



# TEXAS POND HONKER

September 2020

Character, Charity, Fellowship



## Our September Meeting Will Be Via Zoom & will be with the other Southern Region Ponds

*In times like these it is good to come together to do nothing other than share our world with each other, share our stories and seek new ideas.*

**Come join us for a virtual meeting, Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. CST!**

Grab your favorite beverage or snack and catch up on what is happening with everyone and what is taking place with one of the Texas Pond beneficiaries.

***If you are interested in attending, send an email to Linda Meik at [lindameik9@gmail.com](mailto:lindameik9@gmail.com), by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. The link for the Zoom call will be sent to those that RSVP stating they will be joining the call. We look forward to seeing your great smile.***



## Blue Goose Dues Time

Dues process begins June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Texas Pond. One can choose to pay via credit card by going to the Texas Pond website at [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org) under the Membership tab. Dues are \$70.00. Contact the Wielder if you prefer paying by check, so that she can send you the BG file information as we want to ensure we have all the up-to-date information for your membership record.



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

Greetings all.

Hope all are staying well and safe as we continue to work through 2020 and all of the bounty that she continues to give. Okay, perhaps that last part was with a tongue placed firmly in cheek. Seriously 2020? What the heck? Enough is enough! You've given us a pandemic, multiple hurricanes, including two at the same time, record heat, massive forest fires, riots, civil unrest, and a presidential election with the primary parties about as divided as they possibly can be. I suppose we can't fault you for wanting to leave a legacy that will always be remembered. "The time for honoring yourself will soon be at an end, highness." But it's not too late for you, 2020. You don't have to be remembered for your reign of terror. Be firm in character, broad in charity and free in fellowship and you will learn how quickly you will be viewed in a much more favorable light. Show mankind some compassion by reminding us that we should treat others as we want to be treated. Help instill charity in all of us to help those less fortunate than we. Release us from this pandemic so we may once again embrace all our brothers and sisters in fellowship. You can do this 2020. Just look to any gander in the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. We will show you the way.





## Some things to Think About

“My interest is in the future, because I’m going to be spending the rest of my life there.” Charles Kettering

“Your mind is like a parachute. It only works if it is open.” Anthony J. D’Angelo

“Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so.” Charles De Gaulle

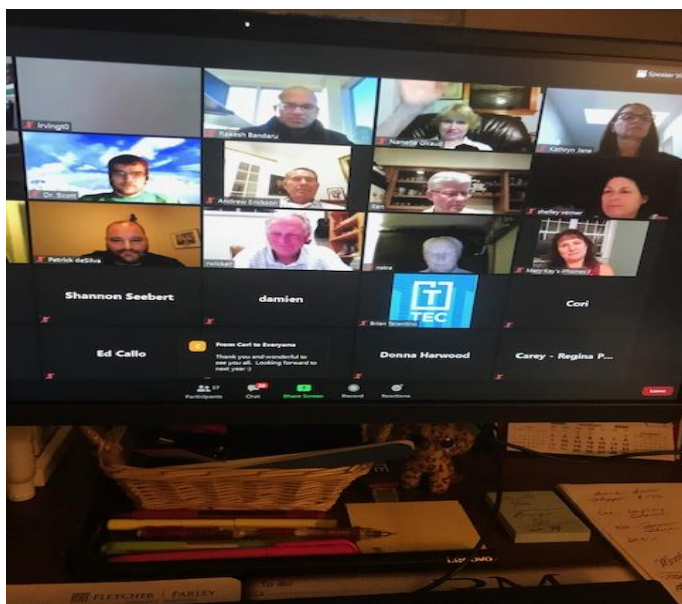
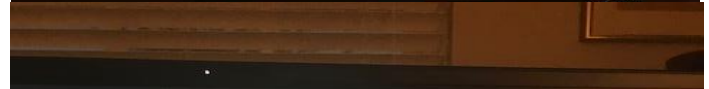
“Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.” Og Mandino

“Don’t allow anything in your life that you don’t want reproduced in your children’s lives.” Unknown

“Don’t be discouraged if your kids reject your advice. Years later they will offer it to their own kids.” Unknown



## HOBGI AWARDS NIGHT



Since the HOBGI could not hold their annual convention this pandemic year of 2020 on the banks of Hartford, the Grand Nest hosted a Zoom Awards Night on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to bestow some well-deserved awards and recognition to the Blue Goose Ponds of Canada and the United States.

