



TEXAS POND HONKER

November 2016

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, November 14, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: On The Border

We are back at the On The Border in Addison for the months of November and December.

Infant/Toddler: puzzles, board books, building blocks, stuffed

At the November meeting we are going to hold an initiation for several young Goslings that are listed below:

Charlotte Armstrong
James Fulmer
Wade Kotria
Sherry Montes
Eddy Pokluda
Sabu Yohennan

Chris Dailey
Amanda Hignight
Richie Mattoni
Lynn Polk
Jordann Reis

Goslings come dressed appropriately in order to take your first official swim in the Texas Pond.

This month, our charity focus will be collecting toys for Community Partners of Dallas. Everyone stop and obtain 3-4 toys so that Blue Goose can help provide some children with the best Christmas ever. By supporting Community Partners of Dallas' Toy Drive, you will help grant wishes for more than 5,500 of Dallas County's abused and neglected children. For some, it may be the first time they have ever received a present. For all, it will be a time that makes them feel special and one that they remember.

Here are some ideas for gifts by age range:

Infant/Toddler: puzzles, board books, building blocks, stuffed animals, blankets, trucks, clothes. musical instruments for toddlers, riding toys, push toys, baby dolls (all ethnicities) or stuffed animals.

Children Ages 3-6: baby dolls, dolls or Barbies (all ethnicities), puzzles, books, developmental board games (counting games), arts and crafts sets, race tracks, Legos, dress up clothes, children's videos, bikes and clothes.

Children Ages 7-12: board games, books, purses and wallets, art sets, boom boxes, sports equipment, Barbie dolls (all ethnicities), arts and crafts sets, journals, model car kits, clothes, bikes, jewelry and clothes

Teens Ages 13-18: books, journals, Bath and Body gifts, make up sets, sports equipment, purses and wallets, jewelry and watches, art supply kits, gift certificates to Wal-Mart or Target, DVD's, MP3 Players and clothes.

Below is a list of the most needed toys:

Most Needed Toys 2016	Light Up Toys
Bikes African American Dolls	MP3 Players
Learning Toys for Toddlers	LEGO sets
Bath and Body gift sets	Small Tablets
ANYTHING from FROZEN	LeapFrog toys
Remote control cars	
Toddler push toys	
Basketballs/footballs/soccer balls	

Other Ways to Support out Charities

NTFB BOX: If you have canned food at home, bring it to any meeting and put in the NTFB box. Or, stop at the nearby grocery store and grab a few cans. When the box gets filled we will deliver to NTFB.

CHARITY BOWL: Each us carries around a lot of spare or loose change, well let's lighten your load and give you a place to deposit these coins. This charity bowl is on the registration table. Remember, any amount is welcome and these coins really add up.

Daphney Elliott, MLG



Get Involved. Be Impactful.

I am so proud to be part of our Texas Pond. We have enjoyed some interesting and fun meetings recently, we have had the opportunity to be involved in some fun events, and our charitable contributions are without a doubt making an impact with our beneficiaries.

Did you attend the Rooftop Roundup Event at El Fenix on October 10th? If not, we wish you could have been there. We all enjoyed a gorgeous evening with our Blue Goose friends and their guests.

Three days later Linda and I along with some friends of mine attended the Treasure Street charity event for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. I encourage more people to attend this annual event as you are guaranteed to experience a night to remember while supporting one of the most pioneering and advanced hospitals of its kind in the country.

What's next? We are initiating new members and having our annual Toy Drive at the November meeting. In December, we are planning to feature a guest speaker and book drive at our meeting. And then we are Kicking-Off the New Year with another exciting private event featuring a Wine Pull and live music in January!!

As they say, you get out of things what you put into them...so get involved and be impactful. You will be so glad you did.

See you at the November meeting!!

Last Month

On a great October (early) evening several Ganders, Goslings and Guests gathered on the banks of the Texas Pond or should I say on the rooftop of El Fenix restaurant in downtown Dallas.



What an awesome location.



