



TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2020

Character, Charity, Fellowship

KICKING 2020 OFF IN A COLORFUL WAY

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

Proceeds Benefit:



The sponsors of this event are:

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Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

Happy New Year! I can't believe another year has flown by so fast! It is true that the older you get, the faster they go. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and rang in the New Year with friends and family. Naturally, we all reflect on what transpired in our lives over the last year and make those resolutions that we believe will improve our lives and the lives of those around us going forward. I'm certain that as you read this at least half of my resolutions have fallen by the wayside and forgotten. I hope you will all join me in a resolution that I intend to keep and that is to continue to support the Blue Goose. It has been a great 2019 for the Honorable Order of the

Blue Goose International and our Texas Pond. We have seen wonderful displays of character, charity and fellowship throughout the year. The fundraising efforts have been phenomenal, we saw a record number of goslings initiated into the pond and a great time was had at all of our meetings and events. As we look forward with 2020 vision (sorry, I couldn't resist!), we want to keep the momentum going. I encourage you to help us kick 2020 off right by attending our Red White & Blue Goose New Year's Kickoff and Fund Raiser on January 14th at Sloan & Williams in Grapevine. If you haven't already registered, please go online and do so as space is limited. We have some awesome baskets to raffle and a bunch of great items for the silent auction so don't forget to bring you cash!!!! Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and happy 2020. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the next meeting

Some things to Think About

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." Langston Hughes

"Confidence is preparation. Everything else is beyond your control." Richard Kline

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Turn your face to the sunshine and all shadows fall behind." Helen Keller

"Seek to do good, and you will find that happiness will run after you." James Freeman Clarke

"One of the secrets of life is to make steppingstones out of stumbling blocks." Jack Penn

LAST MONTH

Yes, oh yes, it was Ugly Holiday Sweater Time! See these great Ganders whose wardrobe took the prizes:

3rd Place was Meegan Howard

2nd Place was Charlotte Armstrong

1st Place was Scott Sterrantino

Each winner was awarded a white elephant prize for their ugly sweater dress.

We also collected new or gently used books for all ages for Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. A total of 140 books, games or puzzles were collected, which equates to \$1,116.08 in value.

The Texas Pond is proud to state that our total charity collections for 2019-2020 equates to \$277.81 per active Texas Pond Blue Goose member. Our goal for this year was \$200 per active member and to-date we have surpassed that target. Congratulations Texas!

To add to the festivities, we also played the "GUESSING GAME". There were four colors of candy for folks to guess on.... the four glorious winners were:

Yellow – Melissa Rodriguez

Orange – Alicia Elliott

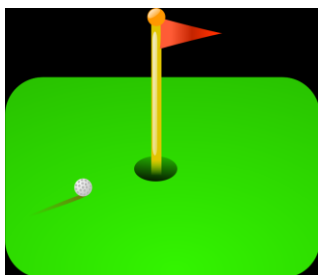
Red – Rachel Scott

Pink – Matt Arnold

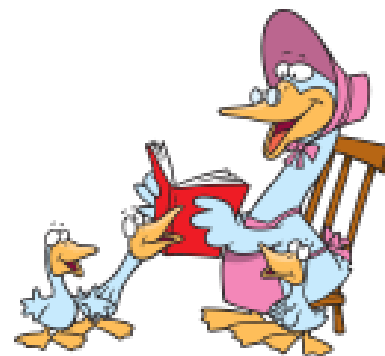
Each winner received a Koozie from Structured Financial Associates and a \$25 gift card donated by Daniel Bouchard, Titanium Claims

Appetizers will be furnished by Mary Bramley from Nomad Adjusting. Take time to give her thanks.

ANOTHER UPCOMING EVENT TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2020



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.



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

Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG

WORDS TO LIVE BY in 2020

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Eat a live toad in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Have an awesome day, and know that someone thought of you today

As the Grand Supervisor of the Flock and the Southern Region Officer, on November 15th, I sent out a newsletter update to the Southern Region members. If you did not receive the newsletter, please let me know.

In this newsletter, I noted that the Southern Region has set up both a Facebook and a LinkedIn page. I encourage every Southern Region member to sign up and join us on these pages. This is where we will highlight sponsors; share Blue Goose Southern Region Convention updates & news.

Here are the social media addresses for these sites:

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416725172357261/>

LinkedIn Link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12320202/>

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 the Hartford convention, it will be the Southern Region hosting of the convention in Grapevine, Texas with the theme of "Southern Charm & Hospitality in 2021."

DONATIONS

The Southern Region is pleased to announce that we have three corporate sponsors and 5 individual sponsors to-date.

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changes everything

The individual donors to-date for our 2021 Southern Region Convention

Donna Harwood
JoAnn & Rex Clark
Mary Kay Marchetti

Linda Meik
Ruth Cleland



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

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

APRIL - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MAY 11, 2020

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

NOMINATED AND VOTED ON

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

THE BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2019-2020 ENDS

2020-2021 NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS INSTALLED

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 5, 2020



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2019 – 2020**

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