



TEXAS POND HONKER

March 2025

Character, Charity, Fellowship



Blue Goose – Texas Pond

Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Lamberti's 7701 N. MacArthur Blvd
Irving, TX 75254

Easter Baskets for Community Partners

We are assembling Easter Baskets for Community Partners of Dallas at our March 10th meeting. We are planning to assemble 75 baskets.

Community Partners has requested that we are very specific in our assembly of baskets, such as labelling them for a girl and/or a boy and being precise in the items for each age category. Since they also will not except any extra items should we not include them in the baskets, we have assembled a list with the quantity of supply items we need. Please contact Mitch Williams for more details.

At our February Blue Goose meeting, a list of needed items was passed around for the ganders to step up to bring needed items for this project. If you forgot what you signed up to bring, please reach out to Mitch Williams via email or call him at 214-213-5751.

For those that signed up to bring candy remember **NO CANDY WITH PEANUTS!**

Save The Date

Texas Pond's 18th Annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament



BLUE GOOSE TEXAS POND
18th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th

Email BGTXgolf@gmail.com with Questions

Grapevine
GOLF COURSE

3800 FAIRWAY DRIVE, GRAPEVINE, TX 76051



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LAST MONTH

Meeting Location Announcement

The Texas Pond received another surprise last month, when we discovered our meeting location had closed their doors. We quickly arranged for a new meeting location at Lazy Dog in Addison for our February meeting. Since then, we have been reaching out and talking with multiple locations to see if they can accommodate us on our

meeting location requirements. We have a set of criteria for a meeting location, so if you have a suggestion, reach out to Linda Meik, Wielder (682-715-5341 or lindameik9@gmail.com) to find out the criteria and offer up a suggestion.

Note we currently have arranged for meeting locations from now through June. Stay tuned for meeting locations.



CALLING COMMITTEE

The Texas Pond has set up a calling committee for our meetings and events. Take a moment to congratulate and thank Randy Webb, Roger Foltz, Eddy Pokluda, Cathy Eads-Tone, Valerie Wilson, and Linda Meik for this committee. Last month we called and spoke to 21 folks, left messages for 30 and we did not call 10 folks.

If you did not get a call, please reach out to Linda Meik at 682-715-5341 or lindameik9@gmail.com to be sure we have your correct contact info. Also, if there is any noteworthy information about you or your family, please let us know, for example a promotion, new job, etc.



Mitch Williams and Matt Arnold along with Bill Turner from Back On My Feet spent time reorganizing and taking inventory of Back On My Feet's storage facility. Afterwards these three hombres went to breakfast at the Original Market Diner.



SOME IRISH HUMOR

May the Good Lord take a liking to you — but not too soon.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.

This isn't a hangover – it's the Irish flu.



Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Through Midnight April 30th, 2025.

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/>



BLUE GOOSE - A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International is a social insurance fraternity built on sentiment, loyalty, and friends. It is a vehicle to aid us in developing Character, Charity, and Fellowship with others who share a place in our great industry. Sure, we have fun, but this is coincidental to knowing and being known by other insurance people. It provides an opportunity to meet

those in the same field who may be competitors, adjusters, publishers, rating bureau personnel, insurance commissioners, salvage bureau people, insurance professors, insurance premium finance people, insurance agents and brokers, and many others as shown in the Membership Eligibility Rules. Blue Goose provides a wonderful opportunity for us to improve the image of ourselves and our industry in the eyes of the public. We have so much more in common with one another than we do in conflict.



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> This site is no longer being maintained.

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 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

Registration is open!

2025 GRAND NEST CONVENTION

The 119th annual HOBGI Convention registration is officially open!!

Join fellow ganders in Character, Charity and Fellowship at this year's convention in historic Boston!

Boston Park Plaza
JULY 27 - JULY 31
Contact us
414-899-7418

REGISTER NOW

*Please note: You will receive a registration link for the Boston Park Plaza after registering for the convention.

JOIN FELLOW GANDERS AS THEY FLOCK TO BOSTON FOR THE 2025 CONVENTION! HOSTED IN ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ICONIC AND HISTORIC CITIES. THE GANDERS, GOSLINGS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES WILL JOIN TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND FUN TO FURTHER OUR MISSION OF EDUCATION, CHARITY, AND LEADERSHIP!

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31
*ADULTS \$450, CHILDREN \$200**

**GENERAL REGISTRATION - APRIL 1 TO JUNE 15
*ADULTS \$475, CHILDREN \$200**

**LATE REGISTRATION - JUNE 16 - JULY 4
*ADULTS \$500, CHILDREN \$250**

**HILTON BOSTON PARK PLAZA
50 PARK PLAZA AT ARLINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116**



Plan for the 2026 HOBGI Convention:



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



TEXAS POND CALENDAR



MARCH MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
MEETING: LAMBERTI'S, IRVING
EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

APRIL MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
MEETING: LAMBERTI'S, IRVING
GOSLING INITIATION

MAY MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
MEETING: TBD, ADDISON

JUNE MEETING – TEXAS POND

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
MEETING: TBD, ADDISON
18TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2025

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



MLGG & SOF



GOP & COP



WGQ & KGGE

Here are the 2024-2025 Texas Pond Officers

Most Loyal Gander – Stephanie Kirby (M) 214-907-0073
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Supervisor of the Flock – TBD

Custodian of the Goslings – Valerie Wilson (M) 870-213-8192
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Guardian of the Pond – Mitch Williams (M) 214-213-5751
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Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg - Ashley Hansen (M)
214-212-8547 ashansen@aol.com

Wielder of the Goose Quill - Linda Meik
(M) 682-715-5341 lindameik9@gmail.com



“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.”