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Detroit Puddle Holiday Party



Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

The 110th Detroit Puddle Holiday Party was held on December 15th at the Dearborn Inn. Linda Meik, Most Loyal Grand Gander was in attendance to deliver the invocation and invite everyone to attend the Grand Nest Convention being held in Savannah, Georgia on July 11-14, 2017. After lunch was served, several presentations were made.

Michelle Kresnak, Loyal Gander Detroit Puddle, presented a check for \$7,927.79 to Calling All Angels. These funds were raised at the 2016 Detroit Puddle Golf Outing. PMLGG, Joe Coccia then presented Mike and Dan O'Donnell with their 25 year membership pins. Mike O'Donnell is also the Michigan Pond Historian. Mike set up a display from the Blue Goose archives at the holiday party this year. Congratulations to the O'Donnell Brothers and thank you for your many years of support!

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Upcoming Events



April 26, 2017

Detroit Puddle Spring Frolic
On The Dunes

May 11, 2017

Lansing Puddle Golf Outing
Timber Ridge Golf Course

May 18, 2017

Northern Puddle Memorial Golf Outing
Treetops Resort

June 1, 2017

Fournier/Gleason Memorial Golf Outing
Fox Creek Golf Course

July 11-14, 2017

Grand Nest Convention
Savannah, Georgia

August 16, 2017

Grand Rapids Puddle Golf Outing
Quail Ridge

Hope to see you there!

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Past Most Loyal Grand Gander • John Zeldam 256-638-1105

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Meeting locations vary each month.

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PKGGE • Steve Spalding 517-337-1771

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location.

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Detroit Puddle Holiday Party

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Dan O'Donnell then took center stage to tell a few bad jokes and present the proceeds from the Mike Fournier Golf Outing. The children of Ed Hansen thanked the group for the continued support for their education.

Presentation of the Jim Gleason Award was also a part of this holiday luncheon. Past Most Loyal Gander, Shondell Granger took center stage and eloquently described all the reasons why Past Most Loyal Grander Gander, Joe Coccia was selected for this honor. Joe graciously accepted this award, and reflected on the character and generosity of Jim Gleason, a friend, who will be honored each year with the presentation of this award.



Co-chairs, Dave Beger and Steve Carson II, then took charge of the drawings. Several in attendance won great door prizes! The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Jacqui Schaffer, who generously donated her winnings back to the Goodfellows! Thank you to everyone in attendance for your continued support of the Blue Goose, and for a wonderful afternoon of character, charity and fellowship.



Loyal Gander Russ Wendt presenting Shannon Zoerhof of Special Olympics a \$1,500 check from the Grand Rapids Puddle

Grand Rapids Puddle Giving



LG Russ Wendt presenting a \$1,758 check to three members of the West Michigan Therapy Dogs.



Joe Coccia on right presenting Dave Paver with his 25 year pin during the GR Puddle Holiday Party



Gander Dave Paver was the 50-50 winner at the Holiday Party!



Christy Feist on the left from the GR Puddle presenting a \$1,500 check to Denise McCaleb from God's Kitchen



Joe Fitzgerald from Art Grand Rapids and Karla Libolt from ERS Grand Rapids presenting donation to the Kid's Food Basket Director



Detroit Puddle Makes Donation to Goodfellows

Submitted By: Traci Barbier Editor

The annual meeting of the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit was held at the Detroit Athletic Club. PMLGG Joe Coccia was in attendance and presented them with a check for \$5,864.90 the proceeds from the Holiday Party held at the Dearborn Inn. William McIntyre, Jr. accepted the check on behalf of the Goodfellows. Bill is the chairman of the Goodfellows shoe program which the Goodfellows have designated as the program that will benefit from our fundraising efforts in the Blue Goose. Therefore, in addition to their goal that "no kiddie without a Christmas," many of those children will be able to attend school wearing a new pair of shoes provided by The Detroit Puddle of the Blue Goose.

In addition, thanks to many contributors, The Goodfellows achieved their goal of \$1.1 million and in fact exceeded it

by \$13,524. This ensures their mission of "no kiddie without a Christmas" with purchasing over 1,000,000 gifts for the annual gift box campaign.

For those Detroit Puddle volunteers that participated in the assembly of over 2200 gift boxes at the Goodfellow warehouse in Detroit over the two day period this past November, the annual holiday effort resulted in the distribution of over 33,000 gift boxes to the needy children of Detroit, Highland Park, Harper Woods, River Rouge and Hamtramck.

