TEXAS POND HONKER

November 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship



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.

MONDAY, November 8, 2021 @ 5:30 PM



Fireside Pies 1285 S. Main Street Grapevine, TX 76051



Let's really celebrate and start this new year off in grand style!

Blue Goose-Texas Pond's Annual New Year Kick-Off Event January 10, 2022 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Corky's Gaming Bistro

3520 N Grapevine Mills Blvd, Grapevine, TX 76051

Includes Food, Axe Throwing, Arcade Games, & much more

Looking for six sponsors at \$350 each

Appetizers are being provided by Sedgwick via Jim Devall.

Also, Looking for Meeting Sponsors



What???

We would like to seek a sponsor for meetings who will provide appetizers for the attendees. This sponsorship usually runs from \$150 - \$200. If you can be a sponsor, please contact Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com or via phone at 682-715-5341.

Last Month

We had 33 who registered for the event: 18 Ganders, 8 guests & 1 Gosling in attendance.

























Terri Rejcek Texas Guardian of the Pond

At our Oktoberfest we had a 50:50 Drawing. The winner was John Sterrantino, for a \$120. John graciously donated these funds back to our Pond's General Fund. Thank You John!

We also had Eight (Extra ticket) Beer Winners:

Terri Rejcek Ashley Hansen
Jim Mathew Ray Reyes
Jim Devall John Sterrantino

Charlotte Armstrong - a two-time winner



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 4th. 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/



Somethings 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."



Sharon Wilkins, MLG

Hi Ganders and Goslings!

It looks like our Fall weather has finally arrived, and with it the start of the holiday season! By the time you read this you probably feel like you've eaten too much Halloween candy. But keep in mind that it's important to get your body trained for the holiday meals and indulgences to come, and pack on that insulating layer of body fat for the cold weather ahead. Traditionally, and by that I mean way back when we were a more agrarian focused society, Fall was the time we harvested our crops and started putting food back for winter. The long days of watching the wheat and corn stalks rustle tantalizingly in the wind were over, and it was time to eat! Those pumpkins you planted earlier in the year and watched grow for months were finally ready to be harvested and made into delicious pies!

The apple trees would have started giving up fruit as much as a month ago, and been pressed into delicious cider, which ferments in a surprisingly short time. You can still buy cider presses today, and I think I speak for all Blue Goosers when I say that we bravely stand ready to assist for taste tests! Unfortunately, I don't think we can successfully grow chocolate on the North American continent (I've tried), but we can still add it in as we all celebrate the wonderful fall harvest traditions by indulging in old and new favorites.



One Last Laugh!

- 1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- 2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- 3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.

- 4. It's the start of a brand-new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- 5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- 6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- 7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- 8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- 9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- 10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- 11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- 12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- 13. I run like the winded.
- 14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- 15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- 16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- 17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- 18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
- 19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- 20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- 21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.



See what's cooking

November Meeting - Dallas 5:30 PM Ganders & Goslings & Guests Gosling Initiation

SECOND MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2021 FIRESIDE PIES - GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021
FIRESIDE PIES - GRAPEVINE

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
NEW YEAR KICKOFF GALA
SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2022
CORKY'S GAMING BISTRO - GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
MOVING TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
DAYLIGHT GOLF - GRAPEVINE

March Meeting - Dallas
5:30 PM Ganders & Goslings & Guests
Second Monday March 14, 2022
Daylight Golf - Grapevine



Texas Pond Officers
2021 – 2022



Most Loyal Gander – Sharon Wilkins (W) 469-213-4316 Sharon.Wilkins@sedgwick.com

Supervisor of the Flock – Jason Znoy (H) 214-563-8875 jason.bluegoosetx@gmail.com

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Guardian of the Pond – Terri Rejcek (M) 817-773-0334 terricluck@att.net

Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg Daphney Elliott (W) 972-342-8728 <u>Daphney.Elliott@hospitalbillreview.com</u>

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik (M) 682-715-5341 lindameik9@gmail.com



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



Some other reminders!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 7th. You can catch an extra hour sleep!

The Southern Region is scheduled to host the Honorable Order of Blue Goose's Convention on July 10-14, 2022, at the Embassy Suites North, Grapevine, Texas. Registration is anticipated to open up in January 2022.