



Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International

Texas Pond

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# TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2021

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

MONDAY, December 13, 2021 @ 5:30 PM



**Fireside Pies**

**1285 S. Main Street**

**Grapevine, TX 76051**

Appetizers are being provided by Hermes Law via Dwayne Hermes.

For the month of December, we are collecting supplies for Cane Russo Rescue- animal shelter. You can bring any supplies to our December meeting and Jason Znoy will get them delivered, or you can scan the QR code below and donate that way. Please let Linda Meik know what your contribution is or was so we can include the information on our charity donation log for the Blue Goose year.



- DONATE:
- 🐕 DRY DOG FOOD
  - 🐕 BLANKETS
  - 🐕 DOG BEDS
  - 🐕 WASHER/DRYER



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*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*

*Registration is open!*

[www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org)

*Advanced registration until January 5<sup>th</sup> is \$40 for each person in attendance. January 6<sup>th</sup> until noon on January 10<sup>th</sup> registration is \$50 and at the door is \$60. Includes Food, Axe Throwing, Arcade Games, & much more!*

*See our sponsors to-date:*





Looking for more sponsors at \$350 each

# Last Month



These Ganders wandered aimlessly around the grassy rice fields of the Texas Pond looking for some Goslings at the November meeting. They ordered up appetizers and waited patiently, but no Goslings arrived. The Ganders will keep on the lookout for these fluffy little birds and attempt to corral them for an April initiation into the grand waters of the Texas Pond.

We had \_\_\_\_ Ganders present and were honored to have two guests join us. In fact, we had quite the Honking good laugh when one of the guest's name was the reverse of one of our Ganders.....Mathew James and James Mathew! Coincidence or what!

Jim Devall, Sedgwick, furnished the appetizers for everyone to enjoy.

## 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.”*



116<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Goose Convention - July 11-14, 2022 - HOBGI's 116th annual Grand Nest Convention will be hosted in Grapevine, TX by the Southern Region at the Embassy Suites DFW North.

**Convention Charity Activity** – This is the last reminder that 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. Collection of gift cards ends in December 2021.

**2022 Convention Wagon Train Pledge Drive** - As we roll along the trail toward Grapevine, Texas next July, lets circle the wagons to support the Southern Region as it hosts the 2022 convention. As you can imagine, fundraising has been difficult due to COVID impacts So please consider making a personal or company donation toward this event - especially if you are unable to attend in person. A personal Wagon Train pledge can be any amount using the numbers in the year 2022. Examples: \$20, \$202, \$22, etc. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

**Southern Region 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/>

**Southern Region All Pond Zoom Call – March 9, 2022.** Last Zoom call for the Southern Region members before the convention. Mark your calendars and be ready for the announcement of time.

# One Last Laugh!



## TWELVE WONDERFUL & FUN FACTS ABOUT DECEMBER!

1. An almanac prediction states that if snow falls on Christmas Day, Easter will be warm, green and sunny.
2. The name December comes from the Latin *decem* for “ten”, as it was the 10<sup>th</sup> month in the Roman Calendar. The month of December originally consisted of 30 days. When January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 BCE), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, in the subsequent Julian calendar, two days were added to December, making it 31 days long.
3. The term Yuletide comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice. This was to last through 12 days – later known as the 12 days of Christmas.
4. December 12<sup>th</sup> is Poinsettia Day.
5. Saint Nickolas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves and pawnbrokers!
6. December 28<sup>th</sup> is considered by some to be the unluckiest day of the year.
7. The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany, fashioned out of goose feathers that are dyed green!
8. Spiders and spider webs are considered good luck on Christmas.
9. Common decorations on a Christmas tree each have their specific meanings. Candles – the light of the world, the Star at the top is a reminder of the first Christmas night and Candy canes are to represent the Shepherd’s cane.
10. “Jingle bells” was composed in 1857, and not for Christmas – it was meant to be a Thanksgiving song!

11. In 1647 Oliver Cromwell, English Puritan leader, banned the festivities of Christmas for being seen as immoral on such a holy day. Anyone who was seen celebrating was arrested! The ban was lifted in 1660.

12. An ancient legend states that forest animals can speak in human language on Christmas Eve!



## Some other reminders!

- *December changeable and mild, the whole winter will remain a child.*
- *Thunder in December presages fine weather.*
- *Frost on the shortest day is said to indicate a severe winter.*
- *December cold, with snow, brings rye everywhere.*

## 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](mailto:lindameik9@gmail.com) or via phone at 682-715-5341.



**See what's cooking**

**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**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

**MARCH MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY MARCH 14, 2022**

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**APRIL MEETING - DALLAS**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022**

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**Texas Pond Officers  
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



**Some things to Think About**

“How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?”  
[Dr. Seuss](#)

“People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.” George Bernard Shaw

“Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.” Abraham Lincoln

“Success is on the same road as failure; success is just a little further down the road.” Jack Hyles