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## Grand Nest Convention Held in St. Louis, Missouri



*Respectfully submitted, Noel "Gus" Kott, PMLG*

The 110th Grand Nest Convention of the Honorable Order Of the Blue Goose International, St. Louis Missouri July 19-23, 2016

Ganders, spouses and guest began gathering at the Grand Nest Convention in St. Louis on Tuesday July 19th, 2016 at the beautiful Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark in downtown St. Louis. Registration and Officer's meeting took up Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Grand Nest Golf outing was held at the beautiful Legend Course with much fun and some great Golf.

MLGG Randy Wilson, his beautiful wife, Libby, daughter Alicia, and PMLG Convention Chair Patty Semke welcomed the Ganders and guests at the opening night gala at the Hilton with a wonderful pasta based buffet. Semke and her committee hosted fun games and the Ganders and families

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# Upcoming Events

**October 12, 2016**

Detroit Puddle Octoberfest  
Dakota Inn Rathskeller

**December 7, 2016**

Lansing Puddle Holiday Party  
Kellogg Center

**December 15, 2016**

Detroit Puddle Holiday Party  
The Dearborn Inn



*Hope to see you there!*



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Meets the first Wednesday of each month, meetings alternate  
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## Grand Nest Convention Held in St. Louis, Missouri - cont'd

took the opportunity to get acquainted and reacquainted during this fine evening. PMLGG Joe Coccia and his wife Courtney headed the Michigan contingent with Dave and Marianne Beger, Dick and Betty Chenard, Fred and Karen Fernandez, Noel (Gus) Kott and Holly Powell, Joe and Lois Lothschutz, and Ken and Jo Strobel completing the group.

Each day featured a tasty buffet breakfast from the St. Louis Pond and the Opening Ceremony led by MLGG Wilson featured a presentation of colors and the singing of O'Canada and the Star Spangled Banner led by the VFW District 12 Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps. The guest speaker was St. Louis radio personality Ron Elz aka "Johnny Rabbit" who presented a rapid-fire entertaining summary of recreation activities in the area.

The meeting was followed by the Dayton Pond's fine Memorial Service and then the Model Initiation presented by the hands-across-the-border Ponds of Peace Garden and Manitoba. The All Industry luncheon featured an informative presentation of the history and use of fire marks. Regional meetings followed.

The family night dinner was held at the historic and beautiful Fox Theater. The St. Louis Fox has the same grandeur as the Atlanta and Detroit Theaters. All three theaters were designed by the same architect. We had a wonderful tour, a sumptuous dinner and then dancing. The entertainment was a 15-piece swing-style orchestra, on the stage of the theater. What a Wonderful evening!

Friday featured member meetings and open afternoon time. That evening many of the group attended the Cardinals-Dodgers game at Busch stadium, located across the street from the hotel. Also presented was the musical Mama Mia at The Muny outdoor theatre.

Saturday's activity began with the 2017 Grand Nest Host Savannah's informative presentation. It will be great - reserve early. The General meeting featured Judge Advocate Robert Cockerham's report which present two resolutions; first, that the number of regions be reduce to four from

five and, second, that the current West Region be split and Ponds be attached to Central Region and South Region. Both resolutions passed. Pond awards were presented and Michigan was presented with the Regional Charity award for most new and reinstated members. Great Goin' Michigan.



New officers were installed with Linda Meik of Texas elevated to Most Loyal Grand Gander, Mark Robertson of Edmonton Pond as Grand Supervisor, Kim Bilbrey, Dayton Pond, as Grand Custodian, and Dan Rich, Hartford Pond, as Grand Guardian. Randy Wilson will assume the position as Permanent Keeper, with Lorena Kohlruss, Alberta as the Judge Advocate.

The traditional Grand Reception and Grand Banquet that evening topped off the Grand Nest activities and the next day the Ganders and guest departed following another highly

successful Grand Nest Convention.





# Detroit Puddle Supports Goodfellows Shoe Program

Submitted By: Joe Coccia, PMLGG

It was in 1991 following the Detroit Puddle/Michigan Pond's very successful hosting of the 85th Grand Nest Convention held at the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center in August of 1991. Mike Fournier a member of the Detroit Puddle and the Annual Holiday Party Committee selected "The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit" as the recipient of proceeds from the Detroit Puddle's Annual Holiday Party in December 1991. Frank Brady, the 1991 President of the Goodfellows remembers attending this, his first Holiday Party, having to travel through one of our many snowstorms to witness a gathering of over 850 guests. He tells me that since 1991, The Detroit Puddle has donated in the vicinity of \$200,000 to the Goodfellows.

