



Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Lamberti's Ristorante – MacArthur

Blue Goose · Texas Pond



DATE	Monday, October 12, 2026
TIME	5:30 PM
LOCATION	Lamberti's MacArthur location
ADDRESS	7701 North MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75063
COST	cash bar / food at your own expense

Meeting will be held in their private dining room.

FEATURED MEETING ACTIVITY

Snack Packs for Feed the City

Help us fill Snack Packs for our Feed the City charity impact activity. Use the Sign Up Genius QR code or link for the following:

1. Sign up to bring Snack Pack supplies to our October meeting on 10/12.
2. Sign up for the volunteer opportunity to make sandwiches on 10/17.

Bring whatever items you sign up for to the meeting on 10/12, where we will fill 50 bags including hand-written inspirational notes.

If you sign up for sandwich making, it will be 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Taverna Rossa, 1151 E Southlake Blvd #300, Southlake, TX 76092. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes all the supplies needed for 25 meals (\$1.83 per meal), and Charlotte Armstrong will do the shopping for the group.

If you want to donate to the sandwich making supplies but cannot make the event, you may bring your donations to the October meeting when we assemble the snack packs.

Scan the QR code or click this link to sign up: lnkd.in/gEhZed5r



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Questions? Contact Charlotte for more information.

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MOST LOYAL GANDER'S MESSAGE TO THE POND



Words of Wisdom from our MLG, Randy Webb

We have finally made it to October, and the weather has begun to feel a bit more like fall.

This is, personally, my favorite time of the year to be in north Texas. Cool enough to enjoy the evenings without needing jackets or sweaters. Nice enough to enjoy the outdoors during the day without danger of heatstroke. And perhaps best of all, we can survive without nonstop air conditioning running in our homes.

Although our region does not possess the striking fall foliage you may see in the northern parts of the United States, we can still enjoy daytime temperatures well below the 100 or 90–95 degree mark we have been experiencing. Hopefully the cooler temperatures will also bring us much needed rain. The rain could bring relief from the drought, exacerbated by an unusually hot and dry summer.

I know several members of our pond are involved in the property claims side of the insurance industry. Unfortunately, for most, this has been a down year for business.

One of the primary blames for the lack of activity could be the scarcity of hurricanes in the Atlantic basin that bring destructive weather from New England to the Gulf coast regions of North America. These weather patterns increase the likelihood of property damage, resulting in an increase in property claims. The absence of hurricanes has been linked to a strong El Niño. There has been an increase in Pacific hurricanes, which has affected our westernmost state of Hawaii. Still, there is very little impact on our mainland.

All that being relayed to my fellow Blue Goose companions, perhaps it is time to simply enjoy October in our area. Get in the Halloween or fall spirit. Plan those outdoor activities with friends and family. Oh, and mark your calendars for our Blue Goose Texas Pond monthly meeting on October 12th.

LAST MONTH

Charity Guest Speakers

Hats off to Charlotte Armstrong for bringing in two excellent speakers representing two great causes at our September meeting.

Savannah Hostetter Benac discussed the incredible work Radiate Coalition does to protect and restore the lives of victims of abuse, trafficking and oppression in Honduras. After her eye-opening presentation, she was presented with a check for \$1,500 from our Pond.

Inez Russell discussed the many programs offered to those served by Friends for Life Texas. From Independent Living, Quality of Life and Guardianship programs to Life Skills, Money Management, Learning Labs, Telephone Reassurance and much more, Friends for Life Texas provides much needed services in our communities. Our donation in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Inez as well.

Please look into these valuable programs serving those in need in Honduras and in Texas, and consider supporting them with your time or donations. Both programs are incredibly well run and in need of support to continue making a difference.



During our meeting, we also got to sing Happy Birthday to our own Linda Meik!



Thanks to everyone who attended. And thanks again, Charlotte, for inviting our guest speakers.

SAVE THE DATE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, November 9	General Meeting	Lamberti's, Irving
Monday, December 14	General Meeting and Holiday Activities	Lamberti's, Irving
Monday, January 11	New Year Kick-Off Event	Mesero – Preston Hollow Village

LOOKING AHEAD

121st Convention — Halifax, Nova Scotia

The 2027 convention runs July 19–22 at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the theme "A Touch of Heaven in 2027."

After Halifax, the convention moves to Kansas City, Missouri in the summer of 2028, with a possible cruise out of Baltimore in the summer of 2029.



TEXAS POND HISTORY

The Texas Pond began on January 30, 1907 — we are celebrating our 119th birthday

At the time of the first charter there were 132 Ganders in the Texas Pond. That charter was surrendered in 1914, and a second was granted on January 14, 1921, with 190 Ganders.

Following the second charter, the Texas Pond divided into four ponds — South Texas (Houston), Alamo Pond (San Antonio) and West Texas (Lubbock) — plus three puddles in Austin, El Paso and Corpus Christi. The second charter was surrendered in 1992, and a third was issued at the Grand Nest Convention in New York City in 1995.

Texas is part of the Southern Region, alongside the ponds in Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Virginia. Under the Texas Pond umbrella is a retirement puddle made up of life members from Alabama, Arizona, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Colorado and Seattle.

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