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DUES REMINDER

Dues notices for the 2013/14 have now been sent out. Your Pond operates on a very small budget and relies on your dues to pay the bills.

Your speedy remittance of dues upon receipt of your invoice is greatly appreciated.

Our heartfelt **THANK YOU** to those who have already submitted their payment.

MESSAGE FROM MIKE

Welcome back to the banks of the Edmonton Pond fellow Ganders. Summer has passed by much too fast and a new year of events lay in front of us.

It was my extreme pleasure to have attended the 2013 Grand Nest Convention in Quebec city in July. A great event was the nomination and acceptance of Edmonton's own Mark Robertson to the Grand Nest Executive. I am sure Mark will do us all proud as he ramps up to the 2018 convention being hosted by the Edmonton Pond. Once again Alberta defended its golf title at the convention for the third year in a row with Lynn Fawcett of Alberta Pond, and myself as members of the team.

L-R Mike Sherban, Lynn Fawcett, Jacques Cuierrier, John Bishop

Upcoming events are the Dec 9th Christmas Lunch at Royal Glenora Club, and soon to be announced we will be hosting another Blue Goose Poker tournament in early November. Watch for details and we hope to see you there.

… Mike Sherban, MLG

EDMONTON POND WINS AWARD

The beautiful Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City was the site of this year's Grand Nest Convention. At the convention our own PMLG Mark Robertson was elected as Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg. GKGGE Mark offers his comments on the convention elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the highlights of the convention was the awarding to the Edmonton Pond the ***Gordon F. Crowther Charity Award***. The award is presented annually to a pond that has exhibited outstanding charitable activities.

AGM

The Edmonton Pond AGM, held on June 18th at the Edmonton Petroleum Club saw the election of the 2013/14 Pond officers as follows:

Most Loyal Gander – Mike Sherban
Supervisor of the Flock – Chris Miller
Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – Harvey Heinz
Custodian of the Goslings – Keegan McLennan
Guardians of the Pond – Zoeanne Campbell
Cheryl Gardiner

Neil Miller will continue as the Permanent Wielder of the Goose Quill.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poker Night — **November date TBA**
Christmas Luncheon — **December 9, 2013**

GKGGE's CONVENTION REPORT

Quebec City was the perfect setting for the Blue Goose Convention 2013 and to celebrate 100 years of Blue Goose in La Belle Province.

My good friend and PMLG Jim Gardiner attended the convention with his wife Carolyn along with MLG Mike Sherban. Jim did me the honor of addressing the convention floor to formally nomination me as Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg. Mike seconded Jim's motion and the nominations where then closed by PMLG (Manitoba Pond) Kevin Wallis. Following the vote my nomination as your representative to our Grand Nest executive was confirmed.

Prior to the nomination the regular course of business meetings took place and I must say that I was very pleased with how our Canadian regional meetings went. It was exciting to see the younger delegates from British Columbia, Saskatoon, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia and our host province Quebec. Also in attendance were some old familiar faces from these regions and others, but the face of the convention is definitely acquiring a more youthful appearance.

Standing L-R PMLGG John Paris, GSOF Bill Olson, GCOG Randy Wilson, GGN Linda Meik, GKGGE Mark Robertson

During the three days of Convention I was fortunate to meet and greet almost every delegate in attendance. So many faces and names to remember. It's no wonder that it takes five years to progress up the ranks of the Grand Nest. It will take at least that amount of time to familiarize myself with all the great people attending conventions. There were many congratulatory greetings and lots of interest regarding our future convention in Edmonton. The more mature crowd fondly remember our past convention in 1993 which was well received and attended.

My wife Peggy and I very much enjoyed the 2013 Convention in beautiful Quebec City. I appreciate all the good wishes and support and look forward to my term representing Edmonton Pond on the Grand Nest Executive.

Mark Robertson
GKGGE

CHEQUE PRESENTATION

On June 7, 2013 members of the Edmonton Pond had the privilege of presenting a $34,000 cheque to YOUCAN Youth Services. The funds were raised at our Charity Gala in April. In presenting the cheque, SOF Chris Miller said it was on behalf of not only the Edmonton Pond but also the insurance community in general who so generously supported the Gala.

The donation was used by YOUCAN to purchase a Jeep to be used by their Relentless Youth Workers. YOUCAN Executive Director Kyle Dubé, commenting on how important the funds are to them, stated that the Jeep is more than just a vehicle, it is a very important tool in their work with at-risk youth.

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

knowledge, support and skills to remove themselves from harm's way.

L-R WGQ PMLG Neil Miller, YOUCAN Marketing Coordinator Carmen Boyko, YOUCAN Executive Director Kyle Dubé, SOF Chris Miller, PMLG Kent Swanson, PMLG Tony Thibaudeau

Future Grand Nest Conventions

Host	Location	Date
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
Edmonton Pond	TBA	July 2018

2018 CONVENTION PLANNING UNDERWAY

The 2018 Grand Nest Convention Planning Committee has had its inaugural meeting. Over the course of the next 5 years the committee will need the involvement of a large number of Edmonton Pond members in order to mount a successful convention. The greater the number involved, the lesser the workload on any one person.

Assistance will be required in all aspects of hosting a convention. In particular, at the moment we could use volunteers to assist with fundraising activities ranging from soliciting corporate donations to organizing fundraising events, raffles, etc. Additionally there are many other tasks over the next few years with which we could use your help.

Participation on the committee is a fun way to get involved with your Edmonton Pond. The more the merrier. If you would like to help out in any capacity please contact Andrew Happer ahapper@sintraeng.com or Neil Miller edmontonpond@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Photos from this year's Grand Nest Convention contained in this issue of Gaggles are provided courtesy of the Quebec Pond.

A complete set of convention photos can be found at
2013 Grand Nest Convention Photos

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Application for the Edmonton Pond

(Application fee of $50.00 must be attached)

New Membership (New Membership Date) ☐	**Reinstatement** (Reinstatement Date) ☐	**Flight** (Flight Date) ☐

Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	Nickname
Birthdate	Spouse's Full Name		
Home Address	City	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone # with Area Code	Home Fax # with Area Code	Home e-mail Address	

Professional Information

Employer Name	Work e-mail Address		
Work Address	City	Province	Postal Code
Work Phone # with Area Code and Ext.	Work Fax # with Area Code		
Does ICS deliver to: Home ☐	Business ☐		

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

(1) _____ _____

Print Sponsor's Name — Sponsor's Signature

(2) _____ _____

Print Sponsor's Name — Sponsor's Signature

(3) _____ _____

Print Sponsor's Name — Sponsor's Signature

Pond use only ***Dated:*** _____ ***Approved:*** _____