



# TEXAS POND HONKER

NOVEMBER 2023	Character, Charity, Fellowship
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## November Texas Pond Charity



**DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023**  
**TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 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.

## Gosling Initiation Time



These fine young goslings are anxiously waiting on the banks of the Texas Pond to take their first official swim:

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| <i>Judith Campoya</i>   | <i>Ed Carlton</i>   | <i>Bob Dorsett</i>   |
| <i>Cathy Eads-Tone</i>  | <i>Ashan Khan</i>   | <i>Tim Lozos</i>     |
| <i>Jessica Hamilton</i> | <i>Chad Sellers</i> | <i>Allison Sharp</i> |
| <i>Catherine Sutton</i> | <i>Nick Gannon</i>  |                      |



## Community Partners of Dallas Toy Drive 2022

The Texas Pond has been a proud supporter of Community Partners of Dallas (CPD) since the 2016-2017 Blue Goose year.

This year again they are hosting 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.

We have obtained 50 “WISH CARDS” with a \$20.00 or less toy request from some of the children. See the sample cards below. The “WISH CARDS” are color coded by the case worker on the file. It is important that the colored card be attached to the gift requested on the card. Do not wrap the gifts.

We will have the “WISH CARDS” for our ganders & goslings to pick up at the November Texas Pond meeting.

We need to have all “WISH CARDS” collected with the toys stated to CPD on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will announce at the meeting how & where you can drop the gifts off, so we can meet the December 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

community partners of dallas  
**TOY DRIVE**

**Wish card**

Child's Name: Tandi R.  
 Ethnicity: Caucasian  
 Age: 7  
 Gender: Female

**Personal Description:**  
 Tandi is a girly girl. She loves spending time with others, especially her siblings.

**Gift Wish:**  
 Doll with accessories

For CPD Use Only Unit #: 11 Color: Green Caseworker: Carmelita Debur 1351	All wishes must be returned to the CPD Toy Drive Warehouse (new location!) no later than <b>Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup></b> <small>PLEASE SEE BACK FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS</small>
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Toy Drive 2022 Wish Card Donor Information - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Wish cards are unique. If lost, they cannot be replaced.

recently closed south Texas rescue operation. While no one in our group adopted a dog, if you're looking for a new pup, Cane Rosso would be more than happy to hook you up! After volunteering at the rescue, the Blue Goose October meeting was held nearby at Cane Rosso restaurant where everyone enjoyed some incredible pizza and libations.



Allie Sharp, Stephanie Kirby, Jason Znoy, Eddie Pkluda, Mitch Williams, Meegan Howard, & Trent Bush. Linda Meik taking the picture.

**WISH CARDS ARE UNIQUE. IF LOST, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED.**  
 If toys are not returned by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we cannot guarantee they will be ready in time for this holiday season.

**TOY DRIVE 2022 WISH GUIDELINES**

- Securely attach the ENTIRE original wish card to the item or the outside of bag or box
- New gifts only please, no used items will be accepted
- Please do NOT wrap the item
- Please give the wish requested or a similar item
- Please indicate dollar amount on gift cards
- If a toy requires batteries, please include them
- Do not include receipts, cash, candy or food with gifts
- If a toy or bicycle needs assembling, please assemble

Thank you to our 2022 Toy Drive Sponsors

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**NEW WAREHOUSE LOCATION!**

Please return wishes to:  
 CPD's Toy Drive Warehouse  
 7950 Elmbrook Dr  
 Dallas, Texas 75247  
 Phone: (214) 624-7557

Warehouse hours:  
 Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (Mon. - Fri. ONLY)  
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Fellowship & Food Time

# Last Month

## Texas Pond Volunteer Time



**Cane Russo Rescue**  
**1451 W Main Street**

On October 9th at 4:00 PM, eight Blue Goose members were at Cane Russo Rescue to walk the dogs and assist the staff in some of the duties of the animal shelter. Many of the playful pups at Cane Rosso had just arrived from a



Ganders mixing & mingling! Great conversations and good catching up on activities of each other.



Gathering around various tables – waiting for some awesome food.



We have several charity events scheduled for November. On November 11 at 9:00 AM we will meet at For the Love of the Lake (1152 N. Buckner, Dallas TX 75218) for the 2nd Saturday White Rock Lake cleanup followed by lunch at nearby Fish & Tails. Also, at our November meeting at On The Border in Addison, we will have individual wish lists as part of the Community Partners of Dallas annual Toy Drive. Please pick up a wish list and make a child's Christmas!

