



# TEXAS POND HONKER

June 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



**MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

**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.

- ❖ Vote on & install new officers for the 2021-2022 Blue Goose year
- ❖ Recognition of membership anniversaries
- ❖ Super Goose Award
- ❖ Announce the Scholarship Awards
- ❖ Year End Summary/Wrap-up
- ❖ Choose Delegate representatives for Hartford Conv.
- ❖ Dues collection for 2021-2022 will begin.

Come ready to meet – greet- and discuss!



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

Greetings Ganders, Goslings, and Guests,

I hope everyone is healthy, safe and had a lovely Memorial Day Weekend. As a kid, I was always very excited because Memorial Day always meant that school was out for summer. "No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks". I have learned through the years that teachers are probably more excited than the kids that school is out. This has to be especially true after the year of the pandemic. My hat is off to all those teachers and those forced to be at home teachers for how they have improvised, persevered, and otherwise survived a very challenging school year. Here's to hoping they can rest, relax and recharge over the next couple of months for what we all hope will be a normal school year next fall. I have also learned through the years that Memorial Day is more than a signpost indicating the start of summer and the Indy 500 race. Memorial Day is a time to celebrate and be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and thankful for the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, so that we can enjoy those freedoms. But Memorial Day is much more than that. I read a particularly poignant note this weekend that got my attention and helped me put things in perspective. It was from a wife, who lost her husband to a war that he fought defending our freedoms. Each Memorial Day is a reminder to her of the loss of her husband and the father to their two children. It is a day of grieving for that family and many families like hers. I hope we can all remember the full meaning of Memorial Day. I hope you will join me in a

prayer for those that have fallen to keep us free, but also a prayer for the families left behind. Enjoy the summer, stay safe and God Bless.



## *Southern Region Convention Fund Raiser*



**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.

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 gift cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Target or 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.

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**

**Thank You in advance for your generous hearts!**



# **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](http://www.bluegoosetx.org).**

## **OUR HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORS TO-DATE ARE:**

- ❖ Sedgwick
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## Grand Nest



## News - Update - Tidbits

In light of the continued covid plight the Grand Nest Officers have decided to have an informal gathering in Hartford rather than a full-blown convention- **"DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP."**

On SUNDAY JULY 25 there will be an election of GN Officers and on MONDAY JULY 26 there will be GN FELLOWSHIP events

Different streaming instructions for the MONDAY FELLOWSHIP event will be sent at a later date as well inviting all members to attend.

Of course, all members are welcome to attend the event personally. MLGG Rich sent out an invitation. Registration for in-person attendance is \$150 and the hotel rate is \$129/night.

For those that will not be traveling to Hartford, here is the Zoom link to log into and attend virtually the **"DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP"** Sunday agenda.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86389786749?pwd=TF0rTlFUb0FVZRTZkMVUwcFpMWjNhUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 8978 6749  
Passcode: 987201

Please join us virtually if you cannot attend in-person.

Each Pond whose Delegates will not be attending in-person will need to login to a special Zoom link for the Sunday morning **"DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP"** agenda. This

Zoom link will be sent out only to those Delegates whose names have been properly submitted to Grand Nest.

**Note** – For compliance with our Constitution & By Laws we are asking that ALL DELEGATES are able to display themselves visually during the streaming process. A roll call will be taken for that purpose.

The Delegate Zoom link should not be shared and one cannot substitute someone else who has not been submitted to Grand Nest for the Zoom Delegate Virtual call. If the Virtual Delegate would like to attend the afternoon agenda, they will login to the main Zoom link at the appropriate area time.

## Blue Goose Days of Fellowship Agenda

Sunday July 25, 2021

Split Session 11:00 -1:00 and 2:00 - 4:00

8:00 am to  
11:00

Hotel Breakfast

Meeting Room Opens

- a) ALL OF TODAY'S SESSIONS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED
- b) AV TEAM ON SITE TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS TO BE EDITED INTO A PROFESSIONALLY PRODUCED HIGHLIGHT VIDEO

11:00 am to  
1:00 pm

Welcoming Remarks -Dan Rich MLGG

Invocation by Hartford Pond Chaplain Craig Sikora

National Anthems (Live or Recorded)

Delegate Roll Call

Officer nominating speeches, second & close by acclimation

Delegate Vote

Installation Ceremony

Memorial Service -Bay State Pond

1:00 am to  
2:00 pm

Hotel Lunch

2:00 pm to  
4:30 pm

Charity Speaker -Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp and check presentation  
Charity Committee Presentation  
Dan Rich -Reflections on 2 Years in Office  
MLGG Linda Meik Address of Acceptance  
GGN Wendy Hubbard Address of Acceptance  
Kevin Brady- Raffle Drawing



