



TEXAS POND HONKER

November 2018

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, November 12, 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 November meeting will be sponsored by BELFOR Restoration – Jacque Jagger.

Our charity focus for the November meeting will be a toy drive for Community Partners of Dallas. This organization will grant wishes for more than 7,500 od Dallas County’s abused and neglected children this holiday season. In 2017 they served 7.568 children and provided each of them with two toys.

Do not gift wrap the toys and remember toys are needed for all ages.



Listen Up” some words from our campfire cook – Roger Foltz, MLG

Welcome to the new ganders initiated during October meeting. We are happy you have chosen to be a part of this 100+ year old insurance related organization. Please bring any suggestions for improvements to Texas Pond you may have to any of the officers. We will review your suggestion in our monthly officers meeting and respond back to you.

I’m reminded of a story about a different organization, but think it applies to all.

A formally active member had quit coming to meetings, an active member went to see him to discuss his absence and address any complaints. As they sat talking around the fireplace, the active member took a poker and slowly moved a red-hot coal off to the side, out of the fire. As they continued to talk, the coal lost its heat and turned gray. The active member then pushed the coal back into the fire, and it regained its heat and began glowing red again. The inactive member got the message. When we are active in the organization, working together, we can accomplish our goals and be the fire that gives off heat.

When given the chance or opportunity, bring up Texas Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose to your co-workers, and others in the industry. Stay Active!



Membership

The Texas Pond is launching a membership contest from November 2018 until June 2019.

There will be two baskets for Ganders and one for new initiated Goslings to culminate the end of this fun contest. We are asking all Blue Goose members to help fill these baskets. The two Gander baskets themes are:

Big Basket of Booze & Texas Gourmet (all types of Texas food items)

Here are some ideas of items needed to fill these baskets:

Big Basket of Booze – Any size beverage from sample to full size (must be new and sealed), Mixers, glasses, Corkscrews, Bottle openers, and/or Gift cards

Texas Gourmet – Pecans, Salsa, Chili mixes, Gift cards, Beverages, Cookbook, Cooking/eating utensils or dishes.

The new initiated Gander basket will be called and some suggested items for this basket are:

Texas Beach Party - Beach towels, Sunscreen, Bucket & shovel/Sand castle molds, Beach ball or swim ring, Kite, Swim goggles, Hats, Gift cards Snacks, and/or Beach safe cups.

Now with every type of contest there are rules and guidelines for one to follow. See below.

Blue Goose Membership contest rules

- Each active Gander who brings in a new member will receive one raffle ticket at the time the application is complete, and dues paid.
 - Applicant must first be presented to our Welder, Linda, as guest of the sponsoring member

- Sponsoring member must be the first Gander (of three) to sign membership application vouching for the Gosling
- An additional raffle ticket will be received by the Gander when the Gosling completes initiation.
 - New Gander will receive a raffle ticket to the New Gander gift basket
- Next Initiation is April 2019
- Gander will have a choice of two baskets to deposit their tickets
- Baskets will be raffled in June 2019



We look forward to everyone lending a helping hand to fill these baskets and make this a fun & great event for the Texas Pond on building our membership.



“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.”



Those cool fall days are here! The leaves are falling, so it is time for some raking.

SAVE THE DATE

**LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF
RIGHT WITH SOME GOOD FRIENDS &
GOOD CHEERS!**

**The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International
– Texas Pond invites you to join us on Tuesday,
January 15, 2019**



SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY & TASTING ROOM
EST. 2014 - GRAPEVINE, TX
401 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051



**DID YOU KNOW? THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS
POND WAS ON JANUARY 30, 1907!**

**Come celebrate our birthday at the New Year Kick
Off Event on January 15, 2019, as in this year the
Texas Pond is 112 years old!**



Thoughts to Ponder

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." **Oprah Winfrey**

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." **Cicero**

"None of those material possessions do anything to make your life any better... I know a lot of people who have a lot of everything, and they're absolutely the most miserable people in the world. So, it won't do anything for you unless you're a happy person and can have peace with yourself." **Lenny Kravitz**

"Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have—life itself." **Walter Anderson**

Last Month



The Texas Pond Wielder displaying her gander charm and goose talents.





These want-a-be goslings stand on the banks of the Texas Pond wondering exactly what the ganders are up to???



The Goslings patiently awaiting the opportunity to enter the Texas Pond which is in session. Who is that way in the back of the line? Could it be some unsuspecting varmint?



Now before one can become a gander in the Texas Pond a Gosling needs to demonstrate a goose waddle and display how they can honk their way forward.



