



TEXAS POND HONKER

January 2025 Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose-Texas Pond's
Annual New Year Kick-Off Event
January 13, 2025
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Mexican Sugar
7501 Lone Star Drive
Plano, TX 75024

Registration is open!
www.bluegoosetx.org



BLUE GOOSE TEXAS POND
New Year
2025
Kick off Charity Event
Monday January 13th
5:30 - 8:30 PM

ADMISSION	SPONSORS
\$40 Early Bird - Dec. 19	Event Sponsor
\$55 Dec. 20 - Jan. 9	Bar Sponsor
\$65 At Door after Jan. 9	Photo Sponsor
	Balloon Pop Sponsor

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New Year 2025 Event Sponsors



Get ready for some great Fajitas, chips, salsa, and guacamole. Each attendee will also receive two drink tickets.

There will be a Balloon Pop Challenge and Football Square opportunities, along with background music and loads of New Year Fellowship!



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Football Square Games

We are selling 100 squares at \$10 each for the National College Football Championship and for the Super Bowl. You can purchase squares at our New Year Gala!!

Every time the score changes, a winner will be awarded \$25, with a total payout of \$500 per board. Once we have one board filled for each event, we will bring out a second board for that event.

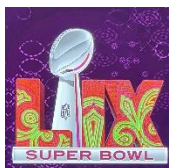
Fundraiser remaining funds of \$500 per board will go towards the Texas Pond Scholarship Program.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The National Championship is set to take place on Monday, January 20th in Atlanta at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

2025 FOOTBALL SUPER BOWL



The Super Bowl will be held Sunday, Feb. 9th at Caesars Superdome (New Orleans)!

Community Partners of Dallas Toy Drive 2024

The Texas Pond has been a proud supporter of Community Partners of Dallas (CPD) since the 2016-2017 Blue Goose year.



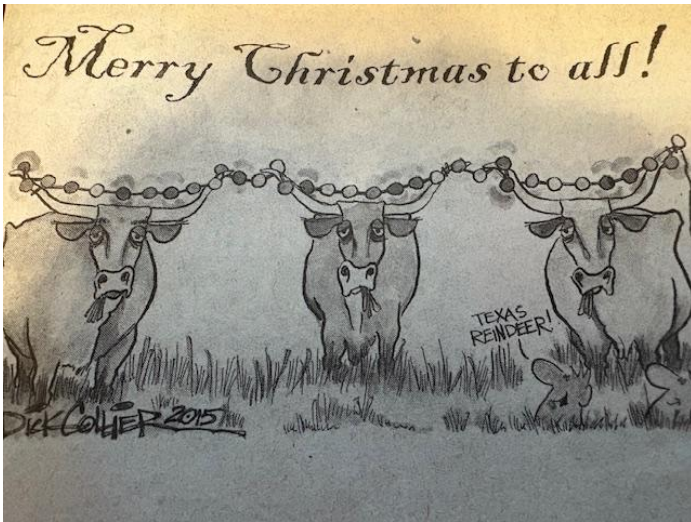
Collected toys and items for 50 kiddos, the value of the items came to \$1,393.79. The average gift amounts is \$27.88.



"During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI's use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable, and commercial, among other uses."



HOLIDAY WORDS OF WISDOM



LAST MONTH



At our November meeting everyone dug to the back of their closet and found some really UGLY Christmas sweaters.

Following the Ugly Sweater contest the Texas Pond held a Alcohol White Elephant Gift Exchange. Fun was had by all!



1st place – Valerie Wilson; 2nd place (tie) – Alicia Elliott & Cathy Eads Tone; 3rd place – Rachel Young; 4th place (tie) – Randy Webb & Matt Arnold. Winners each got a lottery ticket supplied by Stephanie Kirby, MLG. P.S. Rumor has it there were no winners!



Social Media

In this crazy world of ours, this world is relying more and more on us being in touch via the many social media platforms. 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> We are not maintaining this site any longer.

Instagram

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

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

When we set these sites up several years ago our mission was to enhance our Blue Goose footprint in Texas. We stated our mission as follows: *“Beyond the newsletter, we have been pursuing social media to engage ganders, goslings, and the general public as to our organization, achievements, and causes. Our goal is to increase followers and engagement points on these accounts.”*

If you have not joined at least one of these social media platforms, we encourage you to do so. Or if you have not updated your contact info on these platforms, take time and do so.

THE HONORABLE ORDER OF BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

The 2025 HOBGI Convention will be in Boston, Massachusetts at the historic [Hilton Boston Park Plaza](#)!



**2025 BLUE GOOSE
GRAND NEST
CONVENTION**

HILTON BOSTON PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY | 27-31 | 2025

ROOM RATE \$279
REGISTRATION | MEMBER/SPOUSE/GUEST
\$450 EARLY/ \$475 REGULAR/ \$500 LATE/ YOUTH \$200

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The convention will be held at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza from Sunday July 27 to Thursday July 31, 2025. It will be packed with exciting activities: golfing, live entertainment each night with bands and a comedian, a visit to Fenway Park, a historical trolley tour, charity presentations, an interactive volunteer Give Back Experience for charity, and much more. If you haven't yet attended a convention, this is the one to participate in, offering a unique opportunity to network, learn, and have a fantastic time.



Plan for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:



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

Ganders did you know????? One of the things Kentucky is known for is **BOURBON!** This 9-billion-dollar industry, with over one hundred licensed Bourbon distilleries, is steeped in American tradition for Kentucky, with its roots tracing back to the 18th century. Despite its humble beginnings, bourbon gained popularity and was officially recognized as "America's Native Spirit" in 1964 by Congress.



TEXAS POND CALENDAR



JANUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

NEW YEAR KICKOFF EVENT – RESERVATION'S REQUIRED

SECOND MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

MEETING: MEXICAN SUGAR; 7501 LONE STAR DRIVE; PLANO, TX

FEBRUARY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

MEETING: ON THE BORDER, ADDISON

**THE 2024-2025 BLUE GOOSE COMES TO END. OUR NEXT
BLUE GOOSE YEAR STARTS ON JULY 1ST.**



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GOP & COP



WGQ & KGGE

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