



TEXAS POND HONKER

May 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



WE ARE BACK TO MEETING IN PERSON

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

MEETING AT:

CHILL BAR & GRILL

814 SOUTH MAIN

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS 76051

We encourage all those who are comfortable with an in-person gathering to JOIN US! Our goal is to keep everyone safe & comfortable! Mask wearing is your personal choice, the restaurant does not require one to do so. We have reserved space to meet on the outdoor patio.

No reservations are necessary. Cash Bar! Food is at your own expense.

The Texas Pond has several business items to be discussed at our meeting.

- ❖ Southern Region Zoom Call info/update
- ❖ Slate of Officers for 2021-2022
- ❖ Hartford Convention Info
- ❖ Selection of Texas Pond Delegates
- ❖ Golf Tournament Update
- ❖ Dues for 2021-2022
- ❖ June meeting plans

Come ready to meet – greet- and discuss!



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

Greetings Ganders, Goslings, and Guests,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the beautiful weather. For me, there is nothing like Texas in the Spring. It is difficult not to feel a sense of hope and rejuvenation when just driving around our wonderful state. Everything has turned green, and the landscape is painted blue and orange with millions of Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brushes scattered along the roadsides and in the fields. Even my own back yard is filled with glorious blooming plants. Okay, those of you that know me well, know that most of them are weeds, but as long as the Claritin is working, I'm good with it. It's just so good to be able to get out and breathe again. I hope y'all are able to get out and visit with friends and family now that many of the restrictions of the Pandemic are behind us. I'm so very excited about our upcoming meeting at the Chill Bar & Grill in Grapevine. They have a beautiful outdoor patio that will allow us to enjoy the outdoors and be together like we have not been able to do for over a year. I encourage you to please make plans to be there. We will have some important business items to cover as we wind up the 2020/21 year and make plans for the new year, but there will be ample opportunity to visit and get acquainted. Mark your calendars and don't forget. In the meantime, stay safe and God Bless!

SEE you soon!

Upcoming Meetings

June - Vote on & install new officers; recognize membership anniversary folks; wrap-up for the year. Choose Delegate representatives for Hartford Conv. Dues collection for 2021-2022 will begin.

July - new officers begin their roles. Hartford event.

Grand Nest/ Southern Region



News - Update – Tidbits

The Hartford Day of Fellowship event in July has been sent out to all Ganders across the Blue Goose land. If you did not receive it, please contact Linda Meik, GSOF of the Southern Region (lindameik9@gmail.com).

April 14th the Southern Region held its 3rd all Southern Region Pond Zoom call. Twenty-nine Ganders came together to hear the news from Grand Nest & Southern Region. The Grand Nest Historian & Grand Nest Guardian of the Nest joined in on the call. Minutes of the meeting were sent to the Southern Region Pond Officers to update their respective memberships.

The Southern Region Convention is asking for everyone's help in collecting/establishing the charity needs for the Volunteer Experience at 2022 Convention. See below:



CAN YOU HELP???

GIFT CARD DONATION/COLLECTION OPPORTUNITY

We will be assembling gift baskets for burn victims and their families as a volunteer experience at the July 2022 convention in Grapevine, TX. This activity was inspired by our opening Convention Guest Speaker, who was a patient at Shriners' Hospital Burn Unit in Galveston as a young child.

Accidents happen so quickly and those impacted are not prepared with the daily items needed, as they are often far away from their homes. Facilities provide Care Baskets to help patients and their families during this very difficult time. Our goal is to assemble 25 patient and 25 family Care Baskets for Shriners' Hospital for Children in Galveston Texas. In addition, we will be making 75 patient and 75 family Care Baskets for Parkland Burn Unit in Dallas.

To facilitate this endeavor and collect needed items, a gift registry has been set up via Walmart for items that are needed. Gift cards of any size/value will also be accepted for this charity endeavor.

Rather than assign or ask each member to buy & ship items for the charity baskets, we are asking every Gander to purchase one or more items off the registry *or* donate a gift card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Target, Walmart) of any size or value. Purchased cards should be sent to our Southern Region Convention Officer (Mama Goose). She will use the cards to purchase the items that Shriners' or Parkland's Burn Unit have requested for their patients and/or families. Items will be at the hotel for the Charity Committee (Alabama, Florida, Arizona & Tennessee Pond representatives) to organize & coordinate this Volunteer Experience during the convention.

Working together on this we can make a huge impact on the needs of the Care Basket program.

Mail cards to Linda Meik; 4032 Knighterrant Drive; Roanoke, TX 76262

Walmart Gift Registry:

<https://www.walmart.com/lists/manage-events-registry-items>

(Registry is listed as private and is not searchable – use the above link to access)

Thank You in advance for your generous hearts!

If you need more information, please contact Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com or 682-715-5341.

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."



GOLF TIME

TEXAS POND'S

14th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 11, 2021

Bear Creek Golf Club

3500 Bear Creek Court; Dallas, TX 75261



PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES

North Texas Food Bank

Texas Pond Scholarship Fund

6:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. Ball Drop with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
12:30 p.m. Lunch

More details located on the Texas Pond website at www.bluegoosetx.org.

OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:

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- ❖ Quest Pro/Q-Temps
- ❖ Unified Building Services & Engineering
- ❖ ExamWorks
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- ❖ Haag Global
- ❖ CRU Group
- ❖ BluSky Restoration
- ❖ BMS Management
- ❖ Apex Claims Management

Last Month

ALL THINGS INSURANCE BINGO



How much do you know about Insurance?



Here is a peek at our Bingo cards....not your typical Bingo game! Look at these serious Bingo faces below!



The three winners were:

Nick Gannon was our first winner. His prize was entry of 3 balls (\$20 value) in our Ball Drop Event at the 14th Annual Texas Golf Outing. Here he has a chance to win anyone of the 4 prizes this event offers.

Sharon Wilkins won the 2nd game, and her prize is a \$25.00 donation to North Texas Food Bank in her name.

Daphney Elliott received the prize of a big pitcher of margaritas at our May meeting from Jim Devall. She promises to let everyone have a wee bit of a taste.



Some things to Think About

“Character is much easier kept than recovered.” Thomas Paine

“Most of us know how to say nothing; few of us know when.” Anonymous

“What we do today, right now, will have an accumulated effect on all our tomorrows.” Alexander Stoddard

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

“If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today.” E. Joseph Cossman

“Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.” John Wooden



See what's cooking

MAY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MAY 10, 2021

CHILL BAR & GRILL IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

BEAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 11, 2021 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN

JUNE MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JUNE 14, 2021

CHILL BAR & GRILL IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS



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2020 – 2021

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