



TEXAS POND HONKER

February 2020

Character, Charity, Fellowship

DFW TEXAS POND

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2020

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 February 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:

Kenny Lusk
Wade Kotria

Matthias Montes
Rachel Scott



Appetizers will be sponsored by Firensics. Please take time to thank Edward & Benita Roberts.



Mr. Creator/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

Welcome to an extended version of February y'all. Yep, this is a leap year! How is everyone doing on those resolutions for the new year? Amazingly, I'm still on track as is the Blue Goose Texas Pond. We just had our New Year's Kick-Off and Fund Raiser and it was a wonderful success. The raffle, silent auction and balloon prizes along with generous donation from Sloan & Williams really helped us achieve our goals. We raised over \$5,000.00 that will go to our Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and our Blue Goose Texas Pond Scholarship fund. Thanks to all of you that contributed your time, energy and money to make this a success.

Our February meeting will again be at On the Border in Addison. We will be initiating several goslings to the pond, so please come and help us welcome these new members into the family. Our pond has a goal of having over 100 active members. We need your help to reach this goal. Please invite any of your colleagues or business associates to join you for an upcoming meeting. Spring will be here before you know it. It is not too early to start thinking about Easter. Our March meeting will include putting together Easter Baskets for The Family Place, so get it on your calendar and join the fun. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the next meeting!

Some things to Think About

"I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." Stephen Lencock

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much." Bessie Stanley

"Even as a fierce competitor I try to smile." Magic Johnson

"Life's truest happiness is found in friendships we make along the way." Unknown

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

LAST MONTH



The Texas Pond's annual New Year Kick Off Event was held again at Sloan & Williams Winery. This winery has hosted us for the last three years and each year they give 30% of the sales revenue back to us for our charity endeavors. This year that amount was \$718.35.



Two of the activities we have at this New Year Event is a Silent Auction and a Raffle Basket Drawing. We had over 25 different items for bidders. From Mavericks tickets to various restaurants to Spicy Homemade Beef Jerky to Brookhaven golf for four to Lazy Susan's, Travel bag and mystery baskets. All in all, the Silent Auction revenue came to \$1560. Our Raffle Baskets brought in \$490 and the balloon event generated \$500.



Ashley Hansen & Linda Meik, along with Bonnie Blu greeted and checked in all the guests for our successful event.



A room filled full of fun and fellowship.



Wine Raffle Basket Winner – Mary Bramley
Yes, she won two of the raffle baskets – one lucky lady!



Golf Raffle Basket Winner – Terry Ottoway



Blue Goose members & their guests enjoying the evening.



Meat U Anywhere Raffle *Basket* Winner – Mary Bramley

The sponsors of this event were:

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GOLF TIME FOR THE TEXAS POND

It is time to mark your calendars and start putting together those foursomes. The 14th Annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament is tentatively being set **for Friday, June 5th at Bear Creek Country Club.**

We are seeking Event and Hole Sponsors and Golfers. The golf registration for sponsors and/or golfers will be available on our website at www.bluegoosetx.com beginning in March.

PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES:

North Texas Food Bank

Texas Pond Scholarship Fund

For details on the golf tournament contact the following Blue Goose members: Bret Peiffer, Golf Committee Chair, Jim Devall, Ray Wicker or Linda Meik



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

Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG

Have you signed up or joined the Southern Region FaceBook and/or LinkedIn pages? Take a moment to do so today. Here are the links again:

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."

The Southern Region also has a fund raiser event, which started at the Indy convention and will end at the Hartford convention.

Family Fun * Colleague Fun * Pond Fun



Win a set!

\$20.00 a chance or 3 chances for \$50

Drawing to be held at the Hartford HOBGI Convention.

Do not need to be present to win.

Boards will be shipped to the winner.

Proceeds benefit the Southern Region Convention

Any questions contact Linda Meik – 682-715-5341 or

lindameik9@gmail.com

One does not need to be a Blue Goose member to join the fun or win.



We are seeking sponsors for our Southern Region Convention, both individual as well as corporate. Touch base with any of the Southern Region Pond Officers if you would like to be a sponsor and they will assist you in this process. Or, you can go to the Texas Pond website (www.bluegoosetx.org) and check out the sponsorship information there.



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

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 MEETING - 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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ALERT NOTIFICATION

“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.”

A Tidbit on Leap Year!



29 Leap year

- A leap year is a year that has 366 days, instead of the normal 365.
- Leap years usually happen every four years. That means the next leap year will be in 2016!
- The first leap year was established in 46 BC by Julius Caesar, the dictator of Rome.