



# TEXAS POND HONKER

June 2022

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

MONDAY, June 13, 2022 @ 5:30 PM



**Fireside Pies**

**1285 S. Main Street**

**Grapevine, TX 76051**

At our June meeting the Texas Pond will do a year end wrap up. Plan to attend and celebrate with everyone on the great accomplishments of the Texas Pond this past year.

We will also present some news for the upcoming Blue Goose year and will install a new slate of officers to lead the Texas Pond on great adventures for 2022-2023.

Going forward any appetizers and drinks are at one's own expense.



There will be **NO JULY TEXAS POND MEETING**— it is The Honorable Order of Blue Goose International convention here in Texas. Ganders from across Blue Goose land will come together for some great fellowship.

## GOLF TIME

Have you signed up for the the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Pond Golf Tournament?



**TEXAS POND'S**

**15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, June 17, 2022**

**Bear Creek Golf Club**

**3500 Bear Creek Court; Dallas, TX 75261**

**PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES**

**North Texas Food Bank**

**Texas Pond Scholarship Fund**

**6:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. Ball**

**Drop with an 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**12:30 p.m. Lunch**

More details located on the Texas Pond website at [www.bluegoosetx.org](http://www.bluegoosetx.org).

**Here are our Golf Sponsors to-date:**

**Q-Temps/Questpro**

**BMS Management**

**Paul Davis of North Dallas**

**Texas Fifth Wall Roofing**

**Industry Drying Solutions**

**Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas**

**Eberl Claims Service**

**Assured Relocation**

**UBSE**

**Review Med**

**JS Held**

**ElectroStar**

**Cesani Arts**

**Renu, Inc.**

**Sedgwick**



**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. [Grand Nest Convention Registration is open and ready for you.](https://www.bluegoose.org) Register [WWW.BLUEGOOSE.ORG](https://www.bluegoose.org)

Registration closes at the Embassy Suites on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Blue Goose Texas Pond DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2022-2023



Ganders and/or current Goslings (someone who has completed an application) you can pay your dues on-line via a credit card at our Blue Goose website: [www.bluegoosetx.org](https://www.bluegoosetx.org). Click the tab for Membership and complete the information. Once completed this will take you to the PayPal screen to pay. If you have not completed an application, come to a meeting to obtain an application.

**The option to pay by credit card will be available until September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Dues are \$70.00 for the year. Should you want to pay your dues via a check or cash the Texas Pond will accept your dues for \$70.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik.



Texas Pond Educational Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that they awarded Ms. Lily Hansen, Ms. Katherine Caldwell & Ms. Ashlyn Meik-Broz each with a \$1000 scholarship for their 2022-2023 school year.

Lily is the daughter of the Texas Pond's Auditor, Ashley Hansen. Katherine is the granddaughter of PMLG John Sterrantino and Ashley is the granddaughter of MLGG/Texas Pond Wielder Linda Meik.

## 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."*

## Last Month



The Texas Pond presented a check for \$1500 to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and gave the kids several stick-ponies. Kelsey Burrows from Scottish Rite accepted the check and provided us with an update on how Scottish Rite came through the Pandemic.

The membership selected Wayne Ottoway & Ashley Hansen to be the Texas Pond Delegates for the 116<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention.

Discussion was had by the members regarding the Dues Amendment that will be presented at the Grand Nest Convention. It is proposed that the Grand Nest dues go from \$27 per active member to \$39 per active member,

effective July 1, 2022. Of the 13 members present, 12 voted to agree to this increase and one vote was cast against.

The two Texas Delegates will cast affirmative votes on behalf of the Texas Pond at the convention.

Appetizers were sponsored by Alicia Elliott of Hagg Engineering.

## Charity

### Blue Goose Texas Pond

#### 2022 Charitable Impact – 9 Year Summary



\$59,472 in total donations to NTFB



\$23,335 in total donations to TSRHC



\$15,479 in total donations to CPDTC



\$10,375 in total donations to the Family Place

❖ \$2,923 in total donations across multiple other charities



\$22,500 in scholarships to local students of Blue Goose members.

The Texas Pond membership should be very proud of their charity efforts over the years and dedication to these charities. Remember it is not the total amount it is the commitment as an active member each has made.



**The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose** was founded in 1906 at the annual meeting of the *Wisconsin Field Men's Club* held at the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Today, consisting of 3500 members or "Ganders" in 40 groups or "Ponds" across the United States and Canada, the Blue Goose has a long and storied history of both charity and fellowship. The 1<sup>st</sup> "Bulletin" was published in 1908, the annual publications have continued to this day with news and information about both the Blue Goose and insurance related industry.



**DID YOU KNOW? THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEXAS POND WAS ON JANUARY 30, 1907!**

**This year the Texas Pond was 115 years old!**



#### Texas Pond Officers 2021 – 2022



**Most Loyal Gander** – Sharon Wilkins (W) 469-213-4316  
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**Supervisor of the Flock** – Jason Znoy (H) 214-563-8875  
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**Custodian of the Goslings** – Alicia Speer (M) 817-653-2442  
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**Guardian of the Pond** – Terri Rejcek (M) 817-773-0334  
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**Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg** Daphney Elliott (W) 972-342-8728 [Daphney.Elliott@hospitalbillreview.com](mailto:Daphney.Elliott@hospitalbillreview.com)

**Wielder of the Goose Quill** - Linda Meik  
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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 Lothschutz, 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*

“A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen smiles.” **Washington Irving**

“It is extraordinary how extraordinary the ordinary person is.” **George F. Will**

“I can live for two months on one good compliment.”  
**Mark Twain**

“It is wise to keep in mind that no success or failure is necessarily final.” **Anonymous**

“The best way out of a difficulty is through it.” **Anonymous**



## See what's cooking

#### JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022**

**BLUE GOOSE YEAR 2018-2019 COMES TO AN END!**

**DUES COLLECTION FOR 2022-2023**

**INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

**FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE**

#### **15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> @ BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB**

**8:00 SHOTGUN**

#### JULY MEETING – TEXAS POND

**NO MEETING 116<sup>TH</sup> HOBGI CONVENTION**

**COLLECTING DUES**

**EMBASSY SUITES DFW NORTH**

**GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

#### AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**CONVENTION MEMORY SHARING**

**BANK TO SCHOOL TIME – COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**COLLECTING DUES**

**SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

**TBD – MEETING LOCATION – STAY TUNED**

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

**TBD – MEETING LOCATION – STAY TUNED**

#### OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

**TBD – MEETING LOCATION – STAY TUNED**