



# TEXAS POND HONKER

August 2025

Character, Charity, Fellowship

## Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, August 11, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Mesero - Prestonwood

5505 Belt Line Rd. Dallas, TX 75254

Grand Nest Convention details



**The Big Proud Gander**  
**Mitch Williams**  
**Most Loyal Gander**

Well, we've definitely hit the dog days of Summer. Man, it's hot outside! I hope everyone has had a great summer with some awesome family vacations, lots of time at the beach/lake/pool, and plenty of cold beverages, watermelon, ice cream or whatever you do to stay cool this time of year.

For those with kids, school will be back in session before you know it. I'll be dropping one of mine off in Lubbock in a few weeks. And speaking of school, I hope you'll join us for our August meeting when we'll be bringing backpacks and other school supplies for the Community Partners of Dallas Back to School Drive. If you're not familiar, Community Partners provides support for abused children in the DFW area. They are a tremendous organization, and Blue Goose has been a proud partner for many years.

Also, at our August meeting, we'll get a report from the Texas Pond's delegation that attended Grand Nest in Boston in July.

Hope you can join us at Mesero in Addison on August 11 at 5:30. Look forward to seeing everyone!

## August Texas Pond Charity Activity



## BACKtoSCHOOL2025

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.**

Please provide a list of the items you are donating for this endeavor along with the cost receipt. All supplies and receipts need to be given to Valerie Wilson by August 16<sup>th</sup>, so the Charity Committee has time to sort the supplies and tally up the number & cost for our Blue Goose records.

### SUPPLIES THEY NEED MOST:

Backpacks ( <b>CLEAR</b> )	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)	

# Blue Goose Texas Pond

## DUES COLLECTION TIME FOR 2025-2026



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 cheque or cash the Texas Pond will accept your dues for \$70.00 at the meetings or one can mail them to Linda Meik; 5464 Garden Circle; Granbury, TX 76049.

## *Save the Date!*



*Celebrating a New Year!*

*Can you believe it we are into month seven of 2025 and soon we will be closing out the year and celebrating the New Year of 2026.*

*Mark your calendars now for the Texas Pond's New Year kick-off on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

*The event will be at Mesero's - Preston Hollow location. Stay tuned for further details.*

*State tuned for some special announcements for this event.*

## *LAST MONTH*



Thirteen fantastic Ganders and three guests came together for fellowship. Tidbits on the Executive Board meeting were given on what we are planning for the year. Mary Bramley gave a report on the results of our recent golf outing.

## **Blue Goose Convention Time – the 119<sup>th</sup> Convention, Boston, MA**



Group picture of all the Southern Region folks attending the convention in Boston – Kentucky, Louisiana, Virginia and Texas ganders at the All-Industry luncheon!





The Texas Pond was recognized for the most: new & reinstated ganders in 2024-2025 and for the amount we gave in scholarships for the year.



For the Southern Region Nanette Giraud of Louisiana was named as Gander of the Year. She has been instrumental in Louisiana Pond and a great donor for the 2026 convention. CONGRATS NANETTE



The table décor at the Grand Banquet!



No, he was not part of the décor! But he was part of the entertainment.

Chris Porter, Kentucky does bring a bunch of amusement to every event.



Mary Kay Marchetti & Linda Meik Jim & Carol Devall



Mary Kay Marchetti & Linda Meik at the Grand Banquet. Mary Kay is from Virginia.



Guess Who???

At our opening session, our speaker was Rod Patterson, Vice President, Director of Property Claims for Seneca Insurance Company in their New York City office. He was engaging and closed with this thought-provoking parable.

# Autobiography in Five Short Chapters

## I.

I walk down the street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I fall in. I am lost. I am helpless.  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.

## II.

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I still don't see it. I fall in again.  
I can't believe I am in the same place.  
It isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.

## III.

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it there. I still fall in.  
It's habit. It's my fault. I know where I am.  
I get out immediately.

## IV.

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.

## V.

I walk down a different street.



