



TEXAS POND HONKER

April 2026

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

HONK – HONK Ganders, Goslings & Guests

Monday, April 13, 2026; 5:30 PM

Mesero – Prestonwood

5505 Belt Line Rd. , Dallas, TX 75254

Our April meeting is set to initiate our Goslings as members into our Pond. Ganders, one and all, come welcome these Goslings:

Elisa Botha
Jeff Zieber

Eric Bowers Hope Harless
Victoria Nottoli



The Big Proud Gander
Mitch Williams
Most Loyal Gander

Greetings All,
Well, I hope everyone has settled into daylight savings and warmer Spring weather. I am writing this on Monday, March 30, 2026, so we are now down to the Final Four in March Madness (what an unbelievable finish to Duke-UConn yesterday!). My bracket is thoroughly busted but the games have been really fun to watch. Looking forward to Easter next weekend, getting the yard/flower beds

spruced up, the Masters and a music festival in a few weeks. Hope you are enjoying Spring as well.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Easter basket drive last month. We delivered 108 Easter baskets to Community Partners of Dallas. This is a new record for the Texas Pond, shattering last year's mark of seventy-five. CPD was duly impressed and extremely grateful.

We will hold initiation at our next meeting and will be bringing several Goslings into the fold. Please join us at Mesero Addison on April 13th.

See you there!

GOLF TIME



LAST MONTH



Easter Baskets for Community Partners

We assembled Easter Baskets for Community Partners of Dallas at our March 9th meeting. Our plans were to assemble one hundred baskets, and we surpassed one hundred.

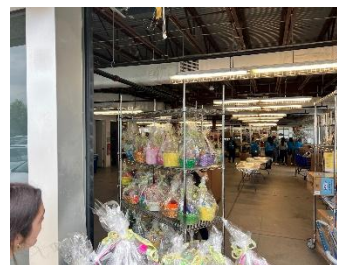
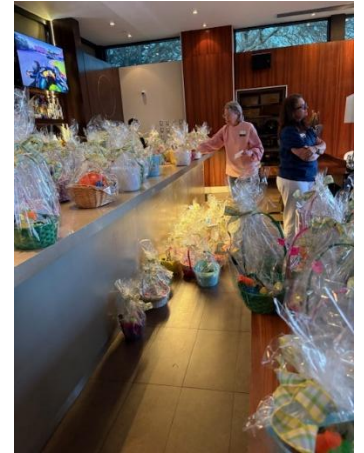
Here is how the Easter Basket project broke down for the Texas Pond:

- *Large Baskets - 37 valued at \$40 = \$1480
- *Medium Baskets - 47 valued at \$30 = \$1410
- *Small Baskets - 24 valued at \$20 = \$480

Our leftover supplies were donated to Charla Brown & Gordon Welch for Rotary's Easter Basket activity - valued at \$300.

Making the Texas Pond charity donation value at \$3,670.

This now takes our average donation per active member to \$234.52 for this Blue Goose year as of this date.





Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2026.

You will find the application along with the criteria for sponsoring ganders of their children or grandchildren and details for applicants on our Blue Goose Texas Pond website under the "Education" tab: <http://www.bluegoosetx.org/>

The application is a form fill application, please download it to your personal computer and complete it. Once complete send it to Linda Meik at lindameik9@gmail.com with all necessary attachments or mail the application and documents to Linda at 1124 Avery Road; Granbury, TX 76049.

CHARITY

Here is a quick update on the status on charity endeavors that the Texas Pond has undertaken in the last 12 years. Currently for the 2025-2026 Blue Goose year the fifty-one active members of the Texas Pond have donated \$250.79 per member to charity.



TEXAS POND MEETINGS FOR 2026

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026
MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026
MEETING: MESERO- PRESTONWOOD

**HOBGI – TEXAS POND YEAR COMES TO AN END!
ANOTHER BLUE GOOSE YEAR BEGINS!**

MORE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS



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

Blue Goose Texas Pond
2025-2026 Charitable Impact – 12 Year Summary

\$82,972 in total donations to NTFB
North Texas Food Bank distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of nearly 1,000 feeding programs and 262 Partner Agencies in 13 North Texas counties.

\$41,710 in total donations to TSRHC
Regardless of a family's ability to pay for services, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has treated thousands of children since 1921 for a wide array of orthopedic

\$29,368 in total donations to CPDTC
Community Partners of Dallas ensures the safety, restores the dignity and inspires hope for more than 20,000 abused and neglected children served by Dallas County Child Protective Services.

\$10,375 in total donations to Family Place
Since 1978 The Family Place has been empowering victims of family violence by providing safe housing, counseling and skills that create independence while building community engagement and advocating for social change to stop family violence.

\$12,638 in total donations across multiple charities:
Christian Community Action Center, Salvation Army Angels, Cane Russo, Our Daily Bread, Back On Your Feet, The Evie Effect, Special Olympics, Unspoken Motherhood, StewPot.

\$55,500 in scholarships to local students
The Texas Pond began awarding scholarships to eligible students of Blue Goose members in 2015. You can find the scholarship guidelines online at www.BlueGooseTX.org.

VOLUNTEER
The Texas Pond occasionally has offered a Community Service Volunteer opportunity for the membership, whereby the Ganders have volunteered a total **91.5 volunteer hours**.

Amounts recorded as of 1/31/26



***The 2026-2027
Honorable Blue Goose
Convention will be held
July 17th-22nd at the***



MLGG & SOF



GOP & COP



WGQ & KGGE

Here are the 2025-2026 Texas Pond Officers

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