The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit wish to thank the generosity of all the members of the Detroit Puddle of the Michigan Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International.

Gander Takes Final Flight

Submitted By: Traci Barbier Editor

When one of our ganders takes their final flight, it is a somber and sad event to report. When that gander leaves us suddenly at a young age the news is especially sad, and a reminder that every day is a blessing.



Christopher James Gleason
January 21, 1984 - December 10, 2016

Christopher James Gleason, also known as "Topher" was born on

January 21st, 1984 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He joined his father, James Edward Gleason, mother, Janet Dorothy Coulter and brother, Dana Kitchen in heaven on December 10th, 2016. He leaves behind sisters Jessica Gleason and Julia McGowen and brothers Gavin McGowen, Casey Kitchen, Cody Kitchen, Austin Kitchen and Jerrod Kitchen. His nieces Janet Gleason and Maya Oliver and nephew Atherium Bommarito. He will be greatly missed by his stepmother Donna Gleason, stepfather Paul Kitchen, grandfather Robert Burton and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



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*Dale Hardy Memorial
Northern Michigan Puddle 12th Annual Charity Golf Outing
Thursday, May 18th, 2017*

Treetops Resort — Rick Smith Tradition
4250 Marquardt Road, Gaylord, MI. 49735 1-866-348-5249

Golf Outing Schedule

8:00 am Registration/Check In

9:30 am Shotgun Start

3:00 pm Awards Reception/Dinner (after golf)

Player Packages

Team Players.....\$416.00

4 player packages

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1 player package, player will be placed on a team.

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 - Awards Reception & Dinner
- 2 complimentary raffle tickets for various prizes

Optional: Mulligans- Purchase at Registration, 50/50 raffle Prizes awarded for: Hole in One- chance to win a vehicle and other packages, best team score, longest drive men/women, longest putt men/women

Sponsor Packages

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Hole Sponsorship- Sponsorship includes signage placed on hole. Must be event sponsor to have representation on the hole. **\$150.00**



Lansing Puddle Hosts Holiday Luncheon

Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

The Lansing Puddle held their Holiday Luncheon on December 7th at the Kellogg Center. Seventy ganders and guests were in attendance at this annual event. Checks were presented to representatives from these charities: VFW Children's Home, WKAR Radio Reading Service, Child and Family Charities and Capital Area Humane Society.

Charity representatives spoke on the work they do. Jeri Martinez from the VFW Children's Home thanked everyone in attendance for the items donated to fill the Santa Shop. She extended an invitation to visit the community that includes 42 homes, guest lodge, community center and Tribute Park. Sandy Beall from WKAR mentioned that in addition to books, newspapers and shopping ads are also read on air. She encouraged the membership to give volunteering a try, whatever the charity. Sophia Estrada-

Ferreira works with homeless and run away youth as part of Child and Family Charities. Sophia stated they are about 20,000 homeless youth in the State of Michigan, 630 in the Lansing Area. She thanked the Lansing Puddle for their continued support. Eric Langdon spoke of the awesome rescue rate of 97.5% at the Capital Area Humane Society. He also personally thanked Shanna for her recent adoption!

Gary Rodgers spoke of a fund started in the 1990's by the Lansing Puddle. This fund is used to assist those affected by a loss with little or no insurance. This fund has been used in the past for the service and a headstone of a 3 year old that tragically perished in a fire. Great work done by the Lansing Puddle in supporting all of these worthwhile causes!





LANSING PUDDLE GOLF OUTING

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Central Region Mid-Year Meeting

Submitted by: Dick Chenard



Dave Beger and myself ventured down to Cincinnati, Ohio February 17-19 to attend the mid-year meeting. The Cincinnati Pond was a great host. After checking into the Hampton Inn Friday afternoon a shuttle bus picked us up and delivered us to Receptions Hall in Loveland

where we attended their 5th Annual Monte Carlo Night. They had a silent auction and we could purchase chances for very nice prizes. We were given chips that we could bet at several blackjack tables. The dealers were very liberal in awarding the chips. The winning chips were exchanged for tickets then placed in bags in front of very nice gifts. If you were lucky enough your ticket was drawn and you won the gift where the ticket(s) were placed. I was not lucky, but Dave Beger was. The Pond provided an open bar and heavy appetizers. At the end of the evening the Pond presented a check of more than \$15,000 to their charity.

