

# GALA MAY 7, 2016



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Mar/Apr 2016

### Upcoming Events:

Initiation Night  
TBA

Spring Charity Gala  
"Hall of Heroes"  
May 7, 2016

Grand Nest Convention  
July 18—26 2014  
St. Louis, MO

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### MESSAGE FROM HARVEY



Hello Blue Goose Members,

It is hard to believe we are one month away from spring!

Our annual Blue Goose Christmas Luncheon is now behind us. It was a success once again. I am pleased to announce that our incomparable Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg, Halie Buac, has delivered a cheque in amount \$3,200.00 to E4C. Please note, this final amount does not include the numerous cash donations nor the Christmas gifts donated for Santa's Anonymous. These are estimated to be an additional value over \$3,000.00!

The Blue Goose executive is planning an initiation night March 2016. The final date will be selected and announced soon.

In the interim, the Gala Committee and Chairperson, Mike Sherban, MLG are hard at work with the planning. May 7, 2016 is the date; the Marriott at the River Cree is the place. Please contact Mike directly ( [mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com](mailto:mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com) ) or any other executive member with your requests or suggestions. Any additional hands are always welcomed. We look forward to another successfully attended event and thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. We anticipate a good turnout and look forward to seeing everyone there!

... Harvey Heinz, MLG



MLG Harvey Heinz  
presents cheques to  
Cynthie Yakowich  
of E4C



### GRAND NEST CHECK-IN

Greetings from your Grand Nest fellow ganders. Well it's been a great winter so far with El Nino providing us with some record warm sunny days this winter.

Just a few items from Grand Nest:

- Please join me in sending out our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to PMLGG and Grand Historian Gerry Hale and his family. Gerry underwent emergency surgery late last month. I be-

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# HERO

an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles

Join the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose Edmonton Pond for a wonderful evening in the Hall of Heroes as we celebrate the heroes around us and the heroes within us.

**SATURDAY** MAY 7, 2016

MARRIOTT RIVER CREE  
300 East Lapotac Boulevard

Cocktails | 6:00 PM  
Dinner | 7:00 PM

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**Be Brave Ranch**  
by Linda Winters

(Grand Nest cont'd)

lieve that Gerry has been our Grand Historian since 2011.

- Also please join me in expressing our condolences to the Barry Snyder family with the passing of Mrs. Pat Snyder (PMLG) who was honored last convention for her husband Barry Snyder's many outstanding year's of service to our organization as a PMLGG and Grand Historian.

It's always difficult passing along news of this nature, however it illustrates the precepts of our order:

- Fellowship - belonging to an organization such as the Blue Goose where once you're a Blue Gooser you're always a Blue Gooser. All are welcome.
- Character - which some members provide us with as they lead through example. Becoming involved, digging in and rolling up their sleeves to get the job done.
- Charity - by selflessly giving back to the order with their time and efforts. Stepping up and volunteering with their time and efforts to ensure the survival of this most honorable order.

Well that's enough of that. On to more pleasant information.

Congratulations to all the participants in the 1<sup>st</sup> inaugural open curling event held in Saskatoon. Judging from the photos provided – truly a fun time was had by all who attended.

Reminder: This year's Convention is July 20 to 23 in the beautiful City of St. Louis

## 2016 Gala

Happy spring, fellow Ganders.

As we welcome warmer temperatures and open greens to our near future, we see coming before us our Edmonton Pond's next Big Event: the **2016 Blue Goose Spring Charity Gala**. Join us May 7th at the River Cree Resort and Casino for an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and silent auction deliberations to support our chosen charity this year, "The Little Warriors Be Brave Camp". Tickets are on sale now and can be obtained by sending me an email at [mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com](mailto:mike.sherban@ca.belfor.com). I will secure your spot....as well as send an invoice for your accountants. We are again looking to sell out this great evening so don't delay, **get your tickets now**.

Have a happy spring and may warm temperatures grace your wings.

*PMLG Mike Sherban  
Gala Committee Chair*

– the gateway to the west. Registration is up on the Grand Nest website. And in the spirit of fellowship the St. Louis Pond had graciously agreed to waive the late registration charges. We look forward to seeing as many Edmonton pond members attend as possible. (Trust me – it's a Beer drinker's paradise and one of the offsite functions is to attend a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game)

Reminder: 2018 is the year our pond is hosting the annual Blue Goose Convention, as the time draws closer, please contact your Convention Committee members to volunteer your time and services. Your convention committee have already been hard at work preparing for 2018. Chairperson Andrew Happer along with Tracy Fata, Halie Buac, Rod Goruk, Tony Thibaudeau, Dave Buzzeo, Mike Sherban, Keith Nabi

and Ken Lakhram to mention a few.

