records. This committee will act as the liaison to each of these entities and seek ways for the Pond to support the goals of these organizations. **This committee is chaired by a gander appointed by the Most Loyal Gander.**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Scholarship Committee, reviews the applications submitted and makes recommendations on the recipients, to include scholarship amounts within the parameters set forth by the Executive committee. This committee currently consists of 5 ganders in addition to the Chair. **This committee is chaired by the Guardian of the Pond and the Wielder of the Goose Quill.**

**GOLF ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:** This committee undertakes the Golf Tournament for the Texas Pond. Members (ganders) of this committee need to be willing to seek

sponsorships and golfers for the golf tournament, set up & coordinate the Ball Drop, organize the donations for the golfer bags and solicit prize donations. This committee currently consists of 5 -6 ganders in addition to the Chair. **This committee is to be chaired by the Supervisor of the Flock and the Guardian of the Pond.**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** This committee undertakes the Holiday Party and other Blue Goose outings for the Texas Pond. We are seeking 4-5 members to assist in these events. This committee may also work in conjunction with the Charity Committee for events. **This committee is chaired by all the Pond Officers.**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** This committee undertakes the promotion/recruitment of new members for the Texas Pond. We are seeking 8 members (ganders) for this committee; 3 members focused on the workers' compensation arena of insurance and 3 focused on those servicing & working in the property or other areas of the insurance arena. **This committee is chaired by the Custodian of the Goslings and the Wielder of the Goose Quill.**



On the banks of the Brazos River, stand several unsuspecting Goslings (Bucks & Buckaroos) ready to take their first swim. The Brazos river is the 11<sup>th</sup> longest river in the USA. Flowing 840 miles (1,350 km) through the center of Texas to the Gulf of Mexico.



## *Last Month*



The Texas Pond is assembled and ready for business.



It has been a long ride for these Bucks and their beloved ponies!





Whoa! These Bucks & Buckaroos have arrived at the campfire of the Texas Pond. They are wishing to join this wagon train of great Ganders.



They are waving their arms and dancing on the banks of the Brazos (Texas Pond).

Let's meet these fine new members:



*Caesar Mercado*

Caesar is President of ART of Dalls/Fort Worth. He grew up in Hollywood, went to ULCA & USC. He is married for 35 glorious years & has 3 kids. He loves the people of Blue Goose, the philanthropy and the meeting location.



*Sheri Deaton*

This fine new Gander has been married for 27 years, has a beautiful daughter and 2 furry children. Sheri is an Area Sales Manager for Genex Services and this year celebrates 25 years with them. She loves to see Blue Goose giving to charities and following through on their commitments.



*Jacque Jagger*

Ms. Jacque is an Account Executive for the Business Development Director of Belfor Property Restoration..



*Jordan Woodruff*

Jordan is a Area Sales Manager for Genex and loves how she learns something new every day. She loves to play golf and volleyball. Ms. Jordan has a furry baby named Bella. Jordan loves how friendly and inviting the people of Blue Goose are.



*Quinntin Augustine*

Quinntin is a Senior Managing Member & Broker for Atlas Settlement Group, Texas, providing structured settlements and financial consulting services. He is married with two sons and is an auto enthusiast. Quinntin believes strongly in the Blue Goose precept of giving back & serving the community.



*Jason Znoy*

This mischevious Gander loves animation, technology & travel. He currently works as a Claims Team Lead (liability) for Sedgwick Clams Services. Jason has three furry friends who reside with him. He loves the warm atmosphere and charitable giving of the Texas Pond of Blue Goose.



*Stephanie Kirby*

This fine Gander is a recruiter for Q-Temps/Questpro Consultants.



*Steve Trim*

Steve lives in Plano with his wife and their furry pet. He works for Rose Interational as their Sales Director. This Gander loves mountain biking and going to classic car shows. He really likes the people of Blue Goose and how friendly they are.



*Matthew Arnold*

Now this fine new Gander is engaged and plans to marry in September. He is a Claim Team Lead (Liability) for Sedgwick Claim Services. Matt has as a transplant to the DFW area he enjoys the aspect of Blue Goose that allows him to become a part of the community. He loves all the charity aspects of the organization.

the kiddos' reactions when they received the beautiful and fun Easter Baskets we gave them?

I know they were smiling huge SMILES and still have very GRATEFUL hearts. And you should be so proud of your efforts and generosity. You helped make this one of the most successful years our Pond has had regarding charity.

Below is a review of the past five years for two of our beneficiaries. Keep in mind that we moved our Golf Tournament in 2017 which made those numbers lower than usual. Then take a look at this year and just imagine how much higher our numbers would be if we had not needed to reschedule this year's golf tournament due to the hurricanes.

Scottish Rite Hospital for Children	North Texas Food Bank
2014 - \$4,248 (anonymous donor gave \$2,000, so the organization gave \$2,248)	2014 - \$2,883
2015 - \$2,250	2015 - \$2,250
2016 - \$2,750	2016 - \$2,750
2017 - \$1,600	2017 - \$ 875 matching donation brings it to \$1,750
2018 - \$3,000	2018 - \$1,220 matching donation brings it to \$2,440



Many of you will remember that in 2016 we won the Grand Nest Charity Award for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. This is the highest award given to any pond for their charitable efforts. It was not only the funds we raised and the donations we gave that year that got noticed, but our drive to set goals and meet or exceed them was what really stood out.

The goal setting continues as we try to reach \$100 per member and you helped us exceed our goal again this year. Our overall charity total is \$9,869.21 which equates to \$126.53 per member!! Keep in mind...this was achieved without the benefit of a charity golf tournament.

So, keep thinking about the faces and hearts of our beneficiaries. They are SMILING & GRATEFUL and very much appreciate all you do for them!!



**2018 Texas Pond Charity Drive - An Exceptional Effort**

Can you imagine the faces of the children who received our school supply and toy donations this year? How do you think the people who were devastated by the hurricanes felt when they received some of the fantastic assistance that we provided to them? Can you imagine



## Thoughts to Ponder

Signs of The Times.....

In a Podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

In an Optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

At a Muffler Shop: "No Appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully! We'll wait."

On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."



## Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

**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 11, 2018**  
THE PATIO OF CANTINA LAREDO, DALLAS, TX

**JULY MEETING - DALLAS**  
**NO MEETING**

**GRAND NEST CONVENTION**  
**EDMONTON, CANADA**  
**JULY 11 – JULY 13, 2018**



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**Guardian of the Pond** – TBD

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