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GALA BREAKS RECORD

While the final figure isn't yet confirmed, this year's Blue Goose Charity Gala exceeded previous years' totals and easily surpassed our fundraising goal for this year. The April 27th event was the 4th annual gala held by the Edmonton Pond at the Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort.

In 1999 the Edmonton Pond held its first, of what would become an annual, charity luncheon. In 2010 the format was changed to an evening gala. Previous to this year's event, the lunches and galas had raised over \$130,000 for various charities.

The charity chosen as the beneficiary of this year's gala is

[YOUCAN Youth Services](#). The goal for the gala was to raise \$33,000 to purchase a Jeep to be used by YOUCAN



Relentless Youth Workers in their work with at-risk youth in Edmonton. The Relentless Youth Workers at YOUCAN Youth Services use Jeeps to support and engage youth with transportation to meetings and appointments required to remove them from harm's way and maintain a healthy life style. Each year one vehicle can support up to

200 at-risk youth.

A non-profit charitable organization, YOUCAN Youth Services is dedicated to empowering youth so they have the

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MESSAGE FROM MIKE

Hello fellow Ganders. Spring has sprung and hopefully you are getting a handle on your yard work now that the snow is all gone. It is amazing how fast time flies in our busy industry. Why it only seems like just last week that we had nasty temperatures and snow. Now we look forward to the hot days on a patio with a cold beverage in hand.

Speaking of last week, a big congratulations to the Blue Goose Edmonton Pond Spring Gala Committee for hosting another terrific event. Many of you were in attendance at the River Cree Marriott Ballroom to support our Pond and have a fun filled evening. Final totals are still to come but this year's Spring Gala in support of YouCan, is expected to exceed last year's fund raising totals. A job well done by all of the committee.

Looking forward we are fast approaching our All-Industry night, which is where we get to meet eager young professionals from MacEwan University Insurance & Risk Management who are just about to enter the Insurance field,



and offer them some of our wisdom. This year's event will be at the Edmonton Petroleum Club on Thursday May 16th with cocktails starting at 5:30 pm. RSVP to Neil at edmontonpond@gmail.com by Tuesday May 14th.

With spring comes the swish and @#\$%^ of a well struck golf ball going somewhere in a hurry. Yes the Blue Goose Golf Tournament is on again, June 6th at the Lacombe G&CC. Sign up as a single or enter a team and let's keep the title in Northern Alberta as I am sure Southern Alberta will have a strong contingent of golfers there.

That's all for now, enjoy the sunshine when you can.

... Mike Sherban, MLG

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knowledge, support and skills to remove themselves from harm's way. They assist young people in transitioning into employment or back into education, reducing youth violence and participating actively in youth issues.



YOUCAN Executive Director Kyle Dubé outlined the work they do and explained why a Jeep is so important to their operations. He then turned the mike over to one of their many successes.

Lenore J. shared her very personal story of an early life of abuse, foster homes, homelessness, and alcohol addiction that has been turned around by YOUCAN to the point where she is now employed and is working on setting up her own business.



The Edmonton Pond received tremendous support from the insurance community through Platinum Sponsorships and donated auction items. Renowned artist Lewis Lavoie created a painting during the evening which was then auctioned off. CTV's Graham Neil was the evening's MC.

Summing up the event, Committee Chair Chris Miller stated: "This year's gala was a tremendous success. Thanks



to the generosity of the insurance community we succeeded in raising enough funds to purchase a Jeep for YOUCAN Youth Services. This Jeep is not simply a vehicle to drive around city streets, it is a vehicle by which YOUCAN's Relentless Youth Workers hope to change the lives of at-risk youth in Edmonton through engagement, positive influence, life skills, and lasting change. The Gala Committee would like to

acknowledge and thank all attendees, donors, and sponsors for their generous support."

Photos from the Gala can be viewed on our [Gallery Page](#).

NEXT UP – ALL-INDUSTRY NIGHT



Our next event will see the Edmonton Pond host the students from the MacEwan University Insurance and Risk Management program for a dinner at the Petroleum Club. All Blue Goose members are encouraged to attend and to bring guests to this opportunity to mingle with the students. For the students it's a valuable opportunity to meet individuals from different aspects of the insurance industry and to learn the finer details that they won't get from text books. For industry members it's an opportunity to meet potential employees and colleagues. It's a win-win for everyone involved.

Don't miss this event. Email edmontonpond@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grant MacEwan night	May 16, 2013
Golf	June 6, 2013
AGM ...	June 19, 2013
Grand Nest Convention	July 8 – 12, 2013



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Blue Goose Golf Tournament will be held at the Lacombe Golf and Country Club on June 6th. Jointly sponsored by the Edmonton and Alberta Ponds, this year's tournament is being hosted by the Alberta Pond.

Golf will begin at 9:30 am with a shotgun start and will be followed by a banquet. The \$140 entry fee includes golf cart, practice range, golf and banquet. A registration form can be found appended to this newsletter.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes should contact Jenna Hibbitt - Jenna.Hibbitt@ckrglobal.com or Carlene Sorensen - carlenes@actionrestoration.ca

GRAND NEST CONVENTION

The 107 Annual Grand Nest Convention of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International will be held at the beautiful Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City from July 8th to 12th, 2013.

The convention formally kicks off on the evening of July 9th (Tuesday) with a Quebec Welcome Party and wraps up on Friday evening with the Grand Nest Banquet. Sandwiched in between are 3 days of fun and fellowship. There is an optional Golf Tournament on July 8th and Capitales Baseball Game on the evening of July 11th.



All Blue Goose members and their families are welcome at a Grand Nest Convention. While most of the meetings (with a few exceptions) are restricted to members, their spouses and families are usually well looked after. This year's convention is no exception. Quebec Pond has a number of great activities planned.

Pond members who have attended past conventions have consistently commented that you really learn about the spirit of Blue Goose at a Grand Nest Convention.

For more information and a downloadable registration form, click [HERE](#).

To register online click [HERE](#).

Future Grand Nest Conventions

Host	Location	Date
Quebec Pond	Quebec City	July 8-12, 2013
Utah Pond	Salt Lake City	July 2014
National Capital Pond	TBA	July 2015
St. Louis Pond	St. Louis	July 2016
Southern Region	TBA	July 2017



107th Annual Grand Nest Convention

Quebec, QC

July 8 – 12, 2013

Registration now open

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AROUND BLUE GOOSE ...



The Eastern Region held a "Quad Pond" New York City Lunch Cruise (hosted by the Hartford, Westchester, New York City, and Garden State Ponds) on April 27th.

The Bay State Pond has dedicated their June 13, 2013 Charity Golf Outing to raising funds for The One Fund Boston, Inc.



SEE YOU IN THE FALL

This will be the last issue of The Edmonton Pond Gaggles until September. The September-October issue will feature updates from our spring events and the Grand Nest Convention.

But fear not ... you do not need to feel devoid of Blue Goose news over the summer. Watch our website, www.edmontonpond.com, for the latest news and photos as it happens.

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	Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Application for the Edmonton Pond (Application fee of \$50.00 must be attached)		
	New Membership (New Membership Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement (Reinstatement Date) <input type="checkbox"/>	Flight (Flight Date) <input type="checkbox"/>

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Last Name		First Name	MI	Nickname
Birthdate		Spouse's Full Name		
Home Address		City	Province	Postal Code
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Professional Information

Employer Name		Work e-mail Address		
Work Address		City	Province	Postal Code
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Does ICS deliver to: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/>				

Have you ever been a member of another pond? [] YES [] NO If "Yes" where?
Flight to _____ pond from _____ and has paid dues for the fiscal year ending _____. If officer, position held: _____ Dates: _____

Applicant's Signature:

New Member Vouched for by Three Ganders

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Blue Goose Annual Golf Tournament 2013



When: Thursday June 6th 2013

Where: Lacombe Golf Course

Shotgun: 9:30am

Cost: \$140.00 Dinner

Includes Golf Cart & Driving Range

Dinner: Lacombe Golf Course 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Prizes: To follow dinner

General: The Committee will match up foursomes for those registered individually or in two's & three's. If you are forming your own foursome, only ONE application is necessary with all the information

Application: Please complete the form below and return with cheque

Name	Pond/Visitor	Phone	E-mail

Make cheques payable to: Blue Goose Alberta Pond: \$140.00

Note: Applications without cheques not accepted c/o Gander - Jenna Hibbitt

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Anyone wishing to donate prizes (general) or specific prizes (long drive, long putt, etc.) please contact Jenna Hibbitt - Jenna.Hibbitt@ckrglobal.com or Carlene Sorensen - carlenes@actionrestoration.ca

You don't want to miss out on the best golf event! There will be tons of PRIZES!
Limited spots available register now! Space is limited to the first 144 paid golfers.

Registration Deadline: May 17th 2013

We hope to see you all there!!!