



TEXAS POND HONKER

November 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, November 11, 2019

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: WRA OFFICES

4851 Keller Springs Road



We are going to have a Cornhole Tournament with appetizers, beverages of all kinds and prizes for the winners.

Come join us at WRA Risk office/patio area at **4851 Keller Springs Road, Suite 205, Addison, Texas 75254** (West side of the Tollway off Keller Springs Road). We are meeting in the patio area. Should the weather not be accommodating, then we will meet inside at WRA Risk Offices.

Appetizers (Barb-e-que) will be furnished by Bryan Pope from Vincent Serafino Geary Waddell. Take time to give him thanks.



We will be collecting toys for the Community Partners of Dallas organization. Do not wrap the toys! Toys for all ages are needed. All toys and donations will be delivered to Community Partners by November 22nd (their deadline to receive items.) Following the Thanksgiving Holiday

Community Partners will be delivering the toys. See the message from Community Partners.



“By supporting Community Partners of Dallas’ Toy Drive, you will help grant wishes for **more than 6,800** of Dallas County’s abused and neglected children. For some, it may be the first time they have ever received a present. For all, it will be a time that makes them feel special and one that they remember.

Thank you for helping Dallas County’s abused and neglected children take their first steps to healing, and for **ensuring that no child will be forgotten this holiday season!**”

Some things to Think About

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.” Robert Brault

“The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running.” Anonymous

“Men do not fail, they stop trying.” Elihu Root

“Mistakes are often the best teachers.” James A. Froude

“Optimism and humor are the grease and glue of life.” Phillip Butler

“Don’t wait for anyone else to make your life terrific. That’s your job.” Unknown

“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.” Albert Einstein



Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

If you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait five minutes! We had some very scary storms that include tornados in the Dallas area and now it's 47 degrees and raining as I write this. I'm expecting Bonnie Blu to be headed further south very soon!!! Last month's meeting was a major success in that we initiated ten new Goslings into the pond. We are looking forward to having them all as active members of our pond going forward. We also got to try out our initiation process for the first time as we prepare for the 2021 National Convention. We have plenty of work to do on the initiation, but it felt good to get the first one under our belts with a group of Goslings that were great sports.

Our November "Freedom Day Celebration Meeting" is being hosted by WRA Risk and will be a meeting of fun and games to include cornhole matches and other festivities. Meet U Anywhere is providing the appetizers thanks to sponsor Brian Pope of Vincent Serafina Law Firm. Please be sure to thank Brian for the sponsorship and of course Scott Sterrantino for hosting the event. We will have soft drinks, tea, water and some beer and wine, but feel free to BYOB. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for our Holiday Drive, benefiting Community Partners of Dallas. Please remember to bring your toys along with your drinks!

The Holidays are rapidly approaching as is our New Year's Kickoff and Fund Raiser, Red, White & Blue Goose. We are set for January 14th, 2020 at Sloan & Williams in Grapevine. We are looking for sponsors as well as items for the silent auction. If you are willing to sponsor or provide any items for the silent auction, please contact any of your officers.

We look forward to seeing y'all at the November meeting.



The Texas Pond has supported the following charities for several years: North Texas Food Bank, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Wounded Warriors, The Family Place and Community Partners. We choose to stay committed to these charities so that over several years' time, we could make an impact which would make a difference. In addition, we wanted charity activities that could be easily incorporated into our meetings and events throughout the year.

The Texas Pond Officers believe it is time that we review our list of beneficiaries, therefore, we are seeking input from our Texas Pond members on charities they would like to see the organization support. We have designed a charity form for one to fill out and return to us. You can request this form by emailing or calling one of the officers or pick up the form at one of our meetings. We ask that one does some vetting of this charity, then over the next several months we will review these forms and invite the top 5 or 6 folks to come do a 15 presentation to us. Following all the presentations, we will vote on which charities we will support for the next few years.

We would like all submissions to be received by year end, so that we can begin vetting the submissions and invite them for a presentation. Our goal is to have the chosen charities in place for the 2020-2021 Blue Goose year.



"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."

LAST MONTH



Bonnie Blue welcomed 10 Goslings to come take a swim in the Texas Pond. They marched in so proudly!



Jay Hawkins

This new Gander is excited to be part of our wonderful organization for the many charitable things we do. The reason he wanted to join Blue Goose is for the great people and the missions we support. Jay loves spending time with his kids. He also enjoys traveling, wine and food. His goal with Knight Restoration is the build true partnerships.



Meegan Alexander

Meegan come to us as a bride-to-be. She gets married soon and her soon-to-be husband Austin have an orange cat named Angus. They plan to honeymoon for 3 weeks across the pond. Meegan loves to read and considers herself a pro navigator in libraries. She worked in them for the four years while attending college. She loves to knit and creating stuffed animals.

Meegan works at Hunt Consolidated Inc. handling all lines of insurance. She says never dull moment.



Jennifer Steele

This fine new Gander is a single Mother of 6 lovely children. Three boys and 3 girls ages from 17 to 10. Life is fun and there is never dull moment. She loves her job at Vale National Training Center, Inc. She has found her calling and sees it as a privilege to help IA's in our industry gain proper training to enter the work field. Jennifer enjoys reading, psychology, writing, painting, festivals art-creativity in all forms. She is a positive person and comes to us with a heart to help others. She is very happy to be a part of our organization since our hearts align with hers.



Stephen Keithly

Stephen is employed by FTK Construction Services as a National Mitigation Specialist. He has passion for being able to help people through a stressful time and getting them back to some sense of normalcy. He loves hunting, fishing and cycling-really anything to get the adrenaline pumping. He especially spending time with his kids. He found Blue Goose to be full of friendly people and a mission of giving back. He is excited to get to know everyone better.



