



TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2019

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, October 14, 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.



Bonnie Blu is inviting all the Goslings to be sure and attend the October meeting, as the Texas Pond is holding an initiation ceremony to allow these charming birds to

take their first official swim in our great Pond. These charming fluffy birds are:

Daniel Bouchard
Tim Gibbs
Jay Hawkins
Kenny Lusk
Melissa Snyder

Lisa Douglass
Abby Hamblin
Stephen Keithly
Matthias Montes
Jennifer Steele



Are they not cute?



Appetizers will be sponsored by Sedgwick. Please take time to thank Dave Janek.

Something to Think About

“Progress always involves risks. You can’t steal second base and keep your foot on first.” Frederick B. Wilcox

“No one knows what he can do until he tries.” Publilius Syrus

“Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do.” Liz Smith

“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted.” David Bly



Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

Welcome to fall y'all! Can it really truly be called fall if the mercury continues to flirt with triple digits??? Life remains hectic for all of us, but at least we haven't been hit with a major hurricane this year to add additional work to our already busy schedules. During our September meeting, we collected donations for "Starter Kits" for the Family place. I was very impressed with the number of items collected and appreciate everyone who contributed. The Family Place is just one of the very worthy charities to which we contribute. We are looking at potential new charities for the future. If you have a charity you are truly passionate about, please submit the information to the Charity Committee for consideration.

We are very excited about our October meeting and hope you will make plans to attend. We are conducting our first initiation of the year in what is shaping up as one of the largest initiations of new goslings if not ever, certainly in a very long time. This will be our first opportunity to start work on our initiatory ceremony and ritual as we prepare for the Grand Nest Convention in 2021. Please come and welcome these new goslings into the pond. I'm sure our "Mother Goose" has some fun initiation dances for them that you won't want to miss.

November is just around the corner and we plan to have a toy drive for the Community Partners. Our meeting will be hosted by WRA Risk and will be a great social gathering to include cornhole and other games. Remember, your participation is the key to the success of our pond. We value your friendship and welcome any input or suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing y'all soon!



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



The Honorable Order of Blue Goose has lots of traditions, which one of these being the hanging of Pond banners at the Grand Nest Conventions. Just 4 years after our beginnings in 1906 the first Pond Banner made its appearance in Chicago 1910. In that year there were 29 Ponds with a total membership of 2,213. This started via a contest among the existing Ponds at that time. By the 1920's almost every Pond had a banner.

Texas banner today....."A.H. Order of Blue Goose" stands for Ancient Honorable Order of Blue Goose....at the 21st Annual Grand Nest Convention (1927), which was held at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas, there was a proposal put forth that the word "Ancient" be dropped and the word "International" added to our name.

At the 22nd Annual Convention it was voted on and approved to change the C & BLs to officially refer to our organization as "Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International."

Based on the historical archive information we believe the Texas banner to be the oldest existing original banner in the Order today, and at minimum dates back to 1927 or earlier.

The South Texas Banner (Houston/San Antonio) was formed in 1920. It then split into South Texas which was Houston and south and into the Alamo Pond, which has some real history involving women. From what we have been told the South Texas banner I have was made/created after that, which is around 1935.



At the September meeting we played the Guessing Game of how many of each color candy was in a jar. There were four fabulous winners: Jim deval - yellow winner; Edward Roberts - orange winner; Matt Arnold - red winner; and, Daphney Elliott - pink winner. The funds from this guessing contest are placed in the General Fund of our Pond. Each winner was given a kuzzie from Structured Financial Associates (Erin Jessberger), Blackmon Mooring pouch (Abby Hamblin) & a \$25 Gift card from Fridays (Daniel Bouchard).

These great winners donated the \$25 gift cards back to use again at the next time we bring this Guessing Game to one of our meetings.



At our September meeting, we collected 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!





Our appetizer sponsor was the one and only Eddy Pokluda from ElectroStar Electronics Restoration & Recovery. Thanks Eddy to you and your company.



**THE TOATAL VALUE OF ALL ITEMS COLLECTED
CAME TO: \$1,072.98.**



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!"

In looking back over the last several years we note several changes in the Southern Region. At the 2016, Blue Goose Grand Nest Convention, the Blue Goose was reorganized

from five regions to four. With the reorganization all the states from Oklahoma straight across to California, including Hawaii became part of the Southern Region. At this time the only active Pond to become part of the Southern Region was Arizona.

With the reorganization the Southern Region in 2016 our membership was 524 members. Today our membership sits at 455. Seeing this drop is semi-alarming. We all need to recruit new members that will stay active and involved.

One of the great precepts that our members enjoy is our charity works. Over the last five years our Blue Goose organization has collectively donated \$1,217,262.86 to various charities, volunteered 10,159.5 hours, collected \$326,014.71 in goods and awarded \$46,025.00 in scholarships.



At the Calgary Grand Nest Convention when I was elected as the Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg, I closed my remarks to the convention with this:

B = Best of the Best – Yes, we are!

L = Love of fellow mankind.

U = Unity through great fellowship.

E = Everywhere – all corners of our great lands.

G = Ganders – heed the call.

O = Onward to great growth in membership.

O = Over the top in charity endeavors.

S = Sailing into the future with new technology.

E = Educate others about our great organization.



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 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!

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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