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Education Luncheon Held



Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

The Michigan Pond hosted an Education Luncheon on March 16th at the Hyatt Place in Novi. The event was sold out, but the recent storms kept several from attending. The format for this event was a Point/Counterpoint discussion of current insurance industry issues. Speakers were Mike Fabian (Attorney for the Insured), Phillip Yeager (Attorney for the Carrier), Ethan Gross (Public Adjuster) and Clare Wasek (Independent Adjuster). Mike O'Donnell served as the moderator.

The event began with a delicious lunch complete with cheesecake! Then this diverse group of speakers provided for spirited discussions on several different topics. Attendees also had several questions and comments for the panel. The feedback from this event was very positive! Thank you to all the panelists and co-chairs Steve Carson and Connie Haddad for their work in making this event possible.

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Upcoming Events



August 14, 2017

Detroit Puddle Golf Outing
Lake Walden

August 16, 2017

Grand Rapids Puddle Golf Outing
Quail Ridge

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Spring Frolic On the Dunes

Submitted by: Traci Barbier-Editor

The Detroit Puddle gathered for the Spring Frolic and an initiation on April 26th. This venue provided interactive golf games for those in attendance. Longest drive for men was won by Bill Rouston and Tonya Edmunds won ladies longest drive. Other games included golf darts, also won by Bill Rouston, most broken windows, won by Bill Gordon and Taylor Currier won the putting game. Sponsors of this event were: Amistee, Goldstar, Midpoint, Current Electronic and Envista. Tonya also was the 50/50 winner and she donated her winnings back to the charity First Step.



First Step is an agency in Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Services provided by First Step include temporary emergency housing, counseling, advocacy, transitional housing, assault response, 24 hour help line, children's services, training and education to survivors and to the community. More information about this organization can be found at www.firststep-mi.org.

This event also included the initiation of 4 new ganders Darcie Dehart, Phil Matthews, Sarah Raligh and David Roth. Welcome to the Puddle!



Michigan Pond Board Members

Submitted By: Traci Barbier Editor

Pond board members were sworn in at the annual meeting held in Lansing. Officers are as follows: Most Loyal Gander-Shanna Bryant (Lansing Puddle), Supervisor of the Flock-Steve Carson II (Detroit Puddle), Custodian of the Goslings-Connie Haddad (Detroit Puddle), Guardian of the Pond-Russ Wendt (Grand Rapids Puddle). Permanent board members are Dick Chenard (Wielder/Grand Rapids Puddle) and Joe Lothschutz (Keeper/Grand Rapids Puddle). Last year's Most Loyal Gander, James Sluiter (Grand Rapids Puddle), was presented with a plaque for his service on the Michigan Board.



Memorial Service Held

Submitted By: Traci Barbier Editor

This past year, 2 ganders from the Michigan Pond took their final flight. A memorial ceremony was held for Bob Freiburger (Grand Rapids Puddle) and Chris Gleason (Detroit Puddle) at the Pond meeting in Lansing. Gary Rogers and Joe Lothschutz spoke about Bob and Chris and lit a candle in their memory. Gary also spoke of Peggy Brown, the wife of Evans, who also passed away this past year. Although Peggy was not an official gander, she attended many Lansing Puddle functions with her husband Evans for many years.





Donation to Gosling

Submitted By: Dick Chenard

Frank Fuss and Dick Chenard presenting Amy Schimmel Starr with a check for \$1,000.00 from the Grand Rapids Puddle. Funds will be used to help offset medical expenses for Amy's upcoming heart transplant. Amy is a Gosling

waiting to be initiated into the Grand Rapids Puddle. The entire organization wishes her good luck and a speedy recovery!

Lifetime Member

Submitted By: Traci Barbier Editor

Frank Robison was presented with his lifetime membership pin by PMLGG Joe Coccia. Over the years, Frank has always been one of our most enthusiastic members, spreading the word about the organization and the events put on by the Blue Goose. Congratulations Frank! Many thanks for your dedication and support.



Thought for the Day...

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- Author Unknown



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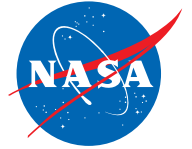
The word "summer" is from the Proto-Indo-European root *sam-, meaning summer. The root *sam is a variant from the Proto-Indo-European root *sem-, which means "together/one."

The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer.

In the United States, over 650 million long-distance summer trips are made.

In the United States, the top 5 most popular summer vacations are 1) beach/ocean (45%), 2) a famous city (42%), 3) national parks (21%), 4) a lake (17%), and 5) a resort (14%).

The top 5 most popular summer vacation activities in the United States are 1) shopping (54%), 2) visiting historical sites (49%), 3) swimming/water sports (49%), 4) going to a park or national park (46%), and 5) sightseeing tours (46%).



