

TEXAS POND HONKER

August 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



MONDAY, August 9, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux
3165 Regent Blvd
IRVING, TEXAS 75063

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

Our August meeting is dedicated to collecting school supplies for Community Partners kiddos. Community Partners is planning to provide backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies and new uniforms to 3,000 abused or neglected children



Supplies they most need:

- ❖ Backpacks
- ❖ Block erasers
- ❖ Glue sticks
- ❖ Glue bottles
- ❖ Index cards (100 count)
- ❖ Markers (10 count)
- ❖ Notebook paper (wide-ruled, 100 count)
- ❖ Watercolors

- ❖ Calculators
- ❖ Safety scissors
- ❖ Construction paper (9 x 12, 100 count or less)
- ❖ Manila paper (9 x 12, 100 count or less)
- ❖ Colored pencils

Come ready to meet, greet, and continue celebrating!

Last Month



The following Ganders were installed to be the leaders of the Texas Pond for the 2021-2022 Blue Goose year, which began on July 1st:

- MLG – Sharon Wilkins
- SOF- Jason Znoy
- COG – Alicia Speer
- GOP –Terri Rejcek
- KGGE – Daphney Elliott
- WGQ – Linda Meik



Membership Anniversary pins were presented to Jim Devall & Neil Ullrich for 10 years. Congratulations to these two outstanding Ganders for their years as a Blue Goose member.



Jim Devall, as the 2020-2021 MLG presented Randy Webb with the Super Goose award for this past year.

About Our Super Goose – Randy Webb

- *Joined Blue Goose May 2005 – dropped out for a couple years but came back to the flock in 2009 – a 13-year member
- *In the last five years has attended 95% of all Pond meetings/activities
- *Has attended a Grand Nest Convention
- *Has ascended through all the Texas Pond Officer Chairs & has been a DMLGG for the Southern Region
- *Has been part of this past year's Southern Region All Pond Zoom Calls
- *During this past year of our Pond Zoom meetings, he was instrumental in helping bring forth some creative meeting ideas
- * Has been instrumental in lining up the Fire Department at Bear Creek for the Ball Drop – 5th year they have assisted us.

Here is a quick overview of what makes a Super Goose: Each year the MLG will review with the Wielder candidates they believe who have gone above & beyond for the Pond. Things that are looked at are:

1. Has been a member for at least 5 years
2. Meeting attendance during that time
3. Contributions or impact on the Pond
4. Contributions or impact to all of Blue Goose (regionally or nationally)

Final decision is then made by the MLG for who they would like to present the award to.....

Following the Super Goose presentation, the reigns were turned over to our new MLG, Sharon Wilkins and we presented Jim with a PMLG pin thanking him for his service during the very trying COVID Blue Goose year.

Grand Nest



News - Update - Tidbits

The 2021 Grand Nest Convention was semi in-person & virtual. The in-person portion occurred in Hartford on July 25-26.



Volunteer Experience





60 Backpacks were assembled with age-appropriate supplies for kiddos at the Prudence Crandall Center, Inc. The room was small, but the hearts were huge & big as the Ganders came together to make quick work of getting each backpack assembled properly. Dedication & focus made quick work of this project.

Following the assembly of the backpacks, the Prudence Crandall Center folks gave us an overview of their program. For the Texas Folks this program is similar to Community Partners of Dallas that the Texas Pond supports.



Awards

The Quebec Pond was recognized for the Gordon Crowther Award, which is awarded to the Pond for outstanding charity activities.

Hartford Pond was awarded the Community Service Award, which is awarded to the Pond that volunteers their time and services to a local charity.

The Virginia Pond received the Charity Fund Award, which goes to a Pond that raised funds for a charity and involved all of their membership.

The Scholarship Award went to Alberta Pond, which is based not on the amount of dollars given but, on the effort, displayed in raising funds.

Four Ganders of the Year were recognized & awarded: Canadian Region – Robert Barton- Regina Pond; Central Region – Ken Zechota – Peace Garden; Eastern Region – Kevin Brady – Hartford Pond; and Southern Region Shannon Seebert – Kentucky Pond.

Following a quick overview of the 2022 convention to be held in Grapevine, Texas hosted by the Southern Region, there was a motion made, seconded, and voted on to hold the next Grand Nest Convention in Grapevine, Texas – July 2022.

New Grand Nest Officers were nominated, seconded and closings were had. For the 2021-2022 Blue Goose year the Grand Nest Officers are: Linda Meik, MLGG; Wendy Knizek, GSOF; Steve Carson, GCON; and Wendy Hubbard, GGON.

MLGG, Linda Meik gave an acceptance speech, where she presented a theme for this next Blue Goose year with 3 R's Program. The 3 R's are: REORGANIZE – REFOCUS- RENEW. She challenged each Grand Nest Officer to come up with their goals for this next year, which will be shared with the Ponds. Then she challenged the Ponds to also come up with goals that support the Grand Nest Officer goals, their Pond, and the organization as a whole.

The new Eastern Region Grand Nest Officer will be Wendy Hubbard of the Hartford Pond. She gave an acceptance speech.

Now take a look again at the four main GNOs – do you note anything????? It is the first time in our history that there is not just one female but three....Steve is surrounded by some awesome ladies.

Hartford definitely had their challenges with this event. The pandemic had the convention committee not only set things up once, but then reshuffle all for a 2nd date (year) to only reshuffle for a third time. They did an awesome job and the one thing they brought to light is we can do things on a scaled down model and come together from far and wide to enjoy each other in fellowship. Thanks Hartford – Job well done!



Southern Region Convention

July 10-14, 2022

Embassy Suites DFW Airport North

A quick glimpse at what is on the horizon for this convention.

On Sunday, July 10th the Grand Nest Officers, current & past, gather to undertake the business at hand of the organization.

Monday, Kicks off with the Welcome Party late afternoon/early evening with a Chuck Wagon Cook-out with some awesome fun and entertainment. Earlier on Monday the Southern Region has set up a few ad hoc activities that attendees can choose to undertake if they so choose. These activities are a couple different coordinated tours, or they can wander the streets of Grapevine, or shop at Grapevine Mills Mall or go play golf at Cowboy's Golf Club.

Tuesday, the Ganders will begin the day with listening to an inspirational speaker & singer, followed by the Memorial Service, lunch, Volunteer Experience, Model Initiation, and Regional meetings. The evening will find all the Ganders, Spouses & Guests headed to Billy Bob's for some good boot scootin' fun before heading back to the Embassy Suites for a Hospitality Time with entertainment.

We will begin Wednesday, July 13th by hearing all the great details for the 2022-2023 Convention being assembled by British Columbia. Following this presentation, we will be presenting awards for various accomplishments during the year before we move onto election of officers for the next Grand Nest Year. The day will conclude with A Grand Banquet, followed by dancing to the music of Emerald City Band.

Thursday will come all too fast, and we will be bidding farewell to each other as attendees head on home.

Registration for this convention will be opened up in December. The registration fee for Early Bird registration is \$395, which will end March 1st and after that the registration fee will be \$450 up until June 18th.

The room rate at the Embassy Suites is \$189/night.

Some things to Think About

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." William Arthur Ward

"Winning is nice if you don't lose your integrity in the process." Arnold Horshaak

"Clear your mind of can't." Samuel Johnson

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." James Michener

"The word worst bankruptcy in the world is the person who has lost his enthusiasm." H. W. Arnold



See what's cooking

AUGUST MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2021
WALK*ON'S, IRVING, TX

SEPTEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
WALK*ON'S, IRVING, TX

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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