The following morning we attended the mid-year meeting that was headed by Kim Bilbrey Grand Custodian from the Dayton Pond and was assisted by Patty Semke DMLGG from the St. Louis Pond. The business meeting followed until 1:00. The meeting included review of minutes from the annual meeting from last July as well as the treasurers' report. Besides the Michigan Pond the following Ponds attended the meeting: Cincinnati, Columbus, Northeast Ohio, Dayton, Greater Chicago and St. Louis. Dayton Pond has two Puddles, West Virginia and Indianapolis Puddles who had representatives present. Each Pond or Puddle had a representative present a

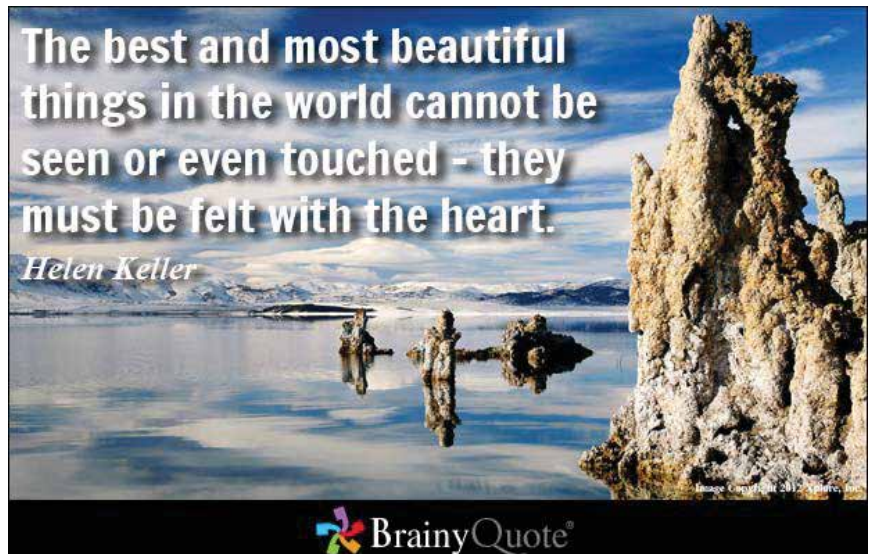
report regarding his or her respective pond. Peace Garden and Utah Ponds did not attend, but they provided written reports.


After the meeting was adjourned some of us visited Top Golf and hit golf balls while we had a late lunch. Others rested or went shopping. Later in the afternoon Cincinnati opened up their hospitality suite for snacks and beverages. Then we all boarded a shuttle bus and headed for Jeff Ruby's Carlo & Johnny Steakhouse for dinner. The food was excellent. After dinner we returned to the hospitality suite for a nightcap. The following morning we all headed home. The Cincinnati Pond was a superb host.

Next year the mid-year meeting will be held in Indianapolis. Remember the Michigan Pond budgets \$3,500 for Ganders to attend the mid-year meeting. This year only two Ganders attended resulting in a surplus of funds.

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Ed Hansen along with James and sister Megan
Age 2 1/2 Age 5



Eddie (Ed) Hansen
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Make checks payable to: Mike Fournier Memorial

Please Enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to Receive Starting Tee-Off Hole #

For additional golfers, hole sponsors or donations, add information to back of this sheet before mailing.

27th Annual Grand Rapids Puddle Blue Goose Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
 11:00 am Registration & Lunch
 12:00 pm Shotgun Start
 5:00 pm Dinner (Burgers & Brats)

Quail Ridge Golf Course
 8375 36th Street SE
 Ada, MI 49301

**Cost \$100 per person includes lunch,
 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes!**

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Hole & event sponsorships include a sign with company name

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of Golfers - \$100 each _____
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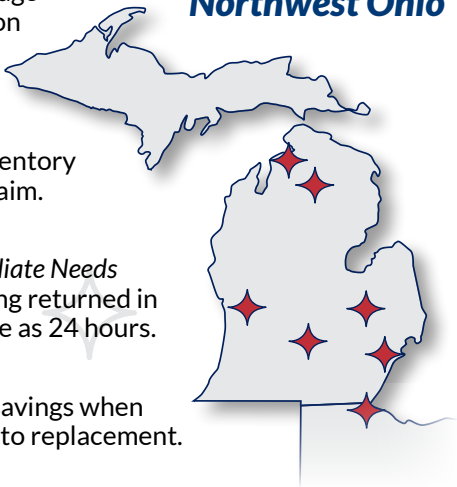
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