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November 16, 2016

Christmas Luncheon
December 5, 2016

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

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MESSAGE FROM MLG KEEGAN

Hello Ganders,

First off, It's with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of a great man, friend, gander and PMLG Ed Cannon. Our thoughts go out to his family. He will be missed.

Pond Status: We have a bowling night coming up on Nov 16th at Gateway Lanes. Feel free to bring a friend who may be interested in joining the Blue Goose. After that we have the annual Christmas Charity lunch on Dec 5th. We will be collecting toys for Santa's Anonymous and money raised will go to the E4C School Lunch Program.

Also, the 2018 Edmonton Blue Goose Convention is getting closer. We will continue to fundraise for the big event and if anyone is interested in getting involved please contact PLMG Andrew Happer (ahapper@sintraengineering.com)

... Keegan McLennan, MLG



GRAND NEST CHECK-IN

Greetings fellow Ganders.

Well winter is fast approaching with snow already on the ground twice in October. So far it has been a pretty quiet fall time in Grand Nest. We have been working at cleaning up a few things so that the Annual Grand Nest Bulletin can be issued shortly. It may actually be sent out as I am writing you today - it's that close.

Congratulations to our good friend and fellow gander Archie Gillis from Nova Scotia. Archie is a PMLG of the Nova Scotia Pond and currently a DMLGG (Deputy Most Loyal Grand Gander) for our Canadian Region. Archie has kindly agreed to step up and take on the role as our representative on the Grand Nest Pond Financial Committee. That committee is newly formed this year with PMLGG (Past Most Loyal Grand Gander) Randall Wilson at its helm. If you recall my comments from the convention, Randall is our new Grand Keeper and this committee will be looking into and eventually producing documents for ponds and puddles to follow when setting up their finances and reporting to the Government agencies watching over our honorable order.

As many of you can tell from our own Edmonton Pond's "Rush for Goslings" event, coming up shortly, that the national and international Rush events have begun and are starting to take shape for this year. Grand Nest hopes to continue this program into the future to raise awareness and interest in our order and provide a recruitment tool to increase pond membership. Looking forward to see all of you out at our next gathering. Don't forget to bring your Bowling Shoes and we will see you at the

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RUSH FOR GOSLINGS EVENT
Bring a prospective member.
Introduce them to the fun of
Blue Goose.

BOWLING NIGHT

**Purchase tickets online at
edmontonpond.com/events**

Where: Gateway Entertainment Center
3414 Gateway Blvd.
Edmonton

When: Wednesday, Nov 16, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$20 per person
Tickets must be purchased
in advance by Nov 12, 2016.

Theme: Wear your favourite Plaid

For more information contact keegan.mclennan@robertsmcclure.com



(Mark Robertson ... cont'd from p1)

lanes!

Our pond will host the Annual "Mid-Year" Grand Nest meeting here in Edmonton. It is scheduled for April 21st and 22nd and will take place at the Westin Hotel downtown. This meeting is normally held a year in advance of the annual International Convention. Our pond, as you are all aware, will be hosting this convention in the summer of 2018. This meeting will bring in current Grand Nest officers and hopefully some Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders as well. Keep an eye on your bulletins as I know our pond hopes to provide members with the opportunity to meet and greet our Grand Nest officers while they are visiting our fair city.

That is about it for now.

Please remember to Tote Fair in your daily lives and enjoy the full experience of being a gander in the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International.

*Mark Robertson
Grand Supervisor of the Flock*



2016
Edmonton Pond
Charity Christmas Luncheon

**Watch for
Further Details**

**Monday December 5th
Royal Glenora Club**

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JOIN THE CLUB

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

2018 Convention



The 2018 Grand Nest Convention will be hosted by our Pond at the Westin Hotel in downtown Edmonton. We have an active

convention planning committee, comprised of pond ganders and PMLGs, that is meeting monthly and making some great progress. If you would like to get involved in some way, then please contact committee chair PMLG Andrew Happer at ahapper@sintraeng.com.

Registration fees from convention attendees will provide only a portion of the funds needed to cover the convention budget. What you may not know is that the majority of the convention funding is through donations and corporate sponsorships. We still have a ways to go in raising more funds. We have developed several different sponsorship levels that each include a selection of benefits and

concessions. We encourage companies and individuals to consider providing support as it is an excellent opportunity to gain exposure to the local insurance community and visiting ganders from across North America. Please review the list of sponsorship levels in this issue of the Gaggles and contact PMLG Neil Miller (edmontonpond@gmail.com) if you are interested in making a contribution.