Daniel Bouchard

Daniel come to Blue Goose with a smile that is infectious. He is married with two kids; his son is 2 and his daughter is 5. He is Employed by Titanium Claims Management as the Chief Executive Officer. He has been in the insurance Industry for many years. He enjoys training new adjusters and helping homeowners through the claims process. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, golf and family time. We can thank Randy Webb for bringing Daniel to us. He really likes that all the folks he has met at Blue Goose have such a positive outlook.



Tim Gibbs

Tim is employed with FTK Construction Services as the Director of Insurance.



Lisa Douglas

In 2018 Lisa joined Temporary Housing Directory and today she is one of their Regional Sales Managers.



Abby Hamblin

Prior to joining Blackmon Mooring & BMS CAT in 2019, Abby was a teacher in the McKinney ISD system. She is a graduate from Sam Houston State University.



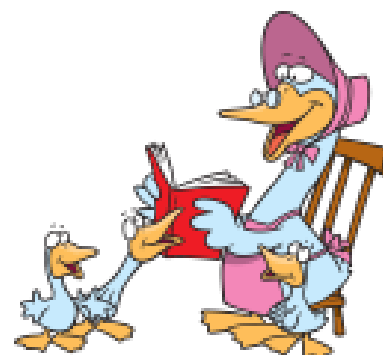
Melissa Snyder

Melissa is happily married with 3 amazing boys. She has been with Temporary Housing Directory for 17 years. She was the 3rd person hired and has worn many hats in her career there. Presently she is VP of Sales and Marketing. She has been able to work from home and raise her family. Melissa loves her job and has a passion working with adjuster and giving "peace of mind" to insurance victims who have been displaced from their homes. In her spare time, she loves to cook, watch sports and she has chaired the golf tournament for Flower Mound Special Olympics for the last 14 years-and many other charity tournaments. This new Gander has heard of the many great things we do and that is why she wants to be a part of such a great organization.



Lauren Lowery

Lauren is employed by Titanium Claims Management. She learned about our Blue Goose organization via Randy Webb.



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

Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG

The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International's Grand Nest Convention in 2020 will be hosted by the Hartford Pond. The convention is scheduled for July 18-22, 2020.

Following this convention it will be the Southern Region hosting the convention in Grapevine, Texas with the theme of "Southern Charm & Hospitality in 2021." Each of the Southern Region Ponds/Puddles are assisting with aspects of the the convention....."one for all and all for one!"

Many of you that know me, know that I think PMLGG John Zeldam is one of the finest Ganders I have had the privilege of knowing. At the time Hohn was MLGG he was living in Michigan, but John now resides in Alabama, so we get to claim him as an adopted Southerner.

When John gave his MLGG acceptance speech he stated the following message.....take time to read this important message.

"Thank you for bestowing upon me the highest honor of our beloved Order. I accept this mantle of leadership with deep humility and great personal challenge. I will give you my supreme effort, with the expectation that, with your help, the coming year will be a banner one for Blue Goosedom.

My specific goals are two-fold. First, that we rediscover, reemphasize and live out our Cardinal Principles of character, charity and fellowship.

I am increasingly concerned that large numbers of our members only join or keep their Blue Goose affiliation for purely business purposes, often allowing this connection to lapse once it is no longer advantageous to either their employment or financial situation.

Let me be the first to concede that participating and taking an active role in Blue Goose offers obvious business exposure and its accompanying rewards. That is not, however, the primary purpose of Blue Goose membership. I firmly believe that Ponds which allow their clear waters to be polluted by the self-serving business or political interests of some individuals, do themselves and the entire Order a grave disservice.

Secondly, it is my sincere desire to assist a few Ponds within our ranks in need of special attention and help. This is not to be construed as an attempt to interfere with the present mode of operation of any Pond. Rather it is simply an offer of assistance to those Ponds who truly want help. Obviously, no one person alone can make that much difference. I firmly believe, however, that in taking full advantage of the combined dedication, talents and resources of the individual Pond, regional officers and Grand Nest, much good can be achieved."

His words from 1990 are just as true today, and I like John am there to assist any Pond that may need some assistance or guidance.

As the Grand Supervisor of the Flock and the Southern Region Officer, I will be sending out a newsletter update to the Southern Region members shortly. The letter will give everyone an update on the the Southern Region plans to-date.



Ode to Thanksgiving

To our national birds
The American Eagle
The Thanksgiving Turkey
May one give us peace in all our states
And the other a piece for all our plates



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.

Blue Goose ★ Texas Pond

NEW YEAR'S KICKOFF & FUNDRAISER

RED, WHITE & BLUE GOOSE



Tuesday, January 14, 2020
5:30-9:30 PM

RAFFLE BASKETS • SILENT AUCTION
WINE • CIDER • APPETIZERS



Sloan & Williams

Winery & Tasting Room

401 Main Street, Grapevine, Texas

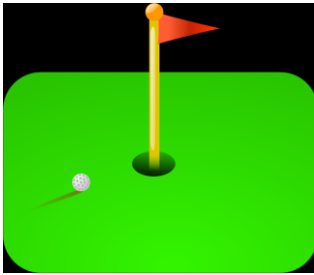
\$25 per Person Until January 6, 2020
(\$35 at the Door) Tickets are Limited.

Register Online at www.BlueGooseTX.org

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Proceeds Benefit:





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



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

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019
4851 KELLER SPRINGS ROAD, 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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