



TEXAS POND HONKER

AUGUST 2022

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

DATE: Monday, August 8, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: On the Border

Come join us at “On the Border” 4855 Beltline Road, Addison, Texas 75254 (West side of the Tollway on Beltline). We are meeting in the private room on the west side of the restaurant.

Come join us? The first order of business will be the presentation, voting and induction of officers for the Texas Pond for 2022-2023.

The officers will share with you the plans for 2022-2023 for the Texas Pond.

We also want to introduce our new Ganders for the Texas Pond that were initiated at the 116th Grand Nest Convention on July 12, 2022. New Texas ganders we hope you will be in attendance.

Those that attended the 116th convention held at the Embassy Suites in Grapevine, will share all the convention highlights, antics, thoughts, laughs, and fun had at the convention.

NOTE: The Texas Pond’s meetings will be alternating between On the Border in Addison and Fireside Pie’s in Grapevine for the remainder of 2022. Check the calendar on the last page for dates & location for the particular month

August Texas Pond Charity Activity



BACKtoSCHOOL2022

Remember the joy of getting a new set of school supplies?

At Community Partners of Dallas, our kids are not approaching the start of school with the same excitement and support. Many will go back to school wishing for a new backpack or new uniforms. **They just want to fit in.**

This year we will provide backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies and new uniforms to more than 3,500 abused and neglected children. **You can make a difference.**

Donate. School supply donations can be delivered to Community Partners of Dallas’ Central Location anytime between now and **August 31st.**

SUPPLIES WE NEED THE MOST:

Backpacks	Safety scissors
Composition books	Highlighters
Glue bottles	Construction paper
Pencil pouches	Scientific Calculators
Index cards	Blue & black pens
Colored pencils (12 ct)	1” 3-ring Binders
Markers (10 ct)	Rulers
Block Erasers	8 Tab dividers
24 count crayons	Pencil Sharpeners
Folders w/pockets & brads	Watercolors
1-subject spiral notebooks (wide ruled)	
Notebook paper (wide ruled, 100 count)	

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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. 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 30th. 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.

Here are just a few pictures & highlights. If you want the details behind any of the pictures, you need to come to the Monday, August 8th meeting, or for those that live out of town, give the Wielder of the Goose Quill a call.



116th Blue Goose Convention has come to an end.
What a grand time was had by all!

We must first thank all of our sponsors:









Come meet & welcome the new ganders who were initiated at the 116th Grand Nest Convention, Grapevine, Texas.



Monica Kane - Westchester Pond

Ms. Monica and her older brother were adopted from Romania, at the age of 2 ½ and 3 years old respectfully. She has been a preschool teacher at a private Nursery school and Day Care for about 4 years and just recently started working for EnVista Forensics. Envista Forensics provides comprehensive forensic consulting and engineering services, as a researcher analyst. Monica became acquainted with Blue Goose via her mom and has attended over 17 conventions over the years. What she loves about the Blue Goose is how everyone from all around the U.S. and Canada, come together every year; and also, how they find ways to come together and do a charity event to help others in need. By the way, Monica has a great love in helping decorate for the events such as the welcome parties, lunches and the grand ball.



Jamey Bennett - Florida Pond

Down Miami way came this new gander: Jamey Bennett. He is originally from another land of sunshine – California. Now this wandering sole has also lived in Tennessee, Hawaii, Pennsylvania. He works as the Director of Product Development for Omega Forensic Engineering. Jamey has been with Omega for 14 years. Jamey & his wife live in Boynton Beach. Omega Forensic Engineering was also one of the 116th Grand Nest Convention sponsors. Jamey is also a rapper with seven albums to his name.



Jeff Thompson - Texas Pond

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.”

Jeff and his wife reside in a premier residential community located along the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard. He has two grown children who live in Boston & Atlanta areas. Jeff is employed with Ivera Group doing forensic accounting. Now Jeff is not all work and no play guy, as he really enjoys golf and some fine red wine. Jeff also enjoys the charitable

work of Blue Goose and the networking with other insurance professionals. He says he would like to help with the Texas Pond golf tournament and any of the charity activities of the Pond.



Dessa Garlin - Texas Pond

The 116th Grand Nest Convention was honored to have BluSky Restoration Contractors sponsor the convention app for all attendees to enjoy.

Dessa Garlin, Texas Business Development Manager for BluSky was in attendance at the convention.



Bill Gruhler - Penn Pond

From the Eastern horizon of Blue Goose land, Bill Gruhler arrived at the 116th Grand Nest convention, where he mentioned he did not think he was officially initiated. The MLGG then put him in the circle with other Goslings who were to get initiated at the convention. Bill you are official now!

Bill is married with a grown son & daughter-in-law who have blessed him with a Granddaughter (Chief-in-Charge). He is President of Ivera Group, based in Pennsylvania. He has been in the insurance industry over 40 years. Traveling is one of his favorite past times, especially to national parks to escape the stress of work. He also enjoys running or a good game of golf. Bill would really like to help the organization grow.



Summer Thoughts

"It's a [smile](#), it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine ... It's summertime!" — Kenny Chesney

"If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue." — Katie Lee

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in." — Robert Orben

"I want summer to last forever for these reasons: 1. Hair gets lighter. 2. Skin gets darker. 3. Water gets warmer. 4. Drinks get colder. 5. Music gets louder. 6. Nights get longer. 7. Life gets better." -- Unknown



See what's cooking

AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

CONVENTION MEMORY SHARING

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME – COMMUNITY PARTNERS

COLLECTING DUES

SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

ON THE BORDER – BELT LINE RD, ADDISON

SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE

OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022

ON THE BORDER – BELT LINE RD, ADDISON

NOVEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE

DECEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

ON THE BORDER – BELT LINE RD, ADDISON