*WHICH TEXAS POND SOCIAL MEDIA  
PLATFORMS HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO  
BE PART OF????*

## Social Media

The Texas Pond has the following platforms with our name attached. These are:

### LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bgtx/?viewAsMember=true> "Honorable Order of the Blue Goose – Texas Pond

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bluegoosetx> "Blue Goose Texas Pond"

### Twitter/X

<https://x.com/TexasPond> This site is no longer being maintained.

### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/bluegoosetexaspond>

Website <https://www.bluegoosetx.org>



# TEXAS POND CALENDAR



## AUGUST MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025**

**MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD**

## SEPTEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD**

## OCTOBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD**

## NOVEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD**

## DECEMBER MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

**SECOND MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025**

**MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD**

## SUMMER THOUGHTS

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

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"I was rich, if not in money, in sunny hours and summer days." – Henry David Thoreau



# MORE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



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



## Commemorative 2026 Convention Pin

This pin comes in 4 pieces. One can buy each piece separately or the entire pin for \$300. Once you have all four pieces you are automatically put in the Triple Crown Club.

One can pay by check, in US funds, Money Order to Southern Region Convention Fund, or by Venmo or PayPal - scan the QR code for payment and email the enclosed form to Kristi Brown at:

[kristi.brown@us.davies-group.com](mailto:kristi.brown@us.davies-group.com)



Kristi Brown  
@Blue-Goose-123



**venmo** number 4015



## TRIPLE CROWN CLUB MEMBERS;

**Dustin & Kim Bales**  
**Steve Carson**  
**Dan & Sue Rich**  
**Ashley Hanson**  
**Wendy & Michael Hubbard**  
**Tom Elder**  
**Keith Strohecker**  
**Mary Kay Marchetti**  
**Linda Meik**  
**Randy Wilson**

## SOUTHERN REGION CONVENTION FUNDRAISER



### Blue Goose Apparel Company Swag 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://bluegooseapparel.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Port Authority Silk Touch  
Performance Polo



1 Colors \$26.95

Port Authority Performance  
Staff Polo



1 Colors \$32.00

Port Authority Long Sleeve  
Nailhead Easy Care Shirt



1 Colors \$43.50

Port Authority Smooth  
Fleece 1/4-Zip



1 Colors \$48.95

Port Authority Core Soft  
Shell Jacket



1 Colors \$51.95

Port Authority Ladies Silk  
Touch Performance Polo



1 Colors \$26.95

Port Authority Ladies  
Performance Staff Polo



1 Colors \$32.00

Port Authority Womens  
Long Sleeve Nailhead Easy  
Care Shirt



1 Colors \$43.50

Questions?  
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**MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE UNTIL 9/1/2025.**  
**IF THERE IS A BULK POND ORDER, SHIPMENT CAN BE**  
**SENT TO THE BOSTON CONVENTION FOR PICKUP TO SAVE**  
**ON COSTS!**



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<b>Port Authority Ladies Smooth Fleece 1/4-Zip</b>  <small>4 Colors</small> \$48.95	<b>Port Authority Ladies Core Soft Shell Jacket</b>  <small>4 Colors</small> \$51.95	<b>Bella + Canvas Unisex Heather Cvc Long Sleeve Tee</b>  <small>18 Colors</small> \$26.00	<b>Port &amp; Company Tri-Blend Tee</b>  <small>13 Colors</small> \$18.95
<b>Port Authority Crossbody Backpack</b>  \$36.95	<b>OGIO Bags Logan Pack</b>  <small>4 Colors</small> \$68.95	<b>New Era Adjustable Unstructured Cap</b>  <small>13 Colors</small> \$25.95	<b>Port Authority Women's Dry Zone UV Micro-Mesh Sleeveless Polo</b>  <small>4 Colors</small> \$29.00

Questions?  
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**MLGG & SOF**



**GOP & COP**



**WGQ & KGGE**

## Here are the 2025-2026 Texas Pond Officers

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