



Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International

Texas Pond

Charity

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# TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Texas Pond's Denim & Diamonds**

**New Year Kick Off Event**



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!



Blue Goose Texas Pond  
**New Year's Kickoff Event**

Bring your guests to join the fun!

**Denim & Diamonds**

Wine ★ Cider ★ Wine-A-Rita ★ Appetizers

Raffle ★ Silent Auction ★ Boot Scootin'

**Sloan & Williams**

Winery & Tasting Room

401 S Main St in Grapevine

**Tuesday**

**January 15, 2019**

5:30pm - 9:30pm

\$20 per person until January 7, 2019

Register online at

[www.BlueGooseTX.org](http://www.BlueGooseTX.org)

\$35 (cash only) at the door

Proceeds  
Benefit:



Sponsorship opportunities available for \$300



**Here are our great sponsors for this event.**

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## *A Thought to Ponder*

“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.” **William E. Vaughan**



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

By the time you get this message the Joy of Christmas will be over for another year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family, and friends!

As we begin 2019, we all have personal thoughts & hopes for a great year. Let’s all pledge to make it a great year for the Texas Pond also. Participate & Recruit. Two key words for 2019. Participate in meetings and events, recruit new members and spread the word about the good work Texas Pond does in the North Texas area with our charitable donations. When Texas Pond has a good year, all our charities benefit, and that is one way each one of us is helping our fellow man.

Peace on earth, and good will to men is a good thought all year long, not just at Christmas.

To all I wish a Happy & Healthy 2019.

## *Last Month*



*Ms. Bonnie Blu welcomed everyone to the Texas Pond December meeting at Cantina Laredo, where there was an Ugly Sweater Contest held.*

*Appetizers for our December meeting will be sponsored by Lewis Brisbois & Bisgaard (Tracy Wolf) and ATI Restoration (Coral McMinn).*



These Blue Goose Belles helped to keep the festivities and the crazy dressed geese in proper order!



*A room full of festive Ganders, Goslings & Guests. Everyone enjoying the Holiday Season in Grand Style! Good food,,,,,Good drinks,,,,,and Great people!*



*Our Christmas Movie Trivia Contest winners; Ruben Castilla, Coral McMinn, Alicia Elliot & Neil Ullrich*



Here are those UGLY Sweater Winners: Scott Sterrantino, Roger Foltz & Randy Webb.



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 1<sup>st</sup> "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.



Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!



## 2018-2019 Grand Nest Officers



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 Kinezk, GGON; Kim Bilbrey, MLGG; Linda Meik, GKGGE.



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

### **JANUARY MEETING - GRAPEVINE**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

#### **NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

**SLOAN & WILLIAMS WINERY**

GRAPEVINE, TX

### **FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

### **MARCH MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019**

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

### **APRIL MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY APRIL 8, 2019**

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

#### **GOSLING INITIATION**

### **MAY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY MAY 13, 2019**

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

### **13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**

**JUNE 7, 2019 8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN**

### **JUNE MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY JUNE 10, 2019**

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

#### **MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RAFFLE DRAWING**

**BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2018-2019 COMES TO AN END!**

## **GRAND NEST CONVENTION**

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

JULY 17– JULY 20, 2019



## **Texas Pond Officers**

**2018 – 2019**

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*“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.*”