



TEXAS POND HONKER

APRIL 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, April 8, 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.



Appetizers for our March meeting will be sponsored by Lemieux & Associates via Sherry Montes.



The Ganders, Goslings & Guests will all participate in assembling Easter Baskets for The Family Place kiddos. Last year we assembled 52 baskets, which was almost double from the previous year. Let’s make this another successful endeavor this year.



Golf Time is Here
Get ready – Mark your Calendar

The Texas Pond will host its 13th annual golf tournament. The Blue Goose 13th Annual Golf Tournament will be held, Friday, June 7th, 2019 at Bear Creek Country Club and it will be an 8:30 shot gun.

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING BENEFICIARIES

North Texas Food Bank
Texas Pond Scholarship Fund
Friday, June 7, 2019

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court, Dallas, Texas 75261

For further details check the website.

<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>



Let's recognize our awesome sponsors to-date:

Signature Sponsor



OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:

- ❖ Hermes Law
- ❖ Sedgwick CMS
- ❖ Genex Services
- ❖ Quest Pro/Q-Temps
- ❖ ART of Dallas/Fort Worth
- ❖ Restoration Solutions

The golf activities at the tournament include:

Mulligans.....buy as many as you want! Or, should I say need????



Putting Contest, the winner will take home half of the proceeds collected for this event.



4th⁺ 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

Buy as many as you want.... the more the merrier. **For the Ball Drop please remember you do not need to be present to win.**



Early Bird Specials End on May 1st!!!!



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

Welcome to the newly initiated Ganders! The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose is 112 years old due to the enthusiasm of its members. Stay active!

The Texas Pond does need a Gander to serve as an Officer. If you would like to serve, please speak to Linda, and she will advise you of the duties. It is a very worthwhile journey, helping Texas Pond grow. The election will be at the May monthly meeting.

Spring is now here, and the Golf Tournament is fast approaching. It is our largest money raising event of the year. Sponsorships are available, get your teams together and start practicing. Think of golfers in your office, and bring them into the Blue Goose fold, hopefully to become new Ganders.

If there's ever a slight chance at getting something that will make you happy, risk it. Life's too short, and happiness is too rare.



Last Month



Gary, this wild bird flew onto the Texas Pond's banks and tried courting Bonnie Blu. Notice she is trying to ignore him.



The Officers preparing to initiate the Goslings who rode their ponies into the campgrounds of the Texas Pond.



Off the ponies they got and demonstrated with great zeal how a true, Blue Goose Bird crosses from one side of the campground to the other and how they respectfully acknowledge the MLG.

Now who are these birds....



At the March meeting of the Texas Pond all these Ganders & Goslings are keeping a watchful eye on these birds.



Madison Deaton

This new Gander is the delightful daughter of Gander Sheri Deaton, who joined our Pond last year. Ms. Madison is an Account Executive for Questpro Consultants. She states one of her hobbies is hanging out with friends and family, and we are looking for her to

consider Blue Goose part of the friends and family group. Madison also enjoys playing volleyball, traveling, watching any reality TV shows, and trying out new restaurants.



Erin Jesberger

Erin was born and raised in Wisconsin just like The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International-but she was not born in 1906 like our great order! She loves tennis and traveling. In addition Erin has been appointed by the Court as a Special Advocate for foster children. Her close friend Sherry Montes is who invited her to our New Year Kick Off Event where she observed the warm & welcoming insurance professionals and is honored in being part of the Texas Pond.



Shawn Newell

Since this Gander did not want us to know anything about themselves, it seems appropriate that this Gander buys everyone their first drink.



Gilbert Sumba

Well, and here is another Gander who did not want us to know anything about themselves, it seems appropriate that this Gander buys everyone their second drink.



Scottish Rite Children's Hospital

Several Ganders & Guests toured the new Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Frisco on Wednesday, March 27th.

During our visit the Texas Pond presented a check for \$2,500; several new or gently used books, games, and stuffed animals collected by our members to the facility.

The Texas Pond has been raising funds, and collecting books, games, and toys for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) since 2009.

Established in 1921, TSRHC has become a world leader in the treatment of pediatric orthopedic conditions, sport injuries as well as certain related arthritic and neurological and learning disorders.

Following our tour/visit/presentation of funds & items the Ganders & Guests traveled over to a great Happy Hour at Legacy Food Hall.

Something to Think About

THE REAL BLUE GOOSE

There are several varieties of the Goose. The one more familiar to most is the Canada Goose, with dark coloring and a unique white "beard." Another common goose is the solid white Snow Goose. The Blue Goose is considered by some experts to be a sub-specie of the Snow Goose. The Blue Goose is solid white except for a blue head and neck.

The Blue Goose spends the summer nesting on Baffin Island in northern Canada between Hudson Bay and Greenland. There, the Blue Goose mates for life and has a gaggle of Goslings. With the approach of Autumn, the Blue Goose heads south along the eastern shore of Hudson Bay and James Bay and across the Ontario "Shield." Yes, you can officially label the Blue Goose a "snowbird."

The Blue Goose arrives in the United States near Sault Saint Marie. They then generally follow Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, to the Illinois River and then the Mighty Mississippi to spent the winter feasting in the luscious rice fields of the Louisiana bayous.

The Blue Goose flies high and sure. They fly in a "V" formation, taking advantage of "drafting" off the air displacement of the Gander ahead. Each Gander takes it's turn leading the formation, with its fellow Ganders honking encouragement to their leader. Upon tiring, the lead Gander drops back into the formation and another Gander takes up the lead.

The care for it's fellow Gander never waivers. If a Gander gets sick or is shot by a hunter, another Gander will accompany the fallen Gander and attend to that Gander until it's well enough to continue or until the accompanying Gander has determined that the fallen Gander has taken it last long flight to feast in the luscious rice fields of the Home Nest above. The Gander or Ganders then continue their journey by joining another passing flight of Geese.

Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Program



Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2019

You will find the application along with the complete requirements and details on our Blue Goose Texas Pond website under the "Education" tab:

<http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>



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"Experience is the child of thought, and thought is the child of action." Benjamin Disraeli

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination." Tommy Lasorta

"Greet the dawn with enthusiasm and you may expect satisfaction at sunset." Unknown

"Patience unlocks the door to achievement." Unknown

Next Month

The month of May finds the Texas Pond preparing for the new Blue Goose year. In this preparation, a new slate of officers is presented to the membership for acceptance. Are you ready to take part in being an officer and rotating through the various chairs?

We are seeking someone to step into the role of the Guardian of the Pond.

We are also seeking folks to step forward and serve on our various committees. The new MLG will be assigning a current or past Officer to be a Liaison for the various committees at our August Executive meeting. At our upcoming meetings we will have sign up sheets for the committees and a description of what the committee entails will be noted. Now is a great time to get involved and make our Pond strong and vibrant.

One last thing for our May meeting will be the selection of who will represent the Texas Pond as a Delegate to the Grand Nest Convention in July at Indianapolis. Each Pond can have up to two Delegates. Please talk to Linda Meik about Delegate duties/requirements.

Dues process will begin June 1st and those that want to pay by credit card will be able to do so. Paying by credit card is \$55. Those paying via cash or check get a \$5.00 discount, but also must complete the BG File information form that one can obtain from the Wielder at the monthly Texas Pond Blue Goose meetings.



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

APRIL MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY APRIL 8, 2019

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX



MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY MAY 13, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

13TH 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
BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2018-2019 COMES TO AN END!

GRAND NEST CONVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
JULY 17– JULY 20, 2019

JULY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY JULY 8, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX
BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2019-2020 NEW YEAR BEGINS!

AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019
ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

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