



TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2023

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Take a look at all of our great sponsors for the New Year Kick Off Event and be sure to send them a HUGE Thank You!



Jason Znoy
MLG, Texas
Pond

Greetings dear Ganders, Goslings, and friends of our humble Pond,

The new year is upon us; and with it the annual tradition of resolutions. Most focus on superficial growth – beauty, money, and fame. For our Order, we strive to inculcate our trinity of virtues. I urge all, dear Ganders, to focus on inner growth and giving back in 2023.

At the last Gathering, I mentioned how we all perform acts of Charity in our daily lives, often without noticing. However, it is those small instances that we affirm our own values and worth. As such, dear Ganders, I urge you to focus on journaling and reflecting on your daily Charity. Where to start? 1. Plan to donate consistently, 2. volunteer once a month (industry or social charity), 3. quarterly work on a neighbor/hood betterment or cleanup activity, and 4 become a mentor.

From the wooded banks under the sea of stars back in 1906 to the high-tech vision of today, we continue to be vouched for by our fellow Ganders to be of good repute. Let us go into this new year and exceed our fellow Ganders, and own, expectations.

Be firm in Character, broad in Charity, and free in Fellowship, And always TF in our daily lives!

All my best, MLG Jason

Last Month

Ugly Xmas Sweater & Fellowship Time

Ganders & Goslings went to the back of their closets or borrowed something from a neighbor to display their Christmas spirit with an ugly sweater.

Two well esteemed judges (Roger Foltz and Eddy Pokuda) looked the group over with an objective professional eye to choose the proper goose for the “Wildest” sweater, one for the “Most Unique/Creative” sweater and the one who wore the “Ugliest” one.



Our two Judges, Roger Foltz and Eddy Pokulda conferring to choose the winners!



All the glorious & glamorous ganders & goslings, proudly posing in their sweaters with the Judges. Even a rainy night could not keep these folks away from the fun!

The winners are:



Gosling Catherine Moye won the award for the “Wildest” outfit displaying Holiday Spirit.



Daphney Elliott highlights her talent with a sweater she created depicting geese..... oh, and let's not forget her rhinestone boots – great for rainy weather. She won the “Most Unique/Creative” sweater category.



Then along came this gander who really went deep into that closet and came out with the “Ugliest” Christmas sweater. Dessa Garlin, great job.



Meanwhile this ganders, goslings and guest sat back, ordered some food and drink, and enjoyed the show.



Terri Rejeck, Guardian of the Pond, and the Charity oversee an update on our November charity endeavor for Community Partners of Dallas.

Community Partners hosted a “WISH CARD” program/campaign and are hoping to serve as many children as possible. This “WISH CARD” campaign is much like the Angel Tree program in the malls and overseen by the Salvation Army. The Case Managers worked with their patient clients to develop a “WISH CARD” for each child. The Texas Pond obtained 36 “WISH CARDS” with an approximate value of \$20.00 toy request from a child under the guidance of CPD.



thank you!

We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who played a role in making dreams come true for the kids of Community Partners of Dallas through our Holiday Toy Drive!

YOU filled wishes, collected toys for our undesignated drive (virtually and in person!), sorted and processed wishes and lent a helping hand to caseworkers during wish distribution.

YOU made donations, volunteered, and got your companies involved.

YOU were there in every way we needed, and **YOU** made this drive a huge success!

Because of YOU, more than 4,300 children received two or more gifts each and were reminded they are loved this holiday season.

We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a safe new year!

From all of us at Community Partners of Dallas, thank you for your support. Your generosity and involvement will inspire SO MANY happy children in the days ahead!

Here Are Some Funny Holiday Quotes

"I'm still the same person I was last year—now I'm just hung over." —Unknown

"It's always consoling to know that today's Christmas gifts are tomorrow's garage sales." — Milton

"May your dreams get fulfilled as well as your bills. Best of luck with the New Year, dear." —Unknown

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions." —Joey Adams

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." —Bill Vaughn

"I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter." — Unknown

"Sending Christmas cards is a good way to let your friends and family know that you think they're worth the price of a stamp." — Melanie White

"I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, 'Toys not included.'" — Bernard Manning

"I wish we could put some of our Christmas spirit in jars and open one up every month." — Unknown



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See what's cooking

Happy
New
Year

JANUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

NEW YEAR KICK-OFF

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

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FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

CHARITY – SUPPORT OUR ANIMAL SHELTERS

SECOND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

FIRESIDE PIES - GRAPEVINE

MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

CHARITY – EASTER BASKETS FOR CPD KIDS

SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

ON THE BORDER – ADDISON

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

GOSLING INITIATION

CHARITY – TOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FACILITY

SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

FIRESIDE PIES – GRAPEVINE

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

SECOND MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

ON THE BORDER – ADDISON

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

END OF THE BLUE GOOSE YEAR CELEBRATION

SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

TBD



Here are the 2022-2023 Texas Pond Officers

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