



# TEXAS POND HONKER

October 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



**MONDAY, October 11, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

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

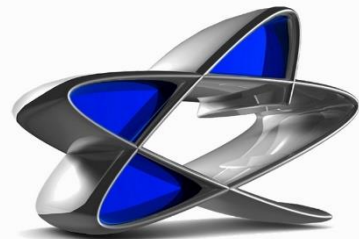
The brewery is located near the historic square in Carrollton on the east side of I-35 and Belt Line Road, just north of 635.

We are calling this event a Blue Goose Oktoberfest. Yes, we are a little late, but we still are ready to continue with the Oktoberfest spirit! For this event we will need to have one make a reservation and pay a \$20 registration fee. One can register by going to the Texas Pond website under Events.

<https://www.bluegoosetx.org>

Each registered attendee will receive two drink tickets and some great Oktoberfest food will be provided via Ms. Ashley Hansen from Meat U Anywhere. We have two fantastic sponsors so far for this event and would like to

get 3 or 4 more. Sponsorships are \$250 each and can be made on the event tab on our website.



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Thank You Eddy Pokluda and Ashley Hansen for these sponsorships.

Remember for this event a registration is required!

<https://www.bluegoosetx.org>

Come have some fun and great fellowship.

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





Sharon Wilkins, MLG

Hi Ganders and Goslings!

Fall is finally making itself felt here in North Texas and we're entering the last quarter of 2021. So out of curiosity (and out of ideas for writing) I looked up "October is National \_\_\_\_\_ Month." It's a long list. The one that immediately caught my attention is National Adopt a Shelter Dog month, which dovetails nicely with our search for an animal welfare charity to help sponsor. It's also Squirrel Awareness Month, which the website informs me is different from Squirrel Appreciation Day (January). It seems like a good topic to discuss with your newly adopted Shelter dog, who could undoubtedly broaden your education about squirrels. And so many other things.

Mysteriously, October is Caffeine Addiction Recovery Month, which I find baffling on many levels, not the least of which is why the words "Caffeine Addiction," and "Recovery" are in the same sentence. Best of all, it's National Cookie Month! Their website informs us that it's time to start prepping your metabolism for the holiday season by indulging in cookies of any kind, whenever you please. While I don't agree with everything I read on the internet, this looks like sound advice for us all.

Happy October everyone!



# Last Month

The September meeting was pleased to have Amanda Rainey from SPCA of Texas as their guest speaker. This organization was founded in 1938. The SPCA of Texas is a leading animal welfare agency in North Texas with three shelters, three spay/neuter & wellness clinics, one mobile adoption unit, and an animal rescue center located in Collin, Dallas, and Ellis Counties.

Ms. Rainey shared with everyone the ways one can help SPCA of North Texas and what the needs of the organization are. She discussed how one can volunteer or one can foster care of animals, along with multiple ways of giving.

# Next Month



The plans are underway to hold a Gosling Initiation into our Blue Goose organization. Goslings be on standby as we will be advising you shortly on the proper attire for you to wear to take your first swim in our Pond.



## *Southern Region News*

As the year of 2021 comes to an end, the Southern Region Ponds will gather again around their computers for an All Pond Zoom call on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the flyer!

On this call the Southern Region DMLGGs will be providing an update on their activities, along with each Southern Region Pond providing an update on the corporate sponsors activities they are responsible for.

Some other reminders we are still collecting gift cards for our charity endeavor at the Southern Region Convention. Gift cards can be any amount from AMEX, Mastercard, Visa, Walmart, or Target. No food or other gift type gift cards.

*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*

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.” Hannah More

“Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something.” Plato

“Look at people; recognize them, accept them as they are, without wanting to change them.” Helen Beginton

“Age doesn’t protect you from love. Bit love, to some extent, protects you from age.” Jeanne Moreau

“Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.” Dwight D. Eisenhower

**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.”*



# One Last Laugh!

Aging:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

This is so true.

I love to hear them say "you don't look that old."

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

## GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.."

The older we get; the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

(Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place !!)

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me!

I want people to know **why** I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.



## See what's cooking

### 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  
**GOSLING INITIATION**  
**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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### 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