TEXAS POND HONKER

DECEMBER 2023

Character, Charity, Fellowship



DATE: Monday, <u>December 11, 2023</u>

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Maple Street Landing
5855 Maple Avenue

Go grab that old sweater and come join the Holiday cheering with all the ganders, goslings, and guests of the Texas Pond. Prizes will be awarded for various Ugly Sweater categories.



We ask everyone to also bring a \$20 item of alcohol so that we can play the Drunken Elephant Game our Supervisor of the Flock is going to coordinate. Put your alcoholic or drinking item in a brown paper bag or wrap in Holiday wrap, so no one can see what you brought!







Registration is on-line now!

Here is a peek and some of our sponsors:











Texas Pond Charity



Community Partners of Dallas Toy Drive 2023

Again, this year, the Texas Pond proudly supported Community Partners of Dallas (CPD) by filling 50 **"WISH CARDS"** for some of the children under the CPD program.

Texas Pond Volunteer Time



On November 11, 2023, several Ganders & friends worked 2 hours for a total of 14 hours at the White Rock Clean-up project. The Guardian of the Pond graciously bought everyone who worked lunch. Thank you, Mitch!



Last Month

Was Gosling Initiation Time



Here is a glimpse at all the new Ganders:

Bob Dorsett, Jr.

Bob is the founder and Managing Partner of Dorsett Johnson & Cisneros. He is happily married to Tanya, and they have two children who are currently furthering their education. He has served on the local school board and his town's city council near Austin, Texas. Cowboy is their family pet and is an adorable labradoodle. Bob enjoys hunting, fishing, and mountain biking. He likes being a part of Blue Goose for the common interest while helping the community. We can thank Jason Znoy and Matt Arnold for bringing Bob to us.

Allie Sharp

Allie is employed by The Art Guys as their Business Development Manager. She loves working with a family of masterful artists who care for people as much as the treasured possessions they restore and appraise. Allied enjoys gardening, theatre, reading, and kickboxing. She is excited to volunteer in our community and serve with other ganders to plan events for Blue Goose.

Catherine Sutton

This new gander loves the philanthropic nature of Blue Goose and would love to help with the charity team. Catherine has a large family with 11 nieces and nephews who are the light of her life. She is the Regional Account Manager with Stephen's Engineering Consultants servicing Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. She owns a camper and enjoys off the grid travel. As a certified scuba diver, Catherine has experienced numerous dives including in the Caribbean, Andaman, and Mediterranean seas.

Cathy Eads-Tone

Cathy is happily married to Tom Tone and has one daughter currently working in Oklahoma City. She and Tom have 3 pugs and 1 Boston terrier mix. Cathy is a Construction Defect Claims Specialist with Zurich. She heard about Blue Goose from some people talking about Zurich's golf sponsorship in New Orleans and decided to look us up on-line. Cathy enjoys rowing on White Rock Lake and has a special interest in antique aircraft. She has gone up in a 1928 Curtis biplane with an open cockpit. So far, she has been impressed with how friendly everyone is and is open to serving wherever needed.

Chad Sellers

Chad is employed by Polaris Forensics, LLC, and Ahuja & Clark, PLLC, a forensic engineering and accounting firm based in Plano, Texas. He initially heard about Blue Goose from Linda Meik and loves the group so far. Chad grew up in East Texas and has a stepsister and half-brother. His hobbies and special interests include cooking, photography, music, volleyball, and tennis. Chad enjoys

working and collaborating with others and is open to serving in different areas for Blue Goose.

Judith Campoya

We can thank Jason Znoy for bringing this fine gander to Blue Goose. Judith is the Associate Director with SubroSmart, a subrogation management firm, and likes the variety the business brings to her everyday work life. She enjoys traveling whenever possible. Judith is open to serving wherever needed and really likes the philanthropic efforts of Blue Goose.

Nick Gannon

Nick initially heard about Blue Goose from our lead bird (Jason). He has a daughter and is currently employed as an Underwriter within Public Risk Underwriters of Texas. His hobbies include fantasy football, soccer, and movies. He is impressed with how friendly and welcoming all the ganders have been so far. Nick is excited to serve and is willing to assist with Community Partners of Dallas as needed.

