Honorable Order of the Bhie Goose, International Texas Pond Charity Fellowship Education

TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2020



Zoom & will be held on Monday, October 12th, which is Columbus Day



Come join us for a virtual meeting, Wednesday, October 12th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. CST!

Let's celebrate this holiday together by grabbing one's favorite beverage or snack and join in on this Zoom call.

If you are interested in attending, send an email to Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com, by Monday, September 14th 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.

STILL TIME TO PAY YOUR 2020-2021 DUES





To those that have not paid their 2020-2021 dues there is still time to do so. Go to <u>https://bluegoosetx.org</u> to pay via credit card. To pay by cash or check send to Linda Meik at 4032 Knighterrant Drive; Roanoke, TX 76262 with your business card.

Character, Charity, Fellowship

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

Greetings all,

Hope all are well and safe. As I write this message, I reflect on last month's message and note that 2020 did not heed our advice, unleashing two more hurricanes upon us. She followed that up with one of the most perplexing presidential debates in US history. As we all wonder what will be next, it would be easy for us to crawl under the covers and give up. But this is not the Blue Goose way. I was reminded of this in our recent joint Southern Region Zoom Meeting where we were able to interact with so many of our fellow ganders around the region. There was so much joy and caring among the group and so many reminders that we have been through hard times before and come out better than ever on the other side. We will get past all that 2020 throws at us, even if it carries into the new year. My fellow ganders have shown me this, reminding us to follow the precepts of the Order, treating others as we would want to be treated and helping where we can. Stay strong ganders. Keep the faith and be well.





Somethings to Think About

"Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing whom to thank." Unknown

"Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds." Unknown

"The purpose of man's life is not happiness but worthiness." Felix Adler

"You can't help a person uphill without getting closer to the top yourself." Unknown

"I'd rather be a failure at something I love than a success at something I hate." George Burns

"Those who are successful never look towards the ground for their next step, but towards the horizon." Unknown



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



Last month the Texas Pond joined all the other Southern Region Pond folks for an evening of fellowship, getting to know one another and brainstorming thoughts. There were 49 Ganders, Goslings & Guests who registered to join the fun, with 32 folks finally joining in.

Discussions were had about the impact the pandemic has had on each of our areas we reside in, along with sharing of activities some have had during this time and some of the anticipated future activities we each hope to have.

There was discussion about how to initiate the young Goslings waiting on the banks of our Ponds. We are discussing doing a joint virtual initiation, with each of the Ponds possibly doing a Welcome to the Pond event for the Goslings, now Ganders, when they can meet in person.

The group felt that we need to consider quarterly having a joint Southern Region (Splash) Pond meeting. Linda Meik, PMLGG/GSOF – Southern Region Officer is looking at setting up the next Splash call in November.

(Minutes of the call were circulated to those in attendance. If anyone wants a copy, email Linda Meik at <u>lindameik9@gmail.com</u>.

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

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

GOODBYE 2020 - NEW YEAR BEGINS!



Texas Pond Officers 2020 – 2021

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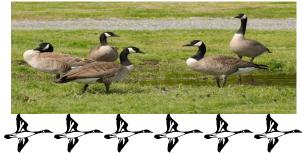
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Everyday Covid Check: At 5PM open a bottle of wine, smell it, then pour it in a glass. If you can smell it and taste iT, you are good. Celebrate by finishing the bottle. You are welcome!



"This door also comes with the latest technology. We installed a facial recognition device. Or, some call it a peephole."

Whoever said "Out of sight, Out of mind"

never had a spider disappear in the bedroom.

> IRISH POST

REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD REFER TO YOUR KNEES AS RIGHT AND LEFT?



INSTEAD OF GOOD AND BAD. AH GOOD TIMES, EH!

Neighbour: Hello Mary, how are you? Mary: I'm homesick. Neighbour: But this is your home. Mary: I know, I'm sick of it!



I feel that I should clean the house so I am heading out to the garden until that feeling passes.