To sign up for any of our charity/community service events, please go to: [tinyurl.com/bgtx-lake1](http://tinyurl.com/bgtx-lake1)

## Other Up Coming Activities/Events



December 11th– Ugly Xmas Sweater Time



January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – New Year Kick Off Event Musical entertainment and other surprises. Registration to begin by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



Golf Time for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Pond Blue Goose Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024. Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

## 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.”*



## Fantasy Football Update – Texas Pond

By Jim Devall, the Fantasy Football Commissioner,

The Blue Goose Texas Pond began a fantasy football league at the start of the 2023 NFL Season to raise funds for our favorite charities. All participants are fighting for bragging rights and more importantly raising funds for a great cause.

Current Standings in Order of their Rank as of 10/24/23

Team	W-L-T	PF	PA	STREAK	WAIVE	MOVE
 Corwin's Remarkable Team	6-1-0	1014.02	744.22	W-5	2	2
<b>OWNER – CORY SHORTS</b>						
 Legal Eagles	5-2-0	935.14	818.00	L-1	6	2
<b>OWNER- BRYAN POPE</b>						
 Jim's Glorious Team	5-2-0	839.44	739.38	W-3	10	3
<b>OWNER – JIM DEVAL</b>						

	4-3-0	895.82	809.72	W-1	8	35
<b>OWNER – NICK GANNON</b>						
	3-4-0	814.18	778.98	L-1	4	6
<b>OWNER – MITCH WILLIAMS</b>						
	3-4-0	796.14	771.00	W-1	7	7
<b>OWNER- ASHLEY HANSEN</b>						
	3-4-0	755.16	840.06	L-1	5	-
<b>OWNER – ROGER FOLTZ</b>						
	3-4-0	753.92	840.94	L-2	3	1
<b>OWNER – JASON ZNOY</b>						
	3-4-0	634.70	796.22	W-1	1	1
<b>OWNER – JAMES MATHEW</b>						
	0-7-0	645.10	945.10	L-7	9	21
<b>OWNER – BEAR FERGUSON</b>						



**See what's cooking!**

**NOVEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND**  
 5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
 GOSLING INITIATION  
**SECOND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**MEETING: ON THE BORDER**

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 5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS  
**SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**  
**MEETING: MAPLE LANDING DALLAS**

Plan Ahead for the 2024 HOBGI Convention:



**MOTOWN MIGRATION**  
 July 29 – August 2, 2024  
 St. John's Resort, Plymouth, MI

Plan Ahead for the 2025 HOBGI Convention:



(Official convention logo forthcoming)  
**August 3-8, 2025**  
 Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

Plan Ahead for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:



**July 12-16, 2026**  
 The Galt House, Louisville, KY



**From the desk (ink well) of  
The Texas Pond MLG  
Jason Znoy, Lead Bird**

Character. Charity. Fellowship. (2023)

Benevolence. Charity. Good fellowship. (1906)

That's it. That is our organization. That is the role of our three loyal Ganders. That is the expectation of all Ganders who enter the waters of our Pond.

Now, your role as a Ganders is to nurture Goslings into the honorable Order.

- 11/11 White Rock Cleanup
- 11/13 Initiation and Game Night
- 11/27 Toy Drop Off for CPD
- 12/9 5k Walk for SRC
- 12/11 Ugly Sweater Contest & Drunk Elephant Exchange
- 1/16 NY Kickoff

We have so many opportunities planned. Please make sure to bring a colleague. Or bring a new RMI student. Even better, bring a retired insurance professional. We all have a need for community; there is always a seat saved in Blue Goose.

Onward and Upward,



**The origin of "blackballing."**

**Antique Freemason Wooden Ballot  
Voting Box**

This secret type voting was utilized to reject a person by using marbles as ballots. To vote for someone's membership into a secret society, a voter was given two balls: a white one & a black one. To vote in favor of the candidate, the voter would drop the white ball into a box.

To vote against a candidate, the voter would deposit the black ball. Each voter audibly casts a single marble from one side of wooden ballot box to the other, hiding the hand under the box lid. Observers can see who votes but not how the person votes. When voting is complete, the lid of the box with accumulated marble "votes" is opened.

The practice of using balls to cast votes continued up until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Blackballing has not been legal since 1932.



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

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