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Edmonton
July 11-13, 2018

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Hello Ganders,

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and enjoyed spending time with your family and friends. A very happy new year to you all!

As we start 2018, the countdown is on until our annual convention which we have the pleasure of hosting here in our hometown this summer. The convention committee has been working hard to organize the events for this coming July. You will be receiving more information about the convention over the next several months.

At the beginning of December we hosted the Christmas Luncheon, where we gathered toys for donation to Santa's Anonymous, and where we raised money for E4C school lunch program. The event was held at the beautiful Royal Glenora, and we had a children's musical group perform for us there.

You can look forward to several upcoming events including a beer pairing dinner, an initiation event, and our annual charity gala.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of our many committees, please reach out to our general email and let us know! We are always looking for creative ideas and suggestions.

Best of luck in the new year, and see you all soon!

... Halie Wispinski, MLG

GRAND NEST CHECK-IN



Greeting fellow Ganders

Well 2017 is now over and in the books for good. Onward and upward for the coming New Year 2018. We are now just 6 months away from hosting the 112th Convention of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International. This year will mark a total of 5 years in the process and I would like to extend my congratulations and deepest thanks to all the members of your Edmonton Pond Convention Planning Committee. They have been on board and working diligently for 5 long years in an attempt to pull this 2018 convention together and are still working hard and in need of all your support.

From a Grand Nest stand point this past year 2017 held some remarkable events. The Southern Region hosted a convention which was actually held in the southern region of the United States after an absence of some 10 years. Those fortunate enough to attend Savannah will testify that a great time was had by all. The Southern Region continues to grow in numbers and strength. The Canadians dominated the appointments on Grand Nest with Grand Historian John Bishop (Nova Scotia Pond) Judge Advocate Lorena Kohlruss (BC Pond) and Grand Keeper Archie Gillis (Nova Scotia). The year was not without some bumps and potholes in the road. We saw several prominent members of the Order take their last flights and will miss them all dearly. Both Seattle Pond and Heart of America Pond turned back their charters to Grand Nest. There is always hope that someday these ponds may yet reopen their doors again. In the interim, BC Pond and St. Louis Pond stepped up and invited ganders who would like to continue

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with their memberships to take flight to their respective ponds.

This past year also witnessed Grand Nest being pushed / pulled into the 21st century willingly or not. The 1st ever gathering of Grand Nest Officers in a formal meeting was held in November via computers and Zoom electronic meetings.

This was a very successful meeting and will be the format at least in 2018 for the mid-year meeting of Grand Nest. The change in format is directly related to financial constraints and budgeting purposes. We are trying our best to help out convention hosting ponds and keep the Grand Nest budget as balanced as possible.

Well that's about it – a brief summary of

2017 and some items moving forward in 2018.

So for now, this is me wishing all of you the very best and most successful coming New Year 2018.

*PMLG Mark Robertson
Most Loyal Grand Gander*



Happy New Year! This is it... 2018 has arrived and it's our turn to host the Grand Nest and ganders from across North America at convention this coming July. We have been working diligently and have the registration web site prepped ready for release. We are just finalizing some banking details before we can formally start taking registrations. Stay tuned for the notice announcing when the registration site will be ready – before the end of January.

As promised, here are details about the convention itinerary. We encourage everyone to register for the whole convention in order to capture the best value. During the early-bird period, registration will be \$385 CDN for pond members and their spouses. If you register early, then you have a chance of winning the early-bird prize draw. For those under the age of 18, it will only cost \$50 CDN to register!! This is a super bargain that we hope will encourage families to register. The child/youth registration includes all of their meals and activities throughout the convention, including fun at West Edmonton Mall and Fort Edmonton Park!

Wed, July 11:

Golf tournament and lunch at the Ranch Golf & Country Club
Parent meeting
Welcome Party – Northern Migration

Thu, July 12:

Breakfast
Opening Ceremonies with special guest speaker
Memorial Service hosted by Saskatchewan Pond
Model Initiation hosted by British Columbia Pond
West Edmonton Mall – Youth and Spouses
All-Industry Luncheon with special guest speaker
Regional & Special meetings
Family Night Dinner – Ukrainian Celebration
Hospitality Suite

Fri, July 13:

Breakfast
2019 Convention Presentation
Grand Nest Meeting – Ganders only
Fort Edmonton Park – Youth and Spouses
All-Family Luncheon with street performers
Officer & spouse reception
Grand Banquet / Youth Banquet

Keep following Gordie the Goose, our convention mascot, in the months ahead. He's on Twitter (@GordieTheGoose), Instagram (gordiegoose) and Facebook (GordieGoose). He will be posting updates about the convention.

If you would like to join our committee or give a helping hand in some area, then please contact Committee Chair Andrew Happer, PMLG, at ahapper@cep-sintra.ca. We continue to meet monthly and can always use more help as we get closer to the convention.

*... PMLG Andrew Happer
Convention Chair*

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- ☛ 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

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- ☛ 1 foursome entry in convention golf tournament
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- ☛ 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

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- ☛ 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

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- ☛ Recognition at convention golf tournament

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