

**Final Fournier Outing Held** 



Dan O'Donnell presents James Hanson with the proceeds from the final Mike Fournier Memorial Golf Outing

Submitted By: Don Keiper

The Mike Fournier Memorial Golf Outing was started in 1991 after the untimely death of Mike Fournier.

Mike Greiner who was a close friend of Mike Fournier (as was Jim Gleason and myself) came to me and asked if we could do a golf outing to help pay for the college education for Mike and Barbara Fournier's two sons, Michael and Brandon.

We completed the outing until Michael and Brandon graduated and felt we were done with our mission.

Shortly thereafter Annette Horn called us and asked if would continue the outing for another family. That family was Bob and Margaret Grima and their five children. Bob was an insurance adjuster and died suddenly of a heart attack. We were off to another memorial once again.

At the conclusion of helping the Grima family, Jim and I once again felt we were done with our mission.

Shortly thereafter Tim Ford came to Jim and I and asked if we would keep the memorial outing going for an insurance agent

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# Upcoming Events \_



July 11-13, 2018

**Grand Nest Convention** Edmonton, Alberta Canada **August 7, 2018** 

**Detroit Puddle Golf Outing** Links of Novi

Hope to see you there!

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#### **Detroit Puddle**

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Meeting locations vary each month.

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# **Lansing Puddle**

Meets every third Wednesday at Leo's Lodge on Jolly Road in Lansing.

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# **Grand Rapids Puddle**

Meets at different locations on different dates. Contact PWGQ Dick Chenard for meeting details.

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#### Northern Puddle

Meets the first Wednesday of each month, meetings alternate between BJ's Restaurant in Gaylord and different restaurants in Traverse City. Contact an officer to confirm the meeting location.

Loyal Gander • Mike Jenkinson	989-426-3483
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# **Final Fournier Outing cont'd**

who was killed in a boating accident. That insurance agent was Jim Hanson who left behind his wife Karen and two children, Megan and James.

In 2017 it was decided that this would be the last memorial outing! In 21 years we raised approximately \$200,000.00 to help some very fine young people.

It was only a success because of all our loyal supporters whom we remain honored to have known.

On a side note, as I write this brief note on the memorial, today is January 11th, my partner for 19 of those 21 years passed away 3 years ago today.

With a tear in my eye, thanks to all of you who supported us!

# **Grand Rapids Puddle Holiday Party**



Eager ganders awaiting 50/50 drawing



Joe Lothschutz presenting Henry Emrich with his 25 year pin while attending the GR Puddle



Joe Lothschutz presenting Bruce Clarke with his 10 year pin, again at the GR Holiday Party

# **Detroit Puddle holds Summer Event**



Submitted By: Alexis Dickinson

Held on June 28, 2017, the Detroit Blue Goose Summer Event started with a networking hour at Punch Bowl Social followed by a bicycle pub ride around Detroit. During this event, Blue Goose was able to raise \$500 to donate to the Detroit Dog Rescue. The Detroit Dog Rescue focuses on raising awareness of the homeless and stray dog problem in Detroit, along with advocating for humane rescue alternatives as no-kill sheltering, foster care and adoptions, pet identification and healthy pet population control through spay and neutering. Detroit Dog Rescue also specializes in community outreach, and they work closely with local, city and statewide organizations in order to educate and involve people in this cause. For more information or to donate, please contact Linda at (313) 458-8014.





# Celebrities we said good bye to in 2017

Submitted By: Traci Barbier

Mary Tyler Moore ..... 1936-2017

Al Jarreau......1940-2017 Judge Joseph Wapner . . 1919-2017

Chuck Barris ..... 1929-2017 Don Rickles . . . . . . . . . . . 1926-2017 

Roger Moore . . . . 1927-2017 Adam West..... 1928-2017 Martin Landau ... 1928-2017

John Heard ......1946-2017 Sam Shepard ......1943-2017 Jerry Lewis......1926-2017



Frank Vincent.....1937-2017

Hugh Hefner.....1926-2017



Monty Hall.... 1921-2017

Tom Petty . . . . 1950-2017

Robert Guillaume ..... ..... 1927-2017

John Hillerman .... 1932-2017

Della Reese ......1931-2017

David Cassidy..... 1950-2017





Jim Nabors . . . . 1930-2017

Gone, but Not Forgotten!

# **Jim Gleason Award**



Joe Coccia, recipient of the 2nd annual Jim Gleason Award presents the 3rd annual Jim Gleason Award to Connie Haddad, COG Michigan Pond

Submitted By: Joe Coccia

The Annual Jim Gleason Award was established by the Detroit Puddle to honor the memory of Gander Jim Gleason who passed January 11, 2015 at age 57 and to recognize all the work Jim had done to benefit others. The award reads, "In Recognition of Exemplary Dedication to Character, Charity and Fellowship". The first annual award was posthumously awarded to Jim Gleason and presented to his wife Donna Gleason at the 2015 Detroit Puddle Holiday Party at the

Dearborn Inn. Joe Coccia, PMLGG was the recipient of the 2016 award. The 2017 Award was bestowed on Connie Haddad, the Custodian of the Goslings—Michigan Pond and Account Manager at Classic Cleaners. Connie is being recognized for her service to the Blue Goose and her tireless energy chairing many charitable and educational events for several years.



Dick Chenard, Permanent Wielder/Michigan Pond and Gary "Gar" Matkovich of Charles L. Pugh Co., Inc. receiving their Blue Goose 30 year service awards from Joe Coccia, PMLGG

# **Lansing Puddle Holiday Party**



Shanna Bryant and Steve Spaulding present check to charities at the Lansing Puddle Holiday Party







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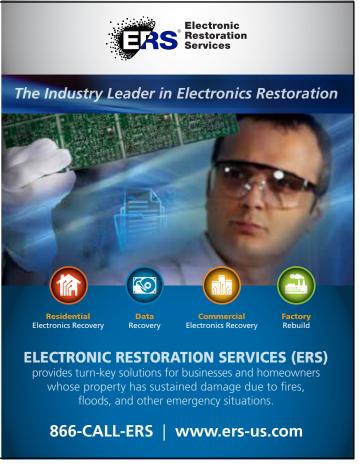
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# **Oktoberfest Benefits DRMM**

Submitted By: Traci Barbier/Co-Editor

The Detroit Puddle held its annual Oktoberfest at Demis Restaurant and Bar in Detroit. Frank Robison chairperson for this event selected the DRMM as the charity to receive the

profits from this event. Frank is pictured at the Holiday Party presenting a check with the proceeds from this event.



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To: Blue Goose, Detroit Puddle

On behalf of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries I would like to thank the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Detroit Metro Puddle for your generous donation that we received on December 14th at the Dearborn Inn. The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries is a Christian organization over 100 years old, founded by David Stuckey in 1909. The Mission currently operates eight different sites throughout the Cities of Detroit and Highland Park. There are four homeless shelters, two for men and two for women as well as permanent and temporary housing facilities for men, woman and children. There are also programs for teen moms, veterans, and treatment and detox facilities for those with substance abuse issues. The Rescue Mission Ministries also has the Wayne County Prisoner Re-entry program where returning citizens come and stay. During their stay, our case managers assist them in securing housing, a job and resolving any barriers that they may have that could hinder their return to normal life.

The Detroit Rescue Mission also operates the Wildwood Ranch in Howell Mi. where inner-city youth can experience summer camp that provides activities such as swimming, hiking, horseback riding.

Sincerely,

Rick Cadez

Cc: Michigander

# **Detroit Puddle Holiday Party**

















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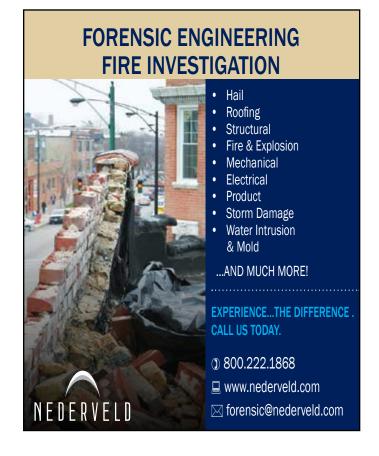
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