



TEXAS POND HONKER

September 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



MEETING NOTICE!

MONDAY, September 13, 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.

Amanda Rainey, VP of SPCA of Texas will be our speaker. She will share with you some details about SPCA, their needs and how we could help by volunteering. This information will let us know whether we would like to add into our mix a charity endeavor involving animals.

Also, remember to bring a gift card or two from Visa/MasterCard, American Express/Walmart, or Target – any value for the Southern Region Convention Charity activity. No food or other venue cards. Cards will be utilized to purchase the approved items defined by the facilities and at the convention we will assemble "Care Bags" for the patients of Dallas Parkland Burn Unit and Shriners Children Hospital in Galveston.



Sharon Wilkins, MLG

Hi there Ganders and Goslings!

Hard to believe we're nearing the official end of summer on September 22. Of course, we Texans know that date just means summer is ending somewhere, because it's just barely the beginning of the end here! It's been a strange year with Covid restrictions being lifted, only to realize that maybe we were a little too optimistic on that. Let's make sure we're keeping ourselves and our families as safe as we can while still doing what's necessary.

So even though it's still warm, now is a good time to think about how we're going to go into the fall and winter months. Do you have home or garden projects you need to complete? Are some of your New Year's Resolutions still hanging out there? Were you planning to work on your AIC or CPCU this year? Or just learn a new thing? Start a new hobby? Walk outside farther than your mailbox? There's still time, but we're running down the clock fast on summer.

As you review those old goals and measure where you're at, reflect a little if that's still who you want to be and what you want to do. It's ok to stop a hobby or project because you don't like it as much as you thought. Maybe you only got the first 3 rows knitted on that king size blanket you were going to make this year. Turn that into a nice long scarf instead and move on to something you like. Maybe you thought bicycling was what you wanted to do for exercise, but you really enjoy birdwatching while you walk.

If you set a goal, but you hate the activity, chances are you won't stick with it.

So do what you enjoy or at least think you can do long term. You may progress a little slower, but you're still moving forward.

Last Month



Congratulations to the Texas Pond members for their generosity in bringing school supplies to our August meeting. After sorting and counting all supplies, Terri Rejcek & Linda Meik delivered the supplies to Community Partners of Dallas. The school supplies came to a grand total of \$3,259.74



Next Month

To celebrate Oktoberfest for our October meeting we will be gathering at:

Three Nations Brewing
1033 E. Vandergriff Drive
CARROLLTON, TEXAS 75006

The brewery is located near the historic square in Carrollton on the east side of I-35 and Belt Line Road, just north of 635.

To attend this fun event there will be a \$20 registration fee. This fee will cover the appetizer food selection we will have for everyone to enjoy. All drinks are via cash bar.

We are seeking 5-6 sponsors at \$250 each for this event. Sponsorship and/or registration to attend can be made at <https://www.bluegoosetx.org> under events.

The funds raised from this event will go to help enhance the Texas Pond's General Fund and our Texas Pond Scholarship Fund.

Grand Nest



News - Update - Tidbits

Do ya ever wonder what other Blue Goose Ponds did to keep the home fires burning this past year when all were basically shut down in a stay-at-home move? Well, go to the Grand Nest website and check out the Marketing Committee Report for 2021. Or click on the link below and check things out. Pretty impressive!

<https://bluegoose.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Marketing-committee-report-2021.pdf>



Southern Region

Have you joined our Southern Region Facebook or LinkedIn social media sites?

You will find the Southern Region Convention sponsors, plans, and activity updates here. Check out all the fun and take time to join these sites for continual updates. Here are the links for one to do so:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416725172357261>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12320202/>



Some things to Think About

"Praise is like sunlight to the human spirit: we cannot flower and grow without it." Jess Lair

"Humility does not mean you think less of yourself. It means you think of yourself less." Ken Blanchard

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." John Maxwell

"One of the greatest weaknesses in most of us is our lack of faith in ourselves." L. Tom Perry

"There is nothing better than the encouragement of a good friend." Katherine Hathaway



See what's cooking

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
THREE NATIONS BREWERY

NOVEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2021
THE KEG STEAKHOUSE, IRVING, TX

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021
THE KEG STEAKHOUSE, IRVING, TX



ALERT NOTIFICATION

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2021 – 2022**



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Grand Nest Officers for 2021-2022



Most Loyal Grand Gander – Linda Meik, Texas Pond
Grand Supervisor of the Flock - Wendy Knizek, BC Pond
Grand Custodian of the Nest - Steve Carson, Michigan Pond
Grand Guardian of the Nest – Wendy Hubbard, Hartford Pond

Other Grand Nest Officers Not pictured

Grand Keeper of Golden Goose Egg – Joe Lothshutz, Michigan Pond
Judge Advocate – PMLGG Lorena Kohlrus, Alberta Pond
Grand Historian – PMLGG Dan Rich, Hartford Pond
Grand Historian Emeritus – PMLGG John Bishop, Nova Scotia Pond
Grand Wielder of Goose Quill – Terry Maloney, Home Nest Pond



One Last Laugh!

The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54
The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57
The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41
The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at the age of 60

And then..

KFC inventor dies at 94
Investor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88
Cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102

The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 ... in an earthquake

The Hennessy inventor dies at 98

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping, but it lives for only 2 years.

The turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So,

Have a drink, Take a nap, If you wake up, have bacon & eggs!!