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Upcoming Events:

Blue Goose Open Bonspiel
Edmonton
Mar 24-25, 2017

Grand Nest Mid-year
Meeting
April 21-22, 2017

Charity Gala
May 6, 2017

Grand Nest Convention
Savannah, GA
July 11-13, 2017

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MESSAGE FROM MLG KEEGAN

Greetings everyone.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and you're all ready to write 2017 on everything. 2016 hasn't been a very good year for most but I look back at the pond events and realize how important friends are.

Bowling was a success that brought out some different faces (And some that owned their own bowling shoes). The Christmas Charity Lunch was again another huge success with a mountain of toys for under the tree and money raised to fill kids stomachs during lunch. It's important that Blue Goose balance fun, friendship, and the spirit of giving and it's safe to say we did that.

We'll have some fun stuff coming in the new year. Look for the invite to the mixed bonspiel being held in Edmonton on March 24th and 25th. This is the first time we're hosting it and I have a feeling it's going to be great.

Here's to all the best in the new year. Cheers!

... Keegan McLennan, MLG



GRAND NEST CHECK-IN

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes in the coming New Year 2017 from your Grand Nest Officers..

Not a lot going on with Grand Nest at the moment, so I will just bring you all up to speed on the Grand Nest Mid-Year Meeting being held in April 2017. Currently we will be entertaining the Most Loyal Grand Gander Linda Meik (Texas), Grand Wielder Terry Maloney (Wisconsin), Grand Guardian of the Flock Dan Rich (Connecticut), Judge Advocate Lorena Kohlruss (BC) and Past Most Loyal Grand Gander Bill Olson (Baltimore). Unfortunately at this point in time our Grand Custodian of the Flock Kim Bilbrey (Ohio) will not be able to join us due to health restrictions. We are hoping that a few more of the Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders will be able to join us.

I know that your Convention Planning Committee and Pond Executive are working diligently on plans to make this Mid-Year meeting not only successful but also on some events that will be fun and entertaining, so please keep an eye open for some future bulletins in that regard.

Well that's it for me – short and simple.

Have a safe and prosperous 2017!

Mark Robertson
Grand Supervisor of the Flock

2018 Convention

Happy new year! I hope the holiday season allowed everyone a chance to relax and rejuvenate with family and friends. There's a lot happening this year and I'm excited to give you a peek into what to expect from the convention committee.

On the weekend of April 21-22, 2017, we are hosting the Mid-Year Meeting for Grand Nest. This is part of our preparations for the 2018 Convention. Grand Nest executive and several Past Most Loyal GRAND Ganders (PMLGGs) will be traveling to Edmonton that weekend to capture a piece of what's in store for next year.

On Friday, April 21st, there will be a meeting in the afternoon just for the Grand Nest to be held at the Westin. That evening, there will be a Pond event held at a local establishment. There will be dinner and entertainment. It will be a great opportunity for



Pond members to get acquainted with the Grand Nest and to give them a feel of our local fellowship. It will also allow Grand Nest to see and take home a piece of Edmonton. We are still working through the details but stay tuned as we release more information.

On Saturday, April 22nd, after a day filled

with meetings and a tour of the Westin, the visiting ganders will join us for a PMLG (Past Most Loyal Gander) Dinner at the hotel. This will be an intimate evening to enjoy a nice meal and recognize our fellow ganders. All living PMLGs of Edmonton Pond and their spouses will be invited. There will be presentations made for those Pond members who have reached milestones in their membership and for those who have earned special recognition. We will also be entertained by some old-time stories from those who have interesting life experiences. Again, details of this event will be circulated in the coming months.

For now, SAVE THE DATES – Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22! If you would like to help with one or both of these events, then please contact me at ahaper@sintraengineering.com.

... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair



2016 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Edmonton Pond Charity Luncheon was held Dec 5th at the Royal Glenora Club. Members and guests generously built a mountain of toys that were turned over to Santas Anonymous. Proceeds from the event go to support the E4C School Lunch Program.

Entertainment for the lunch was provided by a group of fiddle players from Prince Charles School.

Our thanks to all of the prize donors and to all in the Insurance Industry who support this annual event.

Photos shown here are courtesy of Jorge Gonzalez and Harvey Heinz.



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We encourage all Edmonton Pond members to consider joining the **Flight to '18 Club**.

Blue Goose conventions are indeed unique events. They bring together Ganders from across Canada and the US to participate in the business and fellowship of the order. Many long-lasting friendships have started at a Grand Nest Convention.

Members who have attended a convention can attest to the value of the event. Most will tell you that they came away with a much greater understanding of what Blue Goose is all about. Through interaction with fellow members from across our country and south of the border one comes to fully appreciate the dedication of our honorable order to its founding precepts of **Character, Charity and Fellowship**.

Pond members can now participate in the success of the 2018 convention in Edmonton by joining the Flight to '18 Club. Your \$218 donation will secure your membership, a unique thank you gift, your name listed on our website and special recognition at the convention. For more info contact edmontonpond@gmail.com



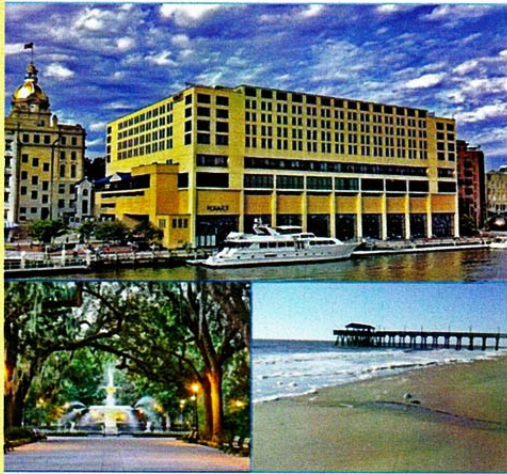
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BOWLING NIGHT
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
Our annual RUSH event.



Savannah



Passport To The South

Registration Is Now Open!

www.southernbluegoose.org

See a full agenda outline, descriptions of available activities and details about Savannah - an ideal family vacation destination.

Hurry – The Hyatt Regency and some activities have limited availability and are on a first-come, first served basis!

Questions? Email our meeting planners at: registration@boggischung.com

SAVANNAH REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

It is with great Blue Goose pride and enthusiasm that the Southern Region announces we are ready to begin accepting reservations for the 2017 "Passport to the South" Grand Nest Convention.

Savannah, Georgia will be the host city. Savannah is listed as one of the top three vacation destinations in the USA! We hope you will come in early or extend your stay after the convention to take advantage and enjoy all Savannah has to offer.

The 2017 convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel, located right on the Savannah River. The formal convention dates are Tuesday, July 11th through Thursday, July 13, 2017. The Hyatt hotel rate is \$170, with complimentary Wi-Fi and reduced parking fee of \$19 per day. The hotel will extend the

contracted rate 3 days before and after the Convention *subject to room availability*. Note: Savannah is a walking city, and a short distance from the local airport, so a car is not necessary.

The registration fee for the convention is \$375 for members, spouses, and young adults 16 years or older; \$300 for those under the age of 16. The Convention Registration fee covers all convention meals and scheduled activities – an estimated value of over \$700.

We want to strongly encourage every Pond to book at least one convention and hotel reservation for a Delegate to attend this convention. We ask that you to do this very early as we have a limited number of rooms set aside and the Southern Region would like to have every Pond and/or Puddle represented. Once the room block is filled, we cannot guarantee any additional rooms within

the Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel or at the contracted hotel rate.

Attached to this letter is a flyer about the convention. Go to southernbluegoose.org to see further details about the city of Savannah and the wonderful things the Southern Region has planned for you. You can also register for the convention and book your hotel room directly from the website.

Remember, this convention will *not* be a last minute registration convention due to the limited number of rooms in our reserved block. Savannah is a high vacation destination, so please book early to ensure your spot.

Warm regards,

Linda Meik, MLGG



Registration Is Now Open

Savannah



Passport To The South

Plan to arrive in time to join our Community Service Activity at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia; sign up for exciting Guest and Children/Teen Activities!

Go to:

www.southernbluegoose.org

**to visit the 2017 Convention Registration website
and Register NOW!**

2017 Blue Goose Convention

Savannah *Passport To The South*



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- 🏌️ 4 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- 🏌️ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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- 🏌️ 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- 🏌️ 2 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- 🏌️ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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- 🏌️ Recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- 🏌️ 2 tickets to the Welcome Reception
- 🏌️ 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- 🏌️ Recognition at convention golf tournament

Silver Sponsor - \$1000

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- 🏌️ Special recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- 🏌️ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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Get involved organizing the 2018 Grand Nest Convention—contact PMLG Andrew Happer

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Flex your creative or journalistic muscle—help with Gaggles—contact PMLG Neil Miller

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FUTURE GRAND NEST CONVENTIONS

<i>Host</i>	Location	Date
<i>Southern Region</i>	Savannah, GA	July 11-13, 2017
<i>Edmonton Pond</i>	Edmonton, AB	July 11-13, 2018
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