6:00 pm -  
8:00 pm

Group Dinner -Walk to Maggie McFly's

Monday July 26, 2021

Hotel Breakfast

9:00 am Interactive Charity Event – “Fill the Backpacks”

8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Remarks by Carolyn Jasper -Prudence Crandall Center

Morning and early afternoon Free Optional Golf

Lunch On Your Own

NO LIVE STREAM - AV TEAM ON SITE TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS TO BE EDITED INTO A PROFESSIONALLY PRODUCED

3:30 pm Bus leaves hotel for Priam Vineyards -Colchester, CT

4:00 Vineyard Tour

5:00 Wine and Cheese Reception

6:00 Wine Dinner with Chef Rob Maffucci

8:00 Bus Returns to Glastonbury

This decision has not come easy, but the work of the Order also has not come easy, nor the work of our Ponds.

## Last Month

Our first in-person meeting in over a year, and was noted, rain nor hail could keep some fluffy birds from finally getting together for an in-person gathering. We were scheduled for the patio, but good ol' Texas weather moved in, and we had to move inside.

It was absolutely awesome to see so many smiling faces at our May meeting. We had 28 folks in attendance: 19 Ganders & Goslings and 9 incredible guests, of which were two former Ganders who brought their dues current and got started for the next year.

The best part of the location was that inside there was an ATM, so those that do not have checks to pay dues, can get some cash to bring things current.



Mama Goose was happy!



## A LOOK IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

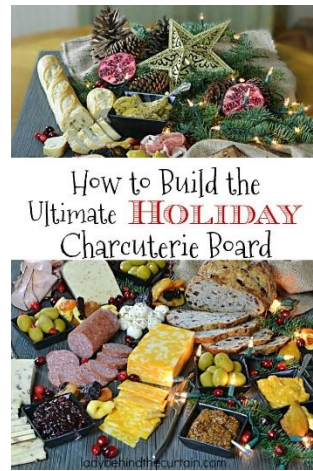
The 2020-2021 Blue Goose year had the pandemic cloud hanging over it, but the Texas Pond Officers arranged for a variety of Zoom meetings allowing the membership to gather every month. Below is just a few of the various Zoom meetings along with pictures, in addition the Texas Pond held several virtual charity fund raisers for our beneficiaries:



Beer 101 - Amie Savona, Certified Cicerone® with over 15 years' experience working in beer, taught us about beer. She went over a brief history of beer, ingredients, styles, how beer is made and then took us through the fun part of tasting 4 different beers: Peroni, Heineken Newcastle Brown, Paulaner Hefeweizen and Lagunitas IPA.



Vodka Education - The Texas Pond kicked off 2021 with a presentation from Western Son Distillery. The speaker gave us many educational tips on the making of vodka and some of the drinks to celebrate 2021.



Charcuterie Class - The Texas Pond hosted a Virtual Charcuterie event, and part of the proceeds was dedicated to North Texas Food Bank.

Thorough this endeavor the Texas Pond contributed \$155 from a portion of the proceeds to NTFB.



Chocolate Dessert Time - The Honorable Order of Blue Goose - Texas Pond hosted a 5-star rated chocolate & baking zoom class for their Valentine's celebration in 2021!

## ALL THINGS INSURANCE BINGO







Charity - Community Partners had us join in their first ever virtual Holiday Toy Drive! Our support helps bring smiles and holiday joy to several of abused and neglected children in Dallas County during the holiday season. The Texas Pond worked on fulfilling 100 wishes, which equated to \$950 in value.



The Texas Pond has helped Community Partners with their 2020 Back-To-School 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. The Texas Pond made \$1035 in pre-packaged donations to this virtual program.

Also, during this pandemic time, the Texas Pond Ganders took time to make donations to North Texas Food Bank during their triple donation drive.



## *Some things to Think About*

"A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship." John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned." Peter Marshall

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward." Vernon Law

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

"A good rest is half the work." Yugoslav Proverb

## 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."*



## See what's cooking

**14<sup>TH</sup> 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**

**END OF THE 2020-2021 BLUE GOOSE YEAR**

### **JULY MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY JULY 12, 2021**

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**THE BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2021-2022 BEGINS**

### **AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2021**

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### **SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

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### **OCTOBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY OCTOBER 11, 2021**

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**NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

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**DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021**

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**Texas Pond Officers**

**2020 – 2021**

**Most Loyal Gander** – Jim Devall (C) 940- 703-1423

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**Guardian of the Pond** - [Vacant](#)

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**Wielder of the Goose Quill** - Linda Meik

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