On the topic of the 2018 convention, if you have not already done so, please contact any of the convention committee members with either a personal or corporate donation towards our convention. There is still time to allow the budgeting of your sponsorship donation over at least 3 payments. So even if that sponsorship level seems like a big number – remember it can be spread over 3 payments.

Well that is about all I have for the moment from your Grand Nest. Until next we meet – please remember to "Tote Fair" in your daily lives with acts of kindness and generosity to all who surround you.

*Mark Robertson  
Grand Custodian of the Ganders*



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### WE NEED YOUR INPUT



The convention planning committee continues to meet monthly and is divided into several sub-committees with individuals in charge of designated areas including:

- Communications (program, advertising, convention promotions)
- Fundraising (self-explanatory)
- Grand Banquet (theme, decorations, activities, band)
- Hotels (food, beverage, room)
- Social (golf tournament, entertainment, guest speakers, spouse/youth programs)
- Registration
- Transportation

We are seeking more volunteers to assist with these sub-committees. Any ganders who would like to participate

and have a specific skill or area of interest are encouraged to contact the Committee Chair, PMLG Andrew Happer, at [ahapper@sintraeng.com](mailto:ahapper@sintraeng.com).

Remember to mark your calendars for July 11 to 13 (Wed to Fri), 2018, at the Westin Hotel in downtown Edmonton!

... PMLG Andrew Happer  
Convention Chair

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## INAUGURAL BLUE GOOSE OPEN

The Inaugural Blue Goose Open Curling Bonspiel presented by ServiceMaster Saskatchewan was a huge success! Participants of the event from Saskatchewan and Alberta vocalized their absolute enjoyment of the event both on and off of the ice. There was a full schedule of events over the weekend. The fun began on Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at the registration night hosted by Intact Insurance and held at Saskatoon's newest sports lounge, The League. It continued with a full day of curling at the Granite Curling Club on Friday with socializing in the evening in the hospitality room hosted by Lydale, and a walking pub crawl sponsored by The Brasserie into the early morning. Curling continued for all teams on Saturday with play eventually determining three event winners. The festivities concluded on Saturday evening with a gala awards banquet hosted by Mckercher LLP held at the beautiful Top of the Inn where Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan was presented with a cheque for **\$10,201.60**. This is the largest single donation ever made by the Saskatchewan Pond of the Honourable Order the Blue Goose International, and only made possible by the support of the members who put in a team and the sponsorships provided by our local Saskatchewan businesses.

As far as starting a new annual bonspiel for the Blue Goose, the support we have received from our membership, and the way that the bonspiel turned out exceeded all expectations. Our group in Saskatoon could not be happier! We are honoured to have hosted an event that is open to Blue Goose Members from all ponds to promote fellowship throughout the organization, and more importantly work together to lend a hand to our local charities. As of now we have the curling club booked for next year in the case that it is held in Saskatoon again, but we are open to sending it to another City and have been contacted by a couple other Ponds that have shown interest. We are already looking forward to next year's bonspiel, wherever it is to be held, and expect that the Blue Goose Open Bonspiel will only get bigger and better in the future.

*Dallas Jess*  
Saskatchewan Pond





# Don't sit on the sidelines.

There are many ways you can participate in Blue Goose activities and the Edmonton Pond will be all the better for your help! Some examples:

Help organize the annual Spring Charity Gala—contact PMLG Mike Sherban

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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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<i>Host</i>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>St. Louis Pond</i>	St. Louis, MO	July 20-23, 2016
<i>Southern Region</i>	Savannah, GA	July 11-14, 2017
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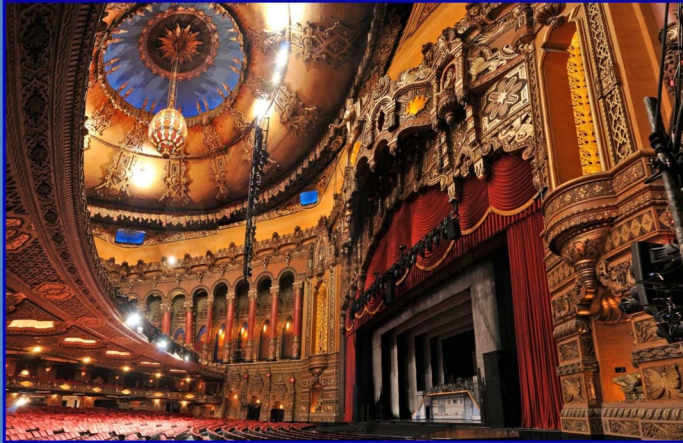
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