We had over 65 Blue Goose Ganders attend the call from Canada, United States and even Australia.

The Texas Pond was awarded the award for Most New & Reinstated for the Southern Region.

**SOUTHERN REGION WINNER  
2019-2020**  
awarded to  
**TEXAS POND**  
**MOST NEW AND REINSTATED**

Presented by  
Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International

August 2020	COVID-19 Year No Convention
Dan Rich, MLGG	Terrence M. Maloney, GWGQ

Below is the other Ponds and the awards bestowed upon them.

International Membership Award for the greatest increase in membership was awarded to **Cincinnati Pond**.

The Regional Growth Award for the largest increase in membership for a Region was awarded to the **Canadian Region**.

Within each Region a Pond with the greatest increase of new and reinstated members in 2019-2020 and with the best percentage increase award recognition went to the following Ponds:

- Central Region – Cincinnati Pond/Cincinnati Pond**
- Southern Region – Texas Pond/North Carolina Pond**
- Canadian Region – Quebec Pond/British Columbia Pond**
- Eastern Region – National Capital Pond/National Capital Pond**

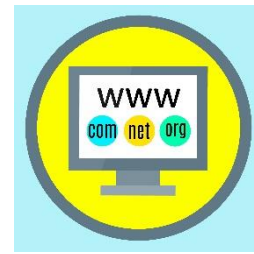
Community Service Award was given to **Peace Garden Pond**

Charity Fund Award was given to **Cincinnati Pond**

Scholarship Award was given to the **Michigan Pond**

**British Columbia** was given the Gordon Crowther Charity Award.

The Communication Award was given to the **Virginia Pond**.  
Ralph Wild was recognized as our Gander of the Year.



## TEXAS POND WEBSITE

The Texas Pond website has been updated. Please take time to check it all out.

## 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



One of the programs the Texas Pond has helped Community Partners with is their 2020 Back-To-School Program. To accommodate this program during these pandemic times, Community Partners set up an on-line system where one could purchase a pre-packaged bundle for the “Back to School” program. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Texas Pond had **made \$1035** in pre-packaged donations to this virtual program.

Prior to this month a few Texas Pond Ganders took time to make some other donations for our Blue Goose 2020-2021 year. Thanks to Jim Deval for his donations to North Texas Food Bank during their triple donation drive, Wayne Ottoway, who reached out to his company to do matching contribution to Community Partners, Scott Sterrantino for donation of office supplies for a Community Partners Advocate Organization and Linda Meik for donations to The Family Place of Dallas.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions during these rather strange & difficult times.



## Scottish Rite Donation 2019-2020



May 2020, the Texas Pond donated to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital of Texas. Due to the pandemic, we could not deliver this check in person. Because of this situation, Scottish Rite promised that they would create a check displaying this donation and have one of the kiddos showcase this donation.

## HOBGI SIX-YEAR CHARITY ENDEAVORS



### The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International's Six-year Charity Endeavors

Total Financial Donations \$1,527,164 to a variety of charities!

The Blue Goose Members provided 11,600 volunteer hours!

A collection of \$400,598 in goods & supplies were donated to various charities!

A total of \$55,450 in educational scholarships were awarded!



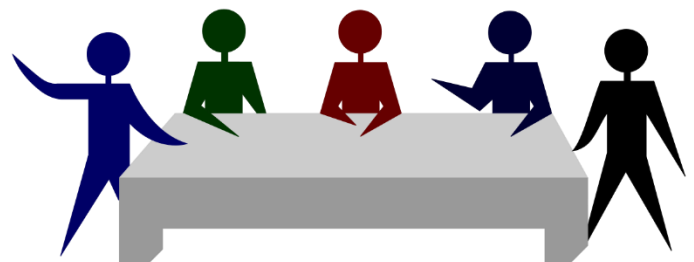
## See what's cooking for the Texas Pond Blue Goose

**SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**NEW DAY – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**  
**SOUTHERN REGION PONDS JOINT MEETING**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**

**OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2020**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2020**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020**  
**ON THE BORDER, ADDISON, TX**



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# Last Laugh



**Masks are apparently the new bra... They're uncomfortable, you only wear them in public, and when you don't wear one everyone notices.**