W. Edward "Ed" Carlton

Ed heard about Blue Goose via an email invitation to the annual kickoff event. He has a wife named Sandra and admits he "married up." They have two grown children and were recently blessed with their first granddaughter. Ed is a shareholder with the law firm Quilling Selander Lownds Winslett and Moser, PC and is active with a group of insurance attorneys. Ed enjoys woodworking and outside projects following in the footsteps of his father and grandfathers who were both carpenters. Thus far, he has enjoyed the fellowship and common interests found with his area of practice. He looks forward to getting involved with any of the volunteer events, followed by happy hour gatherings.

Timothy Lozos

Timothy is a proud father of 2 children (30 and 28 years old) who are both married and are doing great things. His two grandchildren are 7 and 4 years old. Timothy is the President and Principal Consultant at DeFacto Consulting Group. He likes having monthly educational lunches for all the staff. His hobbies and special interests include fishing, snorkeling, art, reading, and movies. He is impressed with the friendliness of all the ganders he has met in the Texas Pond and wants to work with us regarding our charitable endeavors.

Ahsan Khan

Ahsan is happily married to his wife Izza, and they are blessed with three children under 10 years old. He is the owner of My Contents, a certified contents restoration firm specializing in personal property. Ahsan enjoys football, Formula 1 racing, travel, and spending quality

time with the family. We can thank Buddy Gillenwater, Risk Manager for the City of Mesquite, for bringing this good gander to our group. Ahsan is thankful for the valuable connections and friendships made and wants to deepen his involvement with Blue Goose regarding charitable endeavors.



Fantasy Football Update

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

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|---|-------|----------|---------|--------|-------|------|--|--|--|
| Team | W-L-T | 4 | РА | STREAK | WAIVE | MOVE | | | |
| Corwin's Remarkable Team | 8-3-0 | 1505.04 | 1280.16 | L-1 | 2 | 7 | | | |
| OWNER – CORY SHORTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim's Glorious Team | 8-3-0 | 1320.50 | 1200.02 | W-1 | 8 | 9 | | | |
| OWNER – JIM DEVALL | | | | | | | | | |
| Reno Hightower | 7-4-0 | 1421.18 | 1208.60 | W-1 | 10 | 62 | | | |
| OWNER – NICK GANNON | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7-4-0 | 1374.58 | 1244.98 | L-1 | 6 | 5 | | | |
| <u>Legal Eagles</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| OWNER- BRYAN POPE | | | | | | | | | |

| Bo | 7-4-0 | 1355.34 | 1209.36 | W-4 | 9 | 10 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----|---|----|--|--|--|--|
| <u>100 Proof</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| OWNER – MITCH WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calm Before the Score | 6-5-0 | 1304.12 | 1207.36 | W-3 | 5 | 11 | | | | |
| OWNER- ASHLEY HANSEN | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden Goose Droppings | 5-6-0 | 1194.18 | 1288.14 | W-1 | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| | OWN | ER – JASC | ON ZNOY | | | | | | | |
| Roger's Remarkable Team | 3-8-0 | 1047.54 | 1242.22 | L-5 | 4 | ı | | | | |
| | OWNI | ER – ROG | ER FOLTZ | | | | | | | |
| Jimmy's Goose | 3-8-0 | 982.24 | 1258.76 | L-4 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| | OWNER – JAMES MATHEW | | | | | | | | | |
| Bear Ferguson's Boss Team | 1-10-0 | 1092.84 | 1457.96 | L-1 | 7 | 39 | | | | |
| OWNER – BEAR FERGUSON | | | | | | | | | | |
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See what's cooking!

DECEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS **SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 MEETING: MAPLE LANDING DALLAS**



JANUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
MEETING: VICTORIA BANQUET HALL

FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
MEETING: ON THE BORDER

MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
MEETING: ON THE BORDER

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024
MEETING: ON THE BORDER

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND 5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS SECOND MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 MEETING: TBD

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
MEETING: TBD



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



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





Here are the 2023-2024 Texas Pond Officers

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