



# TEXAS POND HONKER

**February 2019**

**Character, Charity, Fellowship**

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, February 11, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 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.

At our February meeting we hope to focus on filling the baskets with donations for our Membership contest. The three baskets we have are as follows: Booze Basket – I don't think we need to explain this one. The 2<sup>nd</sup> basket is Texas Food items. Now what items of food do you think a Texas Blue Goose member likes???? The 3<sup>rd</sup> basket is a Fun Day at the Beach.....and I know every new member is looking forward to having winter slip by quickly. Every item is helpful.... big or small.

The winners for these baskets will be drawn at our End of the Year Patio Party. So how can you be a winner??



There will be two baskets for Ganders and one for new initiated Goslings to culminate the end of this fun contest.

## **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 Wielder, 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.



Appetizers for our February meeting will be sponsored by Jerry Fazio.



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

Fellow and potential Ganders,

We got off to a great start to the new calendar year at the New Year Kick Off Gala, exceeding our goals on sponsors and attendees. Our thanks to all who helped and attended. In case you weren't able to attend, our former Most Loyal Gander of the Texas Pond, Daphney Elliot, was presented the Super Goose Award for her dedication to our Pond, and participation. Congratulations Daphney!

We will review the financial report on the event at the February meeting.

Here's hoping for a great 2019 for each of you in your personal & professional life. As Ben Franklin said, "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person".

See you at On the Border Addison on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> for our monthly meeting.



"While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch." - **Patience Strong**

"Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me." - **Carol Burnett**

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**

"The will to succeed is important, but what's more important is the will to prepare." - **Bobby Knight**

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - **Thomas A. Edison**



## *Scottish Rite Children's Hospital*

Several years ago, we toured the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital on Wellborn Avenue. Since that time, Scottish Rite has built a new facility in Frisco. We have had several inquiries about touring this new facility. The Charity Committee has coordinated a tour date.....see below.

The Tour of TSRHC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Frisco hospital location at 5700 Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034. We will drop off the books, games, and stuffed animals we have collected at our December meeting when we make this visit.

Afterwards we will meet at Legacy Food Hall where everyone is responsible for their own food and drinks. We will find a central meeting place...weather permitting we will meet on one of the outdoor patios either upstairs or downstairs. Our Charity Committee is contacting Legacy Food Hall to see if we can get a reserved area. The address is 7800 Windrose Avenue, Plano, TX 75024. There is plenty of parking in the parking garages nearby.

More details to follow later.

## **Last Month**



*Sloan & Williams Winery*



*Sloan & Williams Winery on Grapevine's Main Street was the location of the HUGE SUCCESSFUL Texas Pond New Year Kick Off Event for 2019.*



*Celebrating 112 years of great Fellowship, Charity & Character.*



*A Welcome from the Texas Pond MLG, Roger Foltz. Behind him on the wall is the Texas Pond Banner.*



*Bonnie Blu was at the front door to greet everyone, along with Ashley Hansen & Linda Meik. Quite the trio to welcome everyone to the fun & fellowship.*





*Once registered, guests were introduced to our Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg, John Sterrantino to buy raffle tickets and the buyer than could choose which of three baskets to put their winning tickets in.*



*Meat U Anywhere Gift Basket. Value was approximately \$250. This awesome basket was won by Shane Summers from K. Hovnanian Homes.*



*A basket of 5 bottles of wine and other wine related items. Value was approximately \$300. This basket was won by Donna Mobley, from Independent Insurance Group.*



*Golf Basket - Value was approximately \$450. This great basket was won by Wayne Ottoway, C.N.A Insurance.*



*A Silent Auction was also held at this event. All proceeds from the Silent Auction went to Scottish Rite and the Texas Pond Scholarship Fund.*



*What a great way to start the New Year off by getting together with other insurance industry people.*



*Our very special guests of Mandy Valdez & Kelsy Beauchman from Scottish Rite Hospital were introduced to everyone by Ms. Daphney Elliott, the Texas Pond Charity Liaison.*



*A highlight each year at the New Year Kick Off Event is recognizing an outstanding Gander, which we fondly refer to as our Super Goose. We began this tradition 8 years ago and we are thrilled to honor and have Ms. Daphney Elliott fly with these other Super Geese. She is one very deserving Gander!*



*A room filled with incredible insurance folks and friends.*

*The Texas Pond was able to raise over \$4,000 for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and our Texas Pond Scholarship Fund from this event after all expenses were paid. We want to thank everyone for coming and partaking in this event and especially to our sponsors. Without you we could not have had as a successful event.*

*Please take time to thank these sponsors.*

*Here are our great sponsors for this event.*



**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.



The Lone Star State

**THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS POND WAS ON  
JANUARY 30, 1907!**

- ❖ At the time of the first charter there were 132 ganders in the Texas pond.
- ❖ Charter was surrendered in 1914.
- ❖ 2nd Charter was granted on January 14, 1921.
- ❖ The 2nd time around there were 190 Ganders in the Texas Pond.
- ❖ Following the issuance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Charter the Texas Pond was divided into four Ponds: South Texas (Houston); Alamo Pond (San Antonio); West Texas (Lubbock); and three Puddles: Austin, El Paso & Corpus Christi.
- ❖ In 1992, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Charter was surrendered.
- ❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Charter was issued at the Grand Nest Convention in New York City in 1995.

## *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!

### **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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