



TEXAS POND HONKER

September 2017

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, September 11, 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.



the family place

Let's help them by either purchasing/donating items for "Starter Kits" or for the Resale Shop.

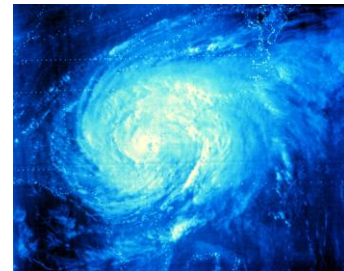
Each year, The Family Place helps hundreds of women and their children start over again with "Starter Kits." These donations provide many of the items needed to set up a household, such as sheets, blankets, towels, dishes, pots and pans and other kitchen items.

Gently Used Household and Clothing Items

The Family Place Resale Shop serves a vital role for our clients, who often give up everything to flee for safety. Clients are provided with vouchers to purchase what they need at our Resale Shop so that they can start new lives free from violence.



Appetizers this month will be furnished by Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP via Tracy Wolf and Margaret Mead.



Hurricane Harvey, what an unbelievable storm!

Get Involved | Disaster Relief

How can we, Texas Pond of Blue Goose?

Go to www.ntfb.org/get-involved/donate-money-landing/disaster-relief

Keep a copy of your donation receipt and give it to Linda Meik. Let's show the Houstonians that the Texas Pond of Blue Goose is thinking of them.

The North Texas Food Bank is a proud partner of the Mass Care Task Force, a partnership between NTFB, Red Cross DFW, Salvation Army, and VolunteerNow.

NTFB has worked over the past several days to provide MREs, snacks and beverages to evacuees at local shelters as part of our role with the Mass Care Task Force

(including partners Red Cross DFW, The Salvation Army DFW, and Volunteer Now).

Currently, monetary donations are the most effective way that one can support NTFB's efforts. Your donation will help to not only ensure that NTFB can activate our disaster-relief efforts quickly and meaningfully in the event of a large-scale disaster, but also that their ongoing food assistance programs are well equipped to meet any increases in need after a disaster.



Jim Mathew, 2017-2018 MLG

Off to the races! Jim is lead jockey now for the 2017-2018 Texas Pond Blue Bonnet (Goose) Stakes! (Isn't that the State flower for Texas?)

I am writing this message as our neighbors down in Houston are suffering Hurricane Harvey. The news states that the storm will continue its path into southwestern Louisiana. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected and we pray especially for the lives lost.

Certainly, as decent men and women we will extend assistance as members of the Blue Goose, International-Texas Pond because we recall our obligation when we promised to comfort those who have been afflicted and to lift up and strengthen those who have fallen. In addition, because we're uniquely situated as insurance professionals and those working within the industry to assist those affected in a professional capacity, we should recall the Charge from our initiation that our business is a most honorable one. And that it matters not how much we may know of the intricacies of our business, nor how high we may rise in its preferment; our gain will be temporary, our mission unfulfilled if we have failed to achieve the cardinal element of Character.

For the next several weeks and months, or for however long it takes, let's be mindful of our professional responsibility despite the hardship and fatigue that is expected. Let's remember that our policyholders and insureds will be looking to us in this great time of difficulty hoping that we are people of honor and character. Remember to Tote Fare!



2017-2018 Dues

The 2017-2018 program year is well under way and we are collecting dues.

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) 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 will be available until the end of September, after that it will only be cash or check.

Last Month

BACK toSCHOOL2017

at Community Partners of Dallas



The Texas Pond collected school supplies for Community Partners of Dallas at the August meeting,



A total of \$407.25 in school supplies & back packs was collected, along with a \$120 (cash donation), which was matched six times to equate to \$720 in monetary donation for the children of Community Partners.

Congratulations Texas Pond members for kicking off our charity endeavors for 2017-2018.

Appetizers for the August meeting were provided by Daphney Elliott, Chapman Consulting.



Prizes were given to eight Ganders who had or have signed up to join the FaceBook group for the Texas Pond.



Membership or Belonging? The choice is yours to make.

(This article was paraphrased from a message the current DFW-RIMs President's August message.)

The desire to be a member of a purposeful society, to be on the inside of a meaningful group, to participate in something larger than oneself is fundamental to human nature. People draw identity from their participation in communities of purpose, whatever form they might take. Without meaningful groups in which to participate, individuals usually experience not just loneliness, but a lack of fulfillment and a deep sense of separation or alienation. Longing for belonging is a powerful desire.

The Texas Blue Goose Pond is a community with purpose. Every decision and activity supports our mission of advancing the insurance profession among its members, guests and business community through charity programs and networking opportunities.

Members of the Texas Blue Goose members do not get together merely to be together. We get together to do something together! Our goals include meeting needs of Insurance professionals by creating opportunities for everyone to participate in fulfilling educational, networking, and service needs where we work and live.

We engage insurance professionals; encourage them to grow in knowledge and confidence; and instill a regenerative and creative spirit among all stakeholders that sustains the profession and organization benefiting each other and the community.

The real value of Blue Goose is the sense of identity, intimate connection, and purpose gained through pond participation with some of the best insurance professionals in Texas, as well as throughout the USA and Canada.

Your Texas Pond Blue Goose Executive Officers and Committee Chairpersons want members to form relationships through participation in our events and service opportunities. We want to know you as more than a name on the membership roll.

Membership without connection is separation from the best Blue Goose has to offer. Belonging to the Texas Pond provides opportunities to enjoy the full benefits of a relationship with fellow insurance professionals engaged in meaningful purpose where you work and live. That is what a meaningful society does for its members.

Next Month



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.



Signature Sponsor



Check out what we have for our 12th 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

- 1ST PLACE - \$500
- 2ND PLACE - \$300
- 3RD PLACE - \$150
- FARTHEST - \$50

To purchase golf balls for this event, go to our website at 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)

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Thoughts to Ponder

"To be successful, you've got to be willing to fail."

Ronald Reagan

"A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road."

Anonymous

"A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked."

Bernard Meltzer

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.

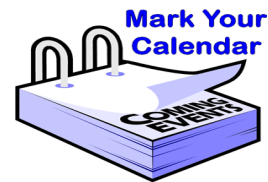
The theme for this year's conference is: **Business @ the Speed of Risk!**

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

For further details and to register for the conference, spa or gold tournament go to www.dfwrims.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 2017- 2018 Blue Goose Year

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

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

OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS

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

BLUE GOOSE 12TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2017
8:00 AM SHOTGUN WITH BALL DROP
BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

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





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