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Hello Ganders and Happy New Year!

2019 was a busy year for the Hartford Pond. We hosted Industry Night back in April, which was a huge success and

raised a lot of money for the Arthur C. Ludwig Burn Camp. We had great fun at our annual golf tournament in September, dedicating that tournament to Jerry Hale. The Pond came together for numerous charity activities and fellowship. We finished out 2019 with a fantastic holiday party with NECEA, and we were able to make a large toy donation to the Prudence Crandall Center, just last week.

Behind the scenes in 2019, the convention committee was hard at work, getting ready for our biggest event yet, the 2020 Grand Nest Convention, which will be held in Hartford in July. This is a big year for the Hartford Pond, and I challenge you to get more involved this year.

Our next event is January 16 at Food Share Regional Market in Windsor, and there is also a night of bowling coming in February. You can find all the events for the year, on our website, at ww.bluegoosehartfordpond.com.

A planning meeting for Industry Night 2020 will be scheduled soon, so stay tuned for that. There are many opportunities for fellowship and charity in the Hartford Pond, and we hope to see you soon!

Tote Fair, Allyson Kataja MLG

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Remembering our Past Most Loyal Grand Ganders & GN Historians

Jerry Hale, PMLGG 2004 – 2005 Gordon Crowther, PMLGG 1975-76

A Word from the Wielder, by Ed Callo



I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and enjoyed your time with family and friends. Now for my dry Hartford Pond stats. Dues payments have been coming in better this year than last. But unfortunately, that may be due to the fact we have less members to collect dues from.

The total membership in the Pond has been slipping for several years now. Not sure how we address this and turn it around. There are still 37 that have not paid their dues yet and it is now January. First notices went out in August. Final notices will be going out in January. A number of the Ganders that have not paid yet, did not pay last year also. I am not hopeful in collecting dues from these Ganders. Removing those that have not paid for 2 years will drop our Pond membership to 131 Ganders and Goslings.

I will be dropped three Life members as I found their obituaries on-line. They are Joseph F Gately, Richard M Hooker and Charles W Kemp. If this was done in error, please let me know and I will keep them as members.

The Hartford Pond currently has 145 members in the roster, same as my last report. Except one I have little information on as never received his application. Of the total, 15 are Ocean State Puddle members. There are 14 goslings but many of those have been gosling for 4 of more years. Anyone that has been a Gosling for over 5 years without joining will be dropped.

There are eight Goslings for the Hartford Pond and 6 for the Ocean State Puddle, leaving us with 131 full Ganders. Seventeen of our Ganders are Life members giving us 114 dues paying members. Of those 37 still have yet to pay their dues for this year. All of the above stats include our ten Dual members.

2020 Convention Slogan and Logo



Save the date for the Grand Nest Convention at the Hartford Marriott from Sunday July 19 through Tuesday July 21, 2020

For Sponsorship opportunities, please visit

http://www.bluegoosehartfordpond.com/convention.html

Convention Countdown! Our Tentative Convention Agenda

HOBGI Hartford Convention						
Date/Time	Function	Location				
4.00	Friday, July 17, 2020	Of D F				
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Set up Registration Pre-Convention Optional Dinner Activity	Conference Rm 5 V's Trattoria				
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Saturday, July 18, 2020	V S TTALLOTIA				
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3:00am - 9:00am	Set up Registration	Conference Rm 5				
7:00am - 8:00am	Grand Nest Officer's, Spouse & PMLGG Breakfast	TBD				
3:00am - 11:00am	Grand Nest Officer's Pre-Conv Meeting	Capital 3				
9:00am - 10:00am	Pre-Con Meeting with Marriott (PEC & ?)	TBD				
10:00am - 3:00pm	Registration/PEC Office & Archive Open	Conference Rm 5				
10:00am - 1:30pm	GNO Spouse/Guest Activity & Luncheon	Wadsworth Atheneum				
11:30am - 12:30pm	Grand Nest Officer's Lunch	Capital 3				
12:30pm - 3:30pm	Grand Nest Officer's Pre-Conv Meeting	Capital 3				
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Pre-Convention Optional Dinner Activity	V's Trattoria				
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Grand Nest Officer's Cocktail Reception	Dan's Suite				
6:30pm - 9:00pm	Grand Nest Officer's Dinner	River in Wethersfield				
9:30pm - 12:00am	Grand Nest Officer's Post Dinner Hospitality	Dan's Suite				
	Sunday, July 19, 2020					
7:00am - 4:00pm	Registration/Office & Archive Open	Conference Rm 5				
7:30am - 4:00pm	Golf Outing (shotgun start at 9:00am)	Tunxis CC				
7:30am - 9:00am	GNO & Spouses Buffet Breakfast	TBD				
12:30am - 3:30pm	Winery/Brewery Tour & Lunch	Brignole Winery				
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Mandatory Parent Meeting	Capital 1				
5:00pm - 6:00pm	First Timer Meeting	Conference Rm 7				
6:00pm - 10:00pm	1960's-70's Welcome Party (Possibly to include C)	Ballroom DE				
5.00pm - 10.00pm	Monday, July 20, 2020	Dalifootifible				
5:00am - 7:00am	Hotel Banner Hanging	Ballroom C				
7:30am - 4:00pm	Registration/Office & Archive Open	Conference Rm 5				
7:30am - 9:00am	Buffet Breakfast	Ballroom DE				
	Vendor Expo	Foyer at Ballroom C				
9:00am - 9:45am	Opening Ceremonies - All Welcome	Ballroom C				
9:45am - 3:30pm	Youth Activity w/lunch	TBD				
9:50am - 10:30am	Memorial Service - All Welcome (Bay State Pond)	Ballroom C				
10:45am - 11:30am	Model Initiation - Gander's Only (Quebec Pond)	Ballroom C				
11:00am - 3:30pm	Spouse/Guest Activity & Lunch	Capital Grille				
11:45am - 2:00pm	All Industry Luncheon members	Ballroom DE				
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Regional Meetings (four different rooms)	Capital 2,3 & Conf 4,7				
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Special Meetings	Capital 2,3 & Conf 4,7				
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Caribbean & Calypso Family Dinner Cruise	Lady Katherine Yacht				
9:30pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality	Dan's Suite or Marriott A				
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7:00am - 4:00pm	Registration/Office & Archive Open	Conference Rm 5				
7:00am - 8:30am	Buffet Breakfast	Ballroom DE