While the Goodfellows primary mission as indicated on their website "is the purchase of merchandise and the distribution of holiday gift packages, several other programs have been developed to serve the children of our community. These programs enhance the quality of life of our area's young people in a variety of significant ways."

"The Shoe Program is just one of many such programs. This exemplary program provides shoes for children who cannot afford proper footwear. These children are identified through the Attendance and Administrative Offices in the school districts with which we work. They are then presented with vouchers for a complimentary pair of shoes at any Detroit area Mr. Alan's store. Mr. Alan's fits the child with the right pair of shoes and then turns the costs over to the Goodfellows."



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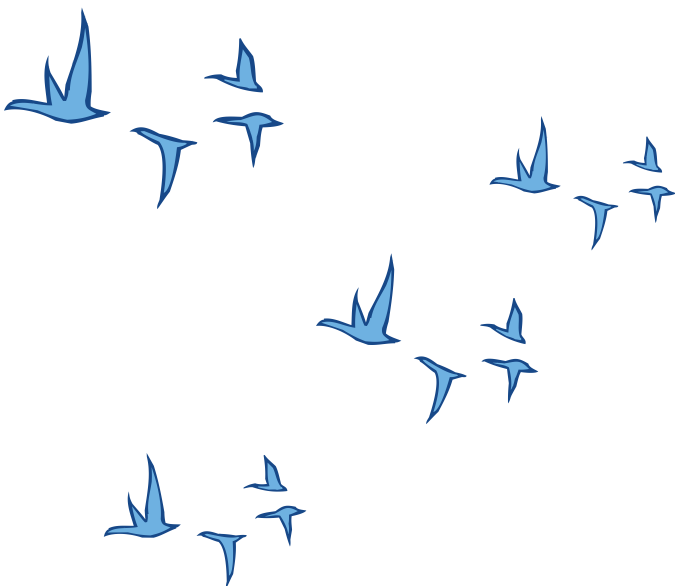
As a result of our commitment to support the Goodfellows annually, Frank Brady advises that the annual proceeds from the Detroit Puddle donations will be henceforth earmarked for their Shoe Program assuring the Goodfellows with an annual infusion of dollars and making sure that as many qualified children as possible are fitted with a new pair of shoes.

The Detroit Puddle of the Michigan Pond wish to thank all of its Members, Sponsors and Guests for their ongoing support of the many charities supported by the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International. Attending or sponsoring our Detroit Puddle Annual Holiday Party will from this point forward support the Goodfellows very worthwhile "Shoe Program." Look for future opportunities to help the Goodfellows by volunteering to either help fill the Holiday Gift Packages at their Detroit warehouse or to assist with the distribution of the Holiday Gift Packages to families.

*Thought for the Day...*

*Mothers all want their sons  
to grow up to be president,  
but they don't want them  
to become politicians  
in the process.*

*- John F. Kennedy*







## Detroit Puddle

Invites you to join us for an evening of  
fall fun!

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

**6-11pm**

**Initiation for New Members will begin at  
5pm**

**Dakota Inn Rathskeller**

**17324 John R Rd.**

**Detroit, MI 48203**

**Festivities Include:**

**50/50 Raffle  
Cash Bar**

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**Fellow Ganders:**

**During this upcoming 2016 holiday season, we have decided to support the Goodfellow Fund of Detroit and their generous works. The Goodfellow mission statement is “no kiddie without a Christmas.”**

**The Detroit Puddle has supported the “Coats for Kids” program in the past and it was a huge success due to all of our member’s generous time and financial support. We are hoping that our Members will once again step up and volunteer their time to the annual “no kiddie without a Christmas” campaign with the Goodfellows.**

**Our volunteer efforts will be focused on helping the Goodfellows at their warehouse package gift boxes with toys, clothing, goodies, and dolls for children in need.**

**The volunteer sign up will be for the following dates and times. When calling, please advise Connie Haddad of each volunteer’s shirt size. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on behalf of the Blue Goose organization.**

**Let’s make a difference for those in need.**

**Date: October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: 1927 Rosa Parks Blvd.**

**Detroit, MI 48216**

**Connie Haddad – (734) 787-5922**



# Lansing Puddle Kicks off 2016 Golf Outings

Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

The Lansing Puddle once again kicked off the golf season with their outing on May 12th at Timber Ridge. Rain was in the forecast, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the players. It turned out to be a great spring day with rain showers at the end of the day.



Dinner, prizes and awards followed the golf tournament. Golf winners were Mike Mathews, John Gillespie, Steve Douglas and Randy Perigo. Sponsorships and donations help to make this event such a success! Shanna Bryant, Sharon Young and Denie Perkola did an excellent job organizing this event.



