



# TEXAS POND HONKER

September 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## DFW TEXAS POND

**DATE: Monday, September 9, 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 September meeting, we will be collecting supplies for The Family Place. When their clients leave the shelter The Family Place makes sure they have everything they need to start a new life in a new home! Below is a Starter Kit list of items needed:

**Kitchen Items:** Set of Pots & Pans, Baking pans, Set of Cooking Utensils, Can opener, Knives, Cutting Board, Set of Dishes, Silverware, Glasses/Plastic Cups, Dish Towels, Pot Holder, Storage Containers, Set of Ice Trays, Broom, Dust Pan, Mop, Trash Can.

**Bathroom Items:** Towels & Wash Cloths, Bath Mat, Shower Curtain, Shower Rings, Bedroom Sheets, Crib Sheets, Comforter, Pillow, and an Alarm Clock.

**Living Room & Misc. Items.** Vacuum Telephone with Answering Machine, Flashlight with Batteries, Thermometer, and Can Goods.



Appetizers will be sponsored by ElectroStar Electronics Restoration & Recovery. Please take time to thank Eddy Pokluda.



**Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG**

Welcome to the "Dog Days of Summer"! Not only is it hot, but there has been so much activity, nobody has a chance to cool their heels anymore. So many folks are scrambling to get their kids ready for school. Thanks to the wonderful donations to the Community Partners of Dallas by the Blue Goose Texas Pond, children will have the supplies they need to start their school year off right. Thanks to all of those who contributed and remember that it is never too late to donate.

Seven of us from the Texas Pond attended the Grand Nest Convention in Indianapolis and what a wonderful experience it was. I was overwhelmed by the experience and how everyone made you feel like family. The commitment to the traditions of Blue Goose was truly

impressive and something we will look to incorporate in the Texas Pond going forward.

Following the Convention, we had our annual half day officers' meeting where we agreed on new goals for 2019/20 year, amended our operating procedures and formed committees that should help us achieve the goals we set. We are still looking for volunteers for several of our committees, so please let us know if you would like to participate on a committee.

The Blue Goose Texas Pond has agreed to raise the annual dues to \$70.00 effective October 1st. If you haven't paid your dues yet, we suggest you do so before the rates go up.

As we prepare for the 2021 Grand Nest Convention, we are looking for names of potential sponsors. If you have any firms that you would suggest as potential sponsors, please let us know. Thank you all for your participation.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

## Dues Time



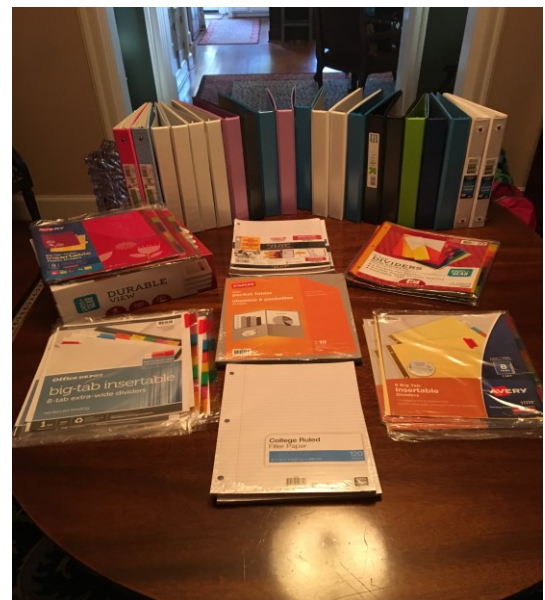
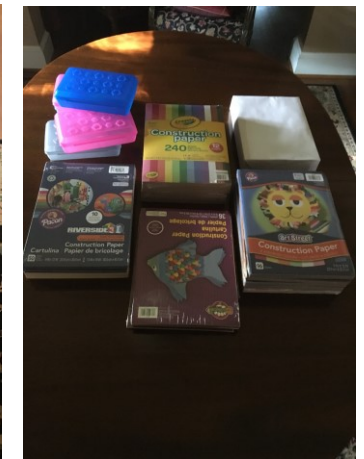
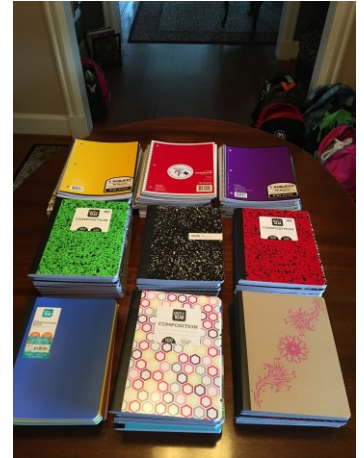
Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org). Click the tab for Membership, choose the appropriate Pond/Puddle for which you are a member of and complete the information. Once completed this will take you to the PayPal screen to pay. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

**The option to pay by credit card will be available until September 30th.** Dues online via a credit card will be \$55.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash the Texas Pond will accept dues for \$50.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik.

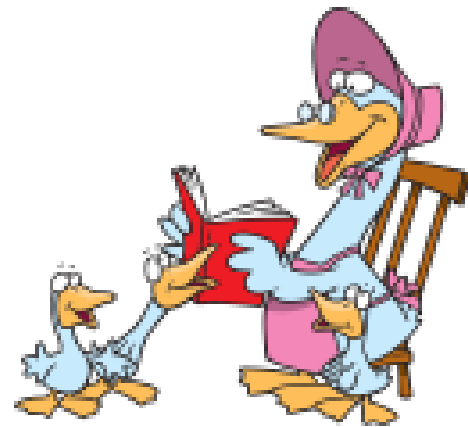
**Note: October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Texas Pond dues will increase to \$70.**

## LAST MONTH

The Texas Pond members really out did themselves in demonstrating their generosity. We collected \$1459.18 in school supplies for the kids of Community Partners.







## *CHATTER FROM THE GRAND SUPERVISOR OF THE FLOCK (MOTHER GOOSE)*

**Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG**

Community Partners sent us a Thank You letter, and said “Your support will empower the children we serve start school year off with important tools they need to succeed in the classroom and in life.”

“Please know that your kindness made a speical impact on children who need you. Thank you for giving abused children what they need today to thrive tomorrow. Together we will make their childhoods safer, show them they are tresured and fill their future with possibility.”



### *Something to Think About*

“Some days you tame the tiger. And some days the tiger has you for lunch.” Tug McGraw

“Change your thoughts and you change your world.” Norman Vincent Peale

“Hope is one of the principal springs that keep mankind in motion.” Thomas Fuller

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take our eyes off the goal.” Hannah More

“When nothing is sure, everything is possible.” Margaret Drabble



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Back in 2016, in St. Louis, when I gave my acceptance speech for MLGG for 2016-2017, I talked about the **Journey of Significance for Blue Goose**. Let me provide a portion of that acceptance speech here, and over the next several months, further excepts from that speech and from my year in office speech.....in other words, let’s reminisce a bit as we move towards the 2021 Grand Nest Convention sponsored by the Southern Region.

Today, we are experiencing some **winds of change**, but what they created that day to address a need is still valid today: Character, Charity, and Fellowship.

***Let me talk about these three Precepts: CHARACTER, CHARITY & FELLOWSHIP.***

To me Leadership is all about character and attitude. How we respond or deal with what has happened to us determines our **CHARACTER** and who we are. Leadership includes temperament, personality, disposition, energy, stamina, strength, and most important one’s moral fiber. Leaders don’t light a fire under someone, they light a fire within, and our challenge today for each of us is to create those sparks of fire.

110 years ago, the founders of our Order believed in the concept of ‘giving back’ ... **giving back to their community in charity**. Our Ponds, each in their own way, has and is providing needed support for a variety of charities.

There is giving back to each other in **good fellowship** and the development of friendships throughout the US and Canada and giving back to ourselves in the **further development of our character**. They knew then as we do today ... that as long as we hold true to these virtues, our Order will continue. We honor the memory of all those

who came before us and cherish the many friendships we have today throughout the United States and Canada. We are truly stronger together.

Let's each of us make a commitment to reach out to all avenues of the insurance industry and share with them our unique focus of giving back to the communities and bring them into our circle of fellowship. Pushing our charity focus and fellowship attribute forward will help to continue the transformation of Blue Goose into one of the most vibrant organizations.

I know that we would not have accomplished our goals without the commitment of our industry partners, sponsors and our members that unselfishly volunteer their time. The dedication of these outstanding groups or individuals has allowed our organization to continue from a **pathway of success onto a journey of significance.**

John C. Maxwell, a New York Times bestselling author, coach, and speaker stated, "I know a lot of people who believe they are successful because they have everything they want, they have added value to themselves, but true significance comes when you add value to others –and you can't have true success without significance."

Blue Goose has demonstrated its "significance" through the CHARACTER of its members and the CHARITY work it has accomplished.

*"Integrity is also the most fundamental leadership characteristic. Without integrity, people will not follow you, and if you have no followers, you are not leading."*



## ***SAVE THE DATES***

The Texas Pond New Year Gala Event has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020. It will be held again at Sloan & Williams in Grapevine, Texas. Details will be forth coming.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament is tentatively being set for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Bear Creek Country Club. Details will be forth coming.

HOBGI Grand Nest Convention is scheduled to take place in Hartford, CT on July 18 -22, 2020 at the Hartford Marriott.



## **See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose 2019-2020 Year!**

### **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**  
**GOSLING INITIATION TIME**

### **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**

### **JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**  
**SLOAN & WILLIAMS, GRAPEVINE TX**  
**NEW YEAR KICK OFF EVENT**

### **FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2020**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**  
**GOSLING INITIATION TIME**

### **MARCH MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY MARCH 9, 2020**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**





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