



TEXAS POND HONKER

April 2020

Character, Charity, Fellowship

NO MEETING IN APRIL

DFW TEXAS POND



From Calgary to Fargo to St. Louis to Hartford, it is with heavy hearts that our organization has had to cancel so many events due to the pandemic of CO-VID19. During this ongoing global health emergency, we've had no choice but to ensure the safety of our organization and do our best to protect everyone's health and limit your exposure to becoming infected with the virus. We urge all of you to comply with your state and provincial guidelines and policies. Be safe and keep your families safe.

Please let us now if any of your Ganders or their families have been affected by the pandemic. It is our duty to look out for them. Please do your best to check on your neighbors, especially those that are most vulnerable. Please do your best to continue your support of the local charities as best you can.

We know the situation is fluid and seems to change every two hours. We know many of us are very worried about what will be happening in the Spring, over the Summer, and beyond.

Grand Nest is in discussions about July's Hartford Convention and held a conference call on March 19th. It is too early to make any decisions now, but we are looking at a variety of options.

Take to heart the Blue Goose Ritual – "The care of (our) fellow Ganders is world renowned and unquestioned". Remember our solemn promise "to comfort those who have been afflicted, to send cheer into the sick room, and to lift up and strengthen those who have fallen".

In the meantime, be safe and stay healthy.

Tote Fair,

Your Grand Nest Officers



The above message was sent out by the Grand Nest Officers on March 20th following discussions we are having regarding the forth coming Grand Nest Convention. We are exploring multiple options and will meet again here the week of April 6th to possibly make some determinations on what we will be doing. We will again send out another email message to the entire membership. Please note these email blasts do not go out to the guest or Goslings that attend our meetings, it is only to initiated Ganders, so if you know of someone that is not a Gander but attends our meetings, please pass this message along to them.



*Golf Time in Texas, Friday,
June 5th has not been
cancelled as of the date of this
newsletter.*



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 is available on our website at www.bluegoosetx.com.

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.



The Texas Pond is proud to announce that it is ready to receive applications for scholarship funds allocated by the Texas Pond for the 2020-2021 school year.

The application and guidelines were enhanced and updated in August and the final approved forms/information was posted on the Texas Pond website under the Education tab. www.bluegoosetx.org

Due to the COVID-19 situation the deadline for applications is being extended to be received from April 30th to May 15th at midnight.

The Scholarship Committee will meet within 10 days to review all applications and the scholarship recipients will be announced by June 1st.



Mr. Create-or/Builder - Jim Devall, MLG

Greetings Ganders and Goslings. What a difference a few days make! Last month I was writing about the arrival of spring and all the great things that come with it and wham, now it's all about sheltering in place, keeping your distance and washing your hands every five minutes. President Trump has now extended the social distancing guidelines through the end of April. I hope everyone is safe, healthy and doing your part to stop the spread of this terrible virus. Only if we are all disciplined will, we be able to stop this threat and shorten this disruption in our lives. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet for our regularly scheduled meeting in April. We will continue to monitor things and will advise about the May meeting in due course via the website and email. The annual golf tournament is still on the calendar. Bear Creek is working with us, so if we need to postpone, we can do so without consequence. I encourage those who want to sponsor or play to go to the website and sign up. While we can't physically meet, we can reach out to one another and support each other by phone, email, text, etc. Please reach out to as many people as you can with any words of encouragement. Just letting someone know you care can make a big difference.

Many of us are able to work remotely so COVID-19 is only causing minor inconveniences. Others in our families and community are not so fortunate, being forced to shut their doors or being laid off without an income. Now is the time for us to rally in support of these folks that could use our help. We should support the small business by buying locally when we can. Many of the locally owned restaurants can't open their doors, but they are doing take out. Ordering a meal or two from some of these small businesses may be the difference in them making payroll, so I encourage you to do what you can. The Blue Goose has long supported the North Texas Food Bank and they have never needed us more than now. The executive committee will meet virtually in the near future to discuss some of the ways our pond may be able to assist local business and charities. If you have any suggestions, please reach out to me or one of the other officers. I know that these trying times, but if we keep the faith and support

each other, we will come through this stronger and more united than we have ever been. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay in touch.

Some things to Think About

"Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope." Josh Billings

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." Oscar Wilde

"Winning takes talent, to repeat takes character." John Wooden

"My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it." Abraham Lincoln

"Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for our country." Calvin Coolidge

"Speak little, do much." Benjamin Franklin

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."

LAST MONTH



We assembled Easter Baskets for The Family Place. We are one of a very small group of organizations that provides these baskets for The Family Place. Each year the number

of baskets we assemble grows and grows. This year we had 67+ baskets. We have calculated our donation to equate to = \$1,455.



Appetizers were sponsored by ATI Restoration. Thank You - Kenny Lusk.



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

Southern Region – Linda Meik, PMLGG

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

The 2021 convention has gotten off to one great start with the Southern Region Ponds going above & beyond in making contributions toward the convention. In addition several ganders have made personal donations. This convention could not go forward without the great Blue Goose hearts of the Ponds, their membership and the individuals that have made donations.

In addition, as of this date, we have received funds from these great corporate sponsorship from the following companies:



Our heartfelt thank you to these companies and to the incredible Ganders who helped facilitate these sponsorships. Please take time to thank these sponsors.

All sponsors, individual as well as corporate have been promoted on the 2021 Southern Region Grand Nest Facebook & LinkedIn pages. Did you see them?

The 2020 Honorable Order of Blue Goose International's Grand Nest Convention will be hosted by the Hartford Pond. The convention is scheduled for July 18-22, 2020. It is time to start planning on joining us in Hartford.

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: [2021 Grand Nest Convention](#)
LinkedIn Link: [2021 Grand Nest Convention](#)



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

~~APRIL MEETING - DALLAS~~

~~5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS~~

~~SECOND MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020~~

~~ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX~~

MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MAY 11, 2020

ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX

GOSLING INITIATION

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

DISCUSSION OF GN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

SELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR GN CONVENTION

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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