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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Lamberti's Ristorante – MacArthur

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DATE	**Monday, November 9, 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

Game Night!

Join us for some fun and laughter and, maybe, learn something new about your fellow Ganders.

MOST LOYAL GANDER'S MESSAGE TO THE POND



Words of Wisdom from our MLG, Randy Webb

Welcome to November! I can safely say that we, more than likely, have said goodbye to temperatures in the nineties. Another thing about November is changing our clocks and timepieces as our daylight saving time ends at 2:00 AM on November 1st. We are always reminded to “fall” back and turn our clocks to an hour earlier than your timepiece may read. I suppose this probably helps the bar business that usually must cut off alcohol sales at 2:00 AM. The unusual thing about this year is that we always make this change on the first Sunday of November, and this year that just happens to be November 1st.

At our last gathering in October, the subject of this time change came up, and one member informed me that the U.S. is the only country that observes daylight saving time. I did a fact check on this, and here is what I found: while the U.S. is one of the largest and most well-known users, many other countries also change their clocks seasonally, and only about 70 of the world's roughly 195 nations still do so in 2026.

In a recent article in Newsweek Magazine, I pulled this statement about daylight saving time:

> *"Supporters of permanent Daylight Saving Time argue that later sunsets boost outdoor activity, recreation and evening commerce. Critics — including many sleep and health experts — say permanent Standard Time better aligns with the body's natural clock and may improve sleep, health and safety outcomes."*

November is truly a month of transition.

The full moon in November is called the "Beaver Moon." The Beaver Moon occurs each November and marks a seasonal change as beavers finish building their lodges and dams in preparation for winter. Its name originates from this natural behavior, which historically helped trappers set beaver traps before waterways froze.

The Leonid meteor shower, one of the most spectacular meteor showers, peaks in mid-November. November is also the last month of the Atlantic hurricane season, which ends on November 30th.

And of course, we also have two holidays during the month of November. We commemorate our veterans from war and peacetime. Thanksgiving is observed on the fourth Thursday of November — time to plan your menus.

However, in this author's opinion, the most important thing about November is that we all get to see each one of your smiling faces at our November 9th Blue Goose meeting.

LAST MONTH

Feed the City Charity Activity

Once again, Charllotte Armstrong knocked it out of the park with a fantastic charity activity for our Texas Pond. This two-part activity included assembling snack bags and sandwiches for those served by Feed the City.

During our monthly meeting at Lamberti's in Irving, handwritten notes of encouragement were written while 50 snack bags were assembled.







The following Saturday, October 17th, several helpful Ganders and their family members met at Taverna Rossa in Southlake from 8:00 to 10:00 AM to assemble sandwiches for those in need. They assembled nearly 1,400 sandwiches. Incredible!

We appreciate members Matt Arnold, Doug Hubby, Charla Brown and Charllotte Armstrong, along with their family members, for taking time out of their Saturday to make a difference in our community.






Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered your time. And thanks again, Charllotte, for coordinating these charitable activities. Great job!

NEW YEAR KICK-OFF PARTY



Join us as we kick off the New Year with an evening of networking, fun, and giving back! Our annual New Year Kick-Off Charity Event returns to Mesero – Preston Hollow Village on Monday, January 11, 2027, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

Reconnect with friends and colleagues from across the insurance and claims community while enjoying great food, drinks, and plenty of fun — all while supporting a great cause.

We'll also have our popular Balloon Pop and Football Squares fundraisers throughout the evening.

Start 2027 with good friends, good fun, and a little Blue Goose philanthropy. We hope to see you there!

Monday, January 11, 2027 · 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Mesero – Preston Hollow Village

$40 early bird tickets available until December 18th!

Ticket prices increase to $55 after December 18th.

Event website and registration: **Register online**

Need a place to stay after the event? These hotels are within walking distance of Mesero.

HOTEL	ADDRESS	PHONE
La Quinta	10001 N Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75231	(214) 361-8200
Hilton Garden Inn	10350 N Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75231	(214) 696-3000
Springhill Suites by Marriott	10111 N Central Expy, Dallas, TX 75231	(469) 906-5861

SAVE THE DATE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, December 14	General Meeting and Holiday Activities	Lamberti's, Irving
Monday, January 11	New Year Kick-Off Event	Mesero – Preston Hollow Village
Monday, February 8	General Meeting	To Be Announced

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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