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Blue Goose Lansing Puddle

**2016 Holiday Luncheon & Party**

**December 7, 2016**

**11:30 am – 2:00 pm Luncheon at Kellogg Center**

**2:00 pm Post Party immediately following**

*219 S. Hagadorn Rd. East Lansing 48824*

***\$40.00 per person, includes luncheon and prize ticket***

***Cash bar***

***Door Prizes                      50/50 Drawing***

*We'll be collecting gifts for the VFW Children's Home. Kindly bring an unwrapped gift for children of ALL ages to donate.*

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# Treetops Hosts Northern Puddle Golf Outing

Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

Treetops resort was the site of the Northern Puddle's Golf Outing. Since the sudden loss of Dale Hardy, the golf outing



has been in memory of Dale and the proceeds support his Memorial Fund. The event was held on May 19th and the weather couldn't have been better! The co-chairs of the event were once again Jennifer Boughner and Leanna Borowiak.

Many of the participants at this outing, flew in from other puddles to enjoy an early summer day up north. The dinner following



the golf included a call for new members from Loyal Gander Mike Jenkinson. Mike spoke of the charity and fellowship of the Blue Goose and encouraged all that are not members to join the flock.

The winning foursome was Mike Hodges, Troy Shannon, Brian Stehle and Terry Kelly. Following the dinner and presentation of prizes, many made their way to the 19th Hole. The

Treetops Pub featured more mingling and games. This was a great event. Excellent job done by the Northern Puddle!





# Detroit Puddle



## of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose

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# 2016 Holiday Season Party

at

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 am to 4:00



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The Old Newsboys'  
GoodFellows Fund of Detroit celebrates  
a 101 year old tradition of  
"No Kiddie without a Christmas".

There will be an After Glow Party immediately following the  
luncheon also held at **The Dearborn Inn**

**Advanced Tickets must be purchased by  
December 2, 2016**

Seating arrangements are made on a first purchase basis

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After-Glow Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$500.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (any amount) = \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pond Meeting and Initiation Held

Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

Prior to the Lansing Puddle Golf Outing, the Pond assembled to conduct official business. Most Loyal Gander Shondell Granger led the meeting. Each year at this meeting a memorial ceremony is held to remember those who have



taken their final flight. Gary Rogers and Joe Lothschutz spoke of Glenn Cairns, from the Lansing Puddle who passed away this year.

Permanent Wielder and Joe as the Permanent Keeper. Dick Chenard presented last year's Most Loyal Gander, Shondell Granger with a plaque recognizing her and her service to the organization.



PMLGG Joe Coccia had the honor of swearing in the Pond Officers for the upcoming year. New to the board this year is Connie Haddad, Guardian of the Pond. She joins Steve Carson II, Custodian of the Goslings, Shanna Bryant, Supervisor of the Flock and James Sluiter, Most Loyal Gander. Both Dick Chenard and Joe Lothschutz have permanent positions on the board, Dick as the



An initiation ceremony was also held. Ten new ganders joined the flock! Darrell Bryant, Dominic Hesano, Fred Lyons, Mitch Kell, Ben Gergis, Denie Perkola, Sheri Manfre, Holly Petroff, Cindy Longton and Tammi Phelps.

***Welcome to all!***





# Tailgate at The Park

Submitted By: Traci Barbier-Editor

A warm July evening with friends at the ballpark describes this event perfectly. The tailgating began at The Park Bar located within walking



distance to Comerica Park. Fellowship, food and adult beverages were all part of this pre-game ritual.

Event chairs Pat Campion, Frank Robison



Justin Verlander on the mound. The run in the first inning! The Tigers the Royals came to life and scored 2 the seventh inning the Tigers added would be the final score of the game!



and Jenifer Hagen then led the flock to the stadium to see the Tiger ace, game started out with a Kinsler home led 1-0 until the sixth inning when runs. Plenty of time for the Tigers. In 3 runs, making the score 4-2. This

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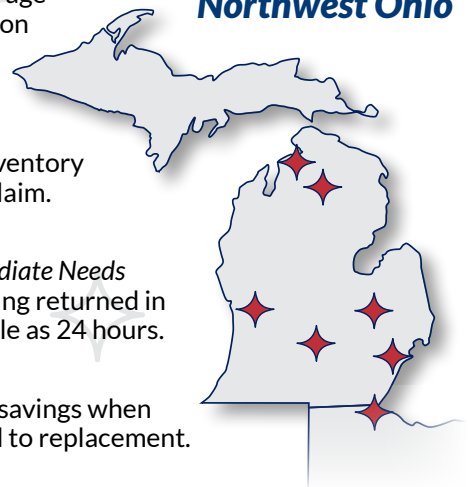
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