



Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International

Texas Pond

Charity

Fellowship

Education



# TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, October 9, 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.

Appetizers this month will be furnished by Kenna Johnson, Matson Driscoll and Damico, LLP.



Come join us for an evening of great Fellowship and updates on upcoming Blue Goose – Texas Pond activities.

We will also have an update on the charity endeavors for the Pond and the great Charity focus provided by the Honorable Order of Blue Goose International in the Feeding America – NTFB for Hurricane Harvey.

# CANCELLED



## 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

**DUE TO HURICANES  
HARVEY, IRMA, MARIA  
THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
BLUE GOOSE GOLF  
TOURNAMENT IS  
BEING RESET FOR 2018.**



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### Off to the races with Jim Mathew, MLG!

## FELLOWSHIP: What is it?

One of the precepts of the Honorable Order of Blue Goose, International is Fellowship.

- ❖ Fellowship is extending a warm welcome to all Ganders.
- ❖ Fellowship is welcoming guests and making new Ganders comfortable with the group.
- ❖ Fellowship is taking a moment to call or drop a note to a Gander who is hurting.
- ❖ Fellowship is a call just to say how proud you are of a fellow member when they are promoted or receive special recognition.
- ❖ Fellowship is remembering to thank officers, directors and committee chairpersons from time to time.
- ❖ Fellowship is helping on committees to further the Pond's interest.
- ❖ Fellowship is inviting our business associates and friends to a meeting.
- ❖ Fellowship is attending meetings.
- ❖ Fellowship is keeping in mind the business skills of members and how you might help them.
- ❖ Fellowship is being a dependable Gander.
- ❖ Fellowship is providing a service to your community through our charity objective.
- ❖ Fellowship is being honest, ethical insurance person, being proud of our industry.
- ❖ Fellowship is being a good listener.
- ❖ Fellowship is attending a Grand Nest Convention to become acquainted with the national officers and to meet Ganders from other Ponds and Regions.
- ❖ Fellowship is taking advantage of opportunities to serve and to come to know and appreciate the fine Ganders belonging to other groups.
- ❖ And finally, Fellowship is speaking positively about the Honorable Order of Blue Goose, International and our industry.

Last month has been a whirlwind of catastrophic losses- Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Jose and the earthquakes in Mexico. We keep them and their family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. We also keep in mind those who are involved in rescue and recovery, including some of our own members in Blue Goose around North America. When I consider one of our cardinal principles, charity, I don't limit its understanding to simply almsgiving. Instead, I understand it in its historical Christian context as another word for love, which is very different than what we see in films and TV. Love/Charity is not a feeling. It is an action, a choice, an act of the will. Feelings come and go, but love acts in the best interest of others and is self-sacrificial. That is what I believe we do and encourage in Blue Goose, albeit in small and subtle ways. We each certainly give money and time providing assistance. Through our other two cardinal principles, character and fellowship, I believe we are also called to take this spirit into our professional work. So that when the going gets tough, we remember that our work is an honorable one where we are at times called to make small sacrifices practicing other virtues like patience, forgiveness, and fortitude. In our own organization, we ask of members to make similar small sacrifices when they get involved because we keep in mind a greater goal. So, every small and burdensome phone call, email, and writing is done with zeal because we made a promise during our initiation to comfort those who have been afflicted, send cheer into the sick room, lift up and strengthen those who have fallen, and give welcome and encouragement to the stranger in our midst. Again, we each do this in small and subtle ways which add up- and it is all heroic. During our last Convention, one of the speakers, Billy Riggs, shared a wonderful anecdote. An elderly monk came upon the construction site of a church where he saw three men at work laying bricks for a wall. He went to the first one and asked him what he was doing. The first worker replied gruffly, "What does it look like I'm doing, I'm laying bricks." The monk asked the second worker the same, who responded, "Well, I'm building a church." Finally, the monk asked the third worker the same question and he responded, "I'm advancing the kingdom of God."

## Last Month

We collected household items for the Family Place. A total of \$196.81 in goods were donated. To this cause.



*the family place*

Each year, **The Family Place** helps hundreds of women and their children start over again with “**Starter Kits.**” These donations provide many of the items needed to set up a household, such as sheets, blankets, towels, dishes, pots and pans and other kitchen items.



Appetizers for the September meeting were provided by Tracy Wolf of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith.

## Thoughts to Ponder

“Don’t chase happiness; recognize it.” - **Dr. Travis Bradberry**

“Logic will get you from “A” to “B”. Imagination will take you everywhere.” - **Albert Einstein**

“It’s easy enough to be pleasant, when life flows along like a song, but the man worthwhile is the man with a smile, when everything goes dead wrong.” - **Unknown**

## The 2017 D/FW RIMS Fall Conference, Golf Tournament & Spa Event October 26th and 27th, 2017 Gaylord Texan Hotel

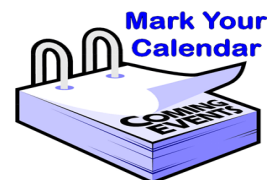
**Bear Creek Golf Course  
3500 Bear Creek Court  
Dallas, Texas 75261**

Welcome to the D/FW RIMS Fall Conference, Golf Tournament & Spa Event Sponsorship Sign up! Our Fall Conference will be held at the Gaylord Texan this year on Thursday, October 26th, 2017, with the Golf and Spa Events the following day on Friday, October 27th, 2017.

The theme for this year’s conference is: **Business @ the Speed of Risk!**

Our Keynote speaker this year is: **Maher Maso, Mayor of Frisco**

For further details and to register for the conference, spa or gold tournament go to [www.dfwrims.org](http://www.dfwrims.org)



## Calendar of Events 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

**OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2017**  
**ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX**

**NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2017**  
**ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX**

**DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**MARCH MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY MARCH 13, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**APRIL MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY APRIL 10, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**MAY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY MAY 8, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**JUNE MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY JUNE 12, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**JULY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY JULY 10, 2018**  
ON THE BORDER, DALLAS, TX

**GRAND NEST CONVENTION**

EDMONTON, CANADA  
JULY 11 – JULY 13, 2018



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