



# TEXAS POND HONKER

JULY 2023

Character, Charity, Fellowship



**No Pond Meeting in July!  
Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in  
grand style.**



**Blue Goose  Texas Pond  
DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2023-2024**



Our Blue Goose year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and the new year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. All membership dues should be collected by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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](http://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.

## Last Month

Six Ganders met at 4:30 to tour Community Partners of Dallas prior to our monthly pond meeting, which was at Maple Landing.

Community Partners of Dallas has been one of our charity focus organizations since 2016-2017 Blue Goose year. We have contributed to their "Back To School"; "Wish Cards" "Toy Drive" and "Easter Basket" programs for several years. In total we have provided over \$20,000 toward the needs of their programs.





These cozy, private rooms are used for emergency overnights when a case worker cannot place a child with a relative. Each little room with a bed resembles a small home. This allows for the case worker to seek a foster care placement if a relative cannot be located.



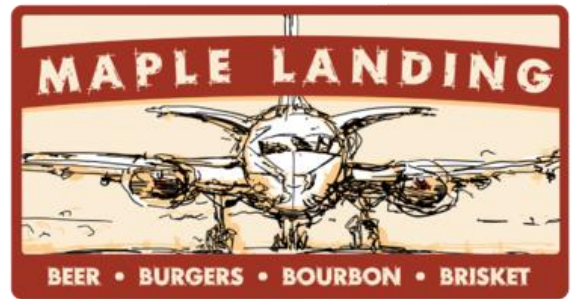
Carissa Hensch proving those on the tour with information about the CPD programs and needs.



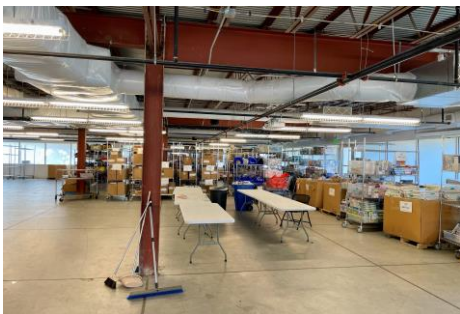
**Rainbow Room**  
All items in the Rainbow Room are new. Case workers can shop, grab, assemble the needs for a child or the family.



CDP uses their funds to buy and keep the room stocked. Individuals can also help supply needed items, such as formula, diapers, shoes. Clothes, etc. for infants to teenagers.



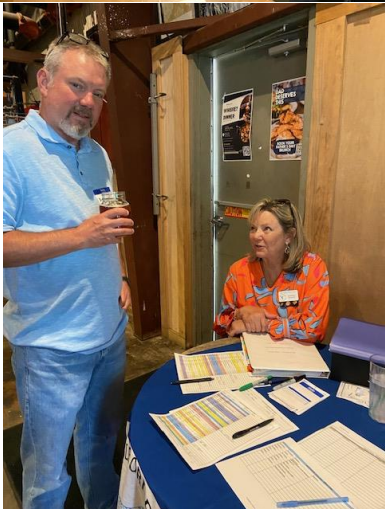
Fifteen Ganders and one guest, soon to be a Gosling, met at Maple Landing to celebrate the end of our Blue Goose year.



Work area for CPD Volunteers to work, assemble, inventory items, etc. for their various programs.

CPD welcomes individuals to help with sorting or assembling items. Volunteer hours are mainly during the week from 9 to 5.





## The Highlights of the June meeting!

### Super Goose – Terri Rejeck



Terri is our Rock Star!



### A review of this year's charity endeavors:

The total charity contributions for 2022-2023 was: \$17,290 and breaks down as follows:

North Texas Food Bank = \$6,000

Feeding America, which North Texas Food Bank is part of = \$2500

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children = \$1,500

Community Partners of Dallas = \$4,830

Cane Russo - \$294

Other Entities = \$2,166

The Texas Pond's charity contributions equate to **\$222** per active member for 2022-2023.

### Presentation & Election of Pond Officers for 2023-2024.



(Left to right) Jason Znoy, MLG; Stephanie Kirby, SOF; Jeff Thompson, COG; Mitch Williams, GOP; Linda Meik, Wielder). Missing, is our Keeper Jim Devall who is vacationing in Greece.

The Texas Pond also chose two Ganders for the BC Convention to act as Delegates, representing the Texas Pond. The two Ganders are: Bryan Pope and Linda Meik.



The Texas Pond's 16th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 9, 2023, at Bear Creek Golf Club, with the proceeds benefiting North Texas Food Bank and Texas Pond Scholarship Fund

The 16th Annual Texas Pond Blue Goose Charity Golf Tournament Title Sponsor



### The Hole and Event Sponsors

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- ❖ Paul Davis of North Dallas
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## OUR WINNERS!



*Closest to the Pin  
Jim Devall  
Award provided via  
Review Med, Linda Meik &  
Wayne Ottoway*



*Longest Drive  
Michael Parker  
Award provided via Eberl.*



*Putting Contest – Michael Parker  
Award Provided via 50:50.*

*Putting Contest funds & Wayne Ottoway*



*1st Place Team – Bret Pfeiffer; Michael Parker; Brent Golade; & Adam Jacobus  
Awards for each player provided via BELFOR.*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team- Mike Whittaker; Grant Gates; Gordon Welch; and Brian Debrowski**  
**Awards for each player provided via McGriff.**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – Alicia Elliott; Mathias Montes; Brad Kilgore; and Brandon Roberts**  
**Awards for each player provided via My Contents**



**Last Place Team – Eddie Sewell.**  
**Tony Chicha; Dessa Garlin; and Joseph Kilian**  
**Award provided via Linda Meik**

The Texas Pond has allocated the proceeds from the tournament to our beneficiaries as follows:

North Texas Food Bank - \$5000 which was placed under their triple donation matching/ impact program.

Texas Pond Scholarship Fund - \$5000.

Texas Pond General Fund - \$3,940.99

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!**



**See what's cooking!**

**BLUE GOOSE NEW YEAR 2023-2024**

**JULY – NO POND MEETING.... CONVENTION TIME**



**July 10-13, 2023, in Whistler, B.C.**  
**HILTON WHISTLER**

117th annual Grand Nest Convention, hosted by the BC Pond and will be held in the Olympic Village of Whistler, BC (Canada).

**AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**  
**TBD**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**END OF THE BLUE GOOSE YEAR CELEBRATION**  
**SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**  
**TBD**

**OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023**  
**TBD**

**NOVEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**TBD**

**DECEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**  
**TBD**

Plan Ahead for the 2024 HOBGI Convention:



**MOTOWN MIGRATION**  
August 12 - 15, 2024  
Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan

*Summer Thoughts to Ponder*

"The summer night is like a perfection of thought." — Wallace Stevens

"Summertime is always the best of what might be." — Charles Bowden

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." — L.M. Montgomery

"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter." — Henry David Thoreau



**Here are the 2023-2024 Texas Pond Officers**

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**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."*