The Registration Team – Linda Meik & Ashley Hansen



Following registration, it is off to get some food & a beverage.



Ganders, Goslings & Guests enjoying themselves.



Oh, what fun we are having.



Good food, good beverages and good friends.



Live music for the evening was provided by Meia & Dillan.



Notice anyone's face that appears in every picture?



Our incredible sponsors.



Great fellowship!



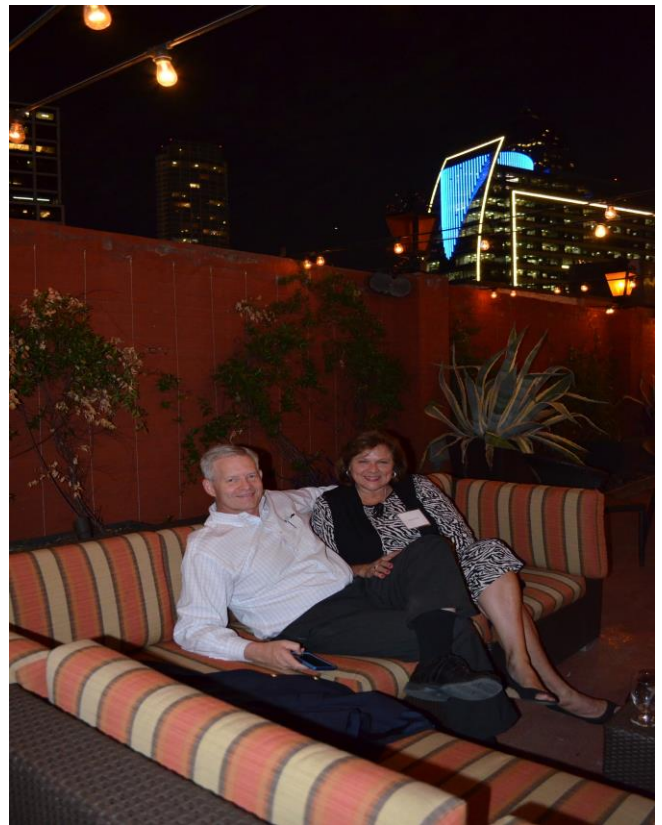
Winner of the 50:50 Drawing – Tracey Noonan



What an awesome evening from evening to after dusk!



Good friends & industry colleagues enjoying themselves.



Just relaxing in the evening air.

T E X A S SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

October 13, 2016

Treasure Street Benefiting Scottish Rite Hospital
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, October 13th, Scottish Rite Hospital held a fundraising event called “Treasure Street.” Daphney Elliott and Linda Meik were in attendance, along with several of Daphney’s girlfriends and neighbors.

Daphney was in attendance last year and the way she described the event is what made Linda say she wanted to be part of this year’s event.

It was a truly awesome and fun event. One’s ticket included all food and drinks!!! This was a top-notch event from start to finish: proficient valet, food and drinks were even offered at the shuttle to the venue, check in was a breeze, the way they handled the silent auction was so easy, the gourmet food was truly gourmet and wonderful specialty drinks, great wine, fabulous entertainment, a gorgeous venue, excellent event preparation and layout, easy access to everything. Worth every dollar to attend. We all had a great time.



Emerald City Band provided some awesome music for the evening.



Linda Meik & Daphney Elliott



Here we are, having a really good time.



Now we grls did have some great fun! Can you tell?



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



Linda Meik and Mary Kay Marchetti show casing the theme of the 2017 Southern Region Convention: "Passport to the South."



Calendar of Events

2016- 2017 Blue Goose Year

2016-2017 BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2016
 ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2016
 ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

2016 COMES TO A CLOSE AND WE EMBARK ON THE NEW YEAR OF 2017!

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2017
 VICTORIA'S, FARMERS BRANCH, TX

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



THE TEXAS POND WEB SITE

Check out our website. How many of you have noticed the updates.

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



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Grand Custodian of the Ganders

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Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill

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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.