

# EDMONTON POND GAGGLES - WINTER 2018

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Hello Ganders,

*I hope you are all having a wonderful December, and are as prepared for the holiday season as I am. I'd like to take a moment and reflect on a successful 2018 year for our Pond. Specifically, I wanted to thank the Convention Committee that hosted the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Goose Convention here in Edmonton from July 11 to 13. The Committee spent over 5 years planning this event, and we saw over 150 members and their families from across Canada and the USA come to Edmonton to partake in the festivities.*

*On November 7, we hosted our New Membership Night at the Pint on Whyte Ave. We saw around 30 members and non-members join in for a night of socializing and fellowship. And, there were prizes handed out to individuals who brought new potential members to the event; congrats to all the winners!*

*On December 4, we hosted our Annual Blue Goose Charity Luncheon at the Royal Glenora, where we collected a mountain of toys for Santa's Anonymous. Our friends at BELFOR were kind enough to volunteer a truck and their time to deliver these toys after our meal. In addition, we raised money for the E4C School Lunch Program, and specifically for the Prince Charles School who provided our attendees with some musical entertainment during the hour.*

*We have several upcoming events planned for the new year, so please watch for those invitations which will be circulated shortly. In addition, if you are interested in becoming more involved with any of our committees, please feel free to reach out to one of the Executive Committee members at any time. We are always looking for extra hands, and there are lots of volunteer opportunities for you to participate.*

Warm wishes,

Halie Wispinski, MLG

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## Awards

At the Convention in July, the **Edmonton Pond** had a tie victory with the **Texas Pond** for the Communication Award for their outstanding communication strategy leading up to convention.

At the Insurance Institute of Northern Alberta Convocation on November 22, Loveleen Grewal received the **Ron Thompson Award for Excellence**, presented by MLG Halie Wispinski. The Edmonton Pond has sponsored this award for over a decade, and the recipient is the highest scoring first year student in the CIP program.

## 2018 Christmas Lunch



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## Upcoming Grand Nest Conventions

2019	113 <sup>th</sup> Convention hosted by Dayton Pond – Indianapolis, Indiana from July 16 to 19
2020	114 <sup>th</sup> Convention hosted by Hartford Pond
2021	115 <sup>th</sup> Convention hosted by Florida Pond
2022	116 <sup>th</sup> Convention hosted by BC Pond

## Edmonton Pond – Calendar at a Glance

January 31 – Poker Night at Blue Quill Community Hall

February – Month of Caring (TBA)

April – Initiation Meeting (TBA)

May 11 – Annual Charity Gala at River Cree Hotel

May 29 – Provincial Golf Tournament at Alberta Springs Resort

June – AGM Meeting (TBA)

## Stollery Donation



*On November 19, Andrew Happer and Tony Thibaudeau presented the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation with a cheque for \$10,000 on behalf of the Edmonton Pond. These fundraising efforts were a result of convention revenue and fundraising over the summer, and we were very happy to be able to give back to the community we work in.*

**Changing Jobs?** Remember to send us your updated contact info to [edmontonpond@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonpond@gmail.com)

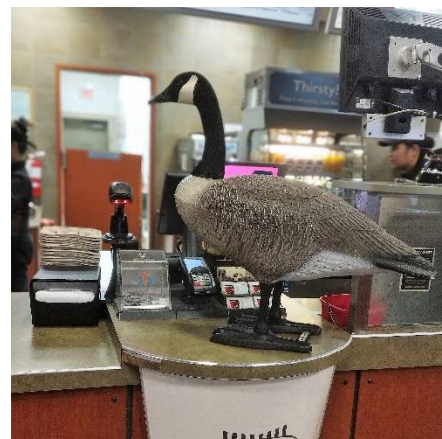
## Have you met Gordie the Goose?

Gordie is the mascot for the Edmonton Pond, and he loves to post on social media!  
Add him as a friend on:

Twitter: @GordieTheGoose

Instagram: gordiegoose

Facebook: GordieGoose



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***If you are thinking of becoming a member, or know someone who wants to sign up, please check out the membership section on our pond webpage.***



**Are you interested in attending the 2019 Convention in Indiana?**

**Dates:** July 16 to 20

**Accommodation:** The Alexander Boutique Hotel

You can find more information at the registration link below!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4kmlnobab&oeidk=a07efoem0h4dd74212f>

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Gala Committee** – We are looking for a few extra hands to help out with the Annual Charity Gala in May, if you are interested please contact Mike Sherban at [mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com](mailto:mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com)

**Exec Committee** – We are looking for a couple of individuals who are interested in stepping up to participate on the Executive Committee, if you are interested please contact Halie Wispinski at [hwispinski@wawanesa.com](mailto:hwispinski@wawanesa.com)