These proud Goslings rode their ponies into the camp ground of the Texas Pond.



Well, well it is our Guardian of the Pond who is giving thumbs up to these find new birds!

Now let's review each of these new birds' backgrounds just a bit.....



Bret Peiffer

This fine new Gander took an earlier walk down an aisle in July. His new bride is Lindsay. Bret is a Regional Account Executive for the Property division of Sedgwick. He loves to golf and is an avid sports fan, especially for the Green Bay Packers. Jim Devall, SOF, introduced Bret to Blue Goose and he says be new to the DFW area, it has been great to meet folks at our monthly meetings. He enjoys the social hours, and one can't beat the charity aspect of our Pond.



Keli Jo Cummings

Ms. Keli is the youngest daughter of Chris & Lori Cummings, who both work in health insurance. Her brothers are also in the health care arena. Keli works as a Claims Representative on the AT&T account for Sedgwick.

She is a lover of animals with three dogs. She is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in agriculture. Keli was referred to the Texas Pond by Jason Znoy, GOP. She loves the philanthropic work of our Pond.



Charla Brown

Charla was born and raised in the DFW area and attended UNT in Denton. She has two boys ages 20 and 17. As the National Account Manager for Homelink Corporation, which provided temporary housing for adjuster travel and policyholders who are displaced after a loss to their home or business. She is also a member of the Rotary International and spends lots of time volunteering through various non-profit organizations in the DFW area. Charla enjoys the camaraderie among the members of Blue Goose and how much they give back to the community.



KR Davis

Kevin Ray Davis, or better known as KR, grew up in Festus, Missouri. He is married to his high-school sweetheart and they just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. KR works as a senior forensic electrical engineer for Jensen Hughes. Alicia Elliott, one of our fine Ganders brought KR to our meetings. KR has a small hobby of re-building a 1975 MGB, which he has named "Sud", because it looks like Syd off of the movie Ice Age. He enjoys how so many great people get together to support some great causes.



John Otto

John Otto, a golfer junkie is one of our newest Ganders. He was referred to the Texas Pond by his son, Gander Tyler Otto. John is married with two daughters, besides his son and has 4 grandkids. He says that Blue Goose is a great group of people from an interesting variety of businesses. He really likes the philanthropic purpose of Blue Goose.



Cody Kostyak

This fine new Gander currently works for Sedgwick as a claims adjuster. He appeared at the banks of our Pond on the coat tails of Keli Cummings and Jason Znoy. Want to know about him, well seek these two folks out for details.



Coral McMinn

Coral was raised on a third generation working cattle farm in Grandview, TX. She is proud to be on the ATI Restoration team. She serves ATI as their Business Development Manager with a focus on the insurance industry. Coral enjoys the customer service aspect of her job. Blue Goose has become a monthly fellowship where she can connect to like-minded professionals and serve the community. She is most excited about giving back through Blue Goose DFW.



Emily Hall

Ms. Emily is employed with Sedgwick as a Claims Representative in the the General & Auto Liability Unit. She loves the daily challenges that each day brings and she enjoys the people she works with who have become like family to her. Emily has a list of hobbies from costuming to quilting to painting to gardening to crafting and also watchng & reading sci-fi. Email likes the camaradie and warm welcoming spirit of the fellow Goslings and Ganders. She appreciates the service-oriented nature of Blue Goose.



The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose was founded in 1906 at the annual meeting of the *Wisconsin Field Men's Club* held at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Today, consisting of **3142** members or "Ganders" in **36** groups or "Ponds" across the United States and Canada, the Blue Goose has a long and storied history of both charity and fellowship. The 1st "Bulletin" was published in 1908, the annual publications have continued to this day with news and information about both the Blue Goose and insurance related industry.



See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose 2018-2019 Year!



The Grand Nest Officers for 2018-2019. Back Row L to R: Michael Smith, GCOG; John Bishop, Grand Historian; Dan Rich, GSOF; Terry Maloney, GWGGQ. Front row L to R: Lorena Kohlrus, Judge Advocate; Wendy Kinezsk, GGON; Kim Bilbrey, MLGG; Linda Meik, GKGGE.

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2018
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2018
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

2018 COMES TO A CLOSE AND WE EMBARK ON THE NEW YEAR OF 2019!

JANUARY MEETING - GRAPEVINE
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY
GRAPEVINE, TX





Texas Pond Officers 2018 – 2019

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*Just a couple weeks away -
are you already for the good
eats?*