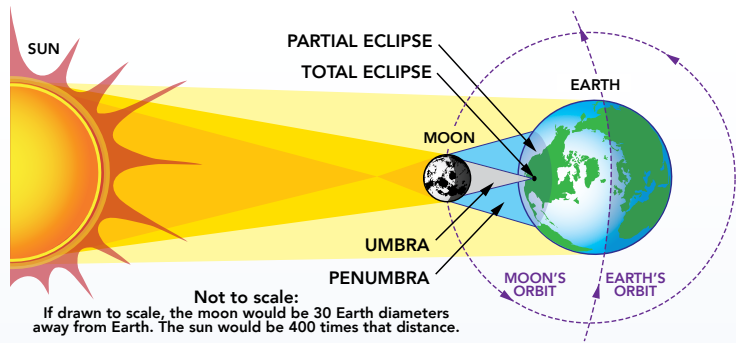
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TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Monday • August 21, 2017

This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



In this series of stills from 2013, the eclipse sequence runs from right to left. The center image shows totality; on either side are the 2nd contact (right) and 3rd contact (left) diamond rings that mark the beginning and end of totality respectively.



WHERE TO WATCH

Find a nice, clear spot with a good view of the sky.



HOW TO WATCH

You can see the sun and the eclipse with special eclipse glasses. **NEVER** look directly at the sun without appropriate eyewear. Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse. More: <http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>



HOW LONG WILL IT LAST

The total eclipse, when the sun is completely blocked by the moon, will last up to 2 minutes and 40 seconds, depending on your location.



WHAT IS A SOLAR ECLIPSE?

A solar eclipse happens when the moon casts a shadow on Earth, fully or partially blocking the sun's light in some areas.

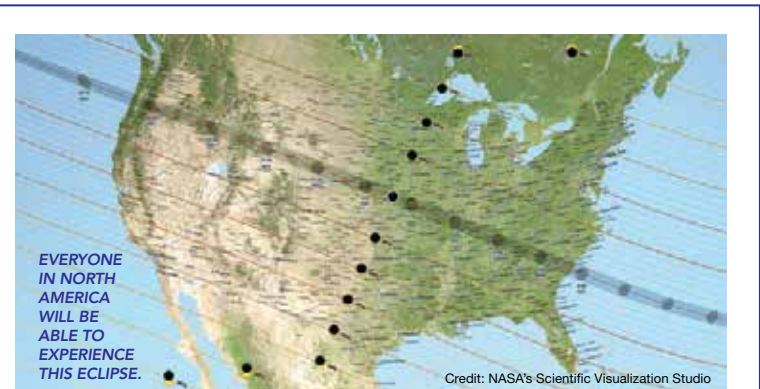
Observers within the path of totality will be able to see the sun's corona (weather permitting), like in the images above and left. Observers outside this path will see a partial eclipse.

THE NEXT ECLIPSE

After the 2017 solar eclipse, the next total solar eclipse visible over the continental United States will be on **April 8, 2024.**



This photo taken from the International Space Station shows the moon's umbral, or inner, shadow during the total solar eclipse of March 29, 2006.



This map shows the path of the moon's umbral shadow—in which the sun will be completely obscured by the moon—during the total solar eclipse of August 21, 2017. The lunar shadow enters the United States near Lincoln City, Oregon, at 9:05 a.m. PDT. Totality begins in Lincoln City, Oregon, at 10:16 a.m. PDT. The total eclipse will end in Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. EDT. The lunar shadow leaves the United States at 4:09 p.m. EDT. Outside this path, a partial solar eclipse will be visible throughout the continental U.S., and this map shows the fraction of the sun's area covered by the moon outside the path of totality.

27th Annual Grand Rapids Puddle Blue Goose Golf Outing

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 12:00 pm Shotgun Start
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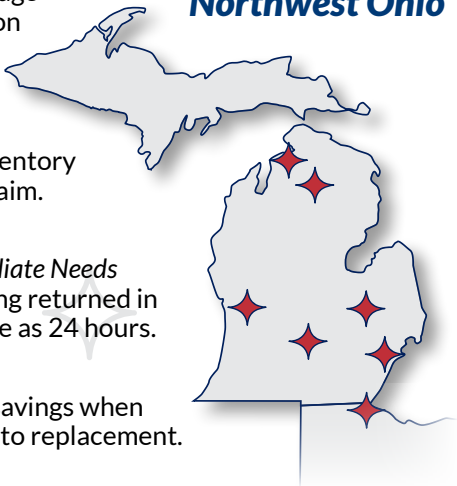
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