Stay tuned for further details about the Grand Nest's Mid-Year Meeting to be held in Edmonton on April 21 to 23, 2017, at the Westin Hotel when we will be hosting several of the Grand Nest executive and Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders.

... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair

LAST FLIGHT

On September 5th, 2016, our friend and colleague PMLG Ed Cannon took his last long flight at the age of 79.

Born in Saskatoon, SK, Ed married the love of his life, Audrey, on September 6, 1957. In addition to Audrey, his memory will be cherished by his son, Scott, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom were the joy of his life.

Ed's long career in the Insurance Industry began with Canadian General, with whom he transferred to Edmonton in 1960. A transfer to Calgary in 1967 was followed by a transfer back to Edmonton 3 years later. Following the sale of Canadian General, Ed embarked on the broker side of the business, working at various times with Reed Shaw (now AON), Seawright, and Sedgewick. In 1986 he became a partner in CMB Insurance Brokers. Ed's involvement in the Industry didn't end with retirement as he continued teaching courses and working for a period of time as an Information Officer for IBC.

Initiated into the Alberta Pond in 1969 during his time in Calgary, Ed took flight to the Edmonton Pond in 1971. After a hiatus in the mid'70's Ed rejoined Blue Goose in 1980 and became a very active member of the Edmonton Pond. He served as our MLG in 1997-98 and went on to serve as our Permanent Wielder of

the Goose Quill for a period starting in 2007. Only when spending winters in Yuma, AZ made it too difficult to carry out his duties did Ed relinquish that role.

Ed loved life and people. His many interests and activities included woodworking, hunting, fishing, curling and Old Timers Hockey. Whatever Ed did he approached with enthusiasm.

"60-40" was often Ed's hearty response when asked how he was. Throughout his life, "Mr. 60-40" exemplified the three principles of Blue Goose – Character, Charity, and Fellowship. He truly lived up to the Charge he received when initiated to be "firm in character, broad in charity and free in fellowship".

Hail friend, and farewell. We will miss you.

*Departed friends, our voice we raise,
In humble tribute, honor, praise.
With one accord our greetings swell;
Hail, Fellow Gander ... and Farewell.*



SAVANNAH REGISTRATION OPENS

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*



2018 Grand Nest Convention Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Corporate Sponsor - \$10,000 (limited to 1 per Industry Segment)

- 🏆 Recognition as a Diamond Sponsor for the convention
- 🏆 Banner recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- 🏆 Half page ad in the Edmonton Pond Gaggles in all editions leading up to the convention
- 🏆 Full page ad in 2018 program including choice of location (offered in order of sponsorship confirmation)^{1,3}
- 🏆 2 complimentary foursome entries in convention golf tournament
- 🏆 Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- 🏆 Acknowledgement board at convention recognizing you as a Diamond Sponsor
- 🏆 4 tickets to Welcome Reception
- 🏆 4 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- 🏆 4 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- 🏆 Recognition at convention golf tournament

Platinum Sponsor - \$5000

- 🏆 Full page ad in 2018 program;
- 🏆 1 foursome entry in convention golf tournament
- 🏆 Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- 🏆 Choice of Platinum Level event sponsorship at the convention^{1,2,3}
- 🏆 Special recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- 🏆 2 tickets to the Welcome Reception
- 🏆 2 tickets to the All Industry Luncheon
- 🏆 2 tickets to the Grand Banquet & Ball
- 🏆 Recognition at convention golf tournament

Gold Sponsor - \$2,500

- 🏆 1/2 page ad in 2018 program;
- 🏆 2 complimentary golfer entries in convention golf tournament
- 🏆 Space available for your exhibit booth at the convention
- 🏆 Choice of Gold Level event sponsorship at the convention^{1,2,3}
- 🏆 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

- 🏆 One quarter page in 2018 program
- 🏆 1 complimentary entry in golf tournament **OR** 2 tickets to either Welcome Reception or All Industry Luncheon
- 🏆 Choice of Silver Level event sponsorship at the convention^{1,2}
- 🏆 Special recognition on convention page of edmontonpond.com website
- 🏆 Recognition at convention golf tournament

Bronze - \$500

- 🏆 Business card size ad in convention program
- 🏆 Acknowledgment at convention as a sponsor

¹ First sponsorship confirmation gets first choice

² As per Event Sponsorship Schedule to be finalized prior to Convention, subject to availability, in order of sponsorship confirmation

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Don't sit on the sidelines.

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mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com

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

ahapper@sintraengineering.com

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

edmontonpond@gmail.com

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
<i>Dayton Pond</i>	Indianapolis, IN	TBA
<i>Hartford Pond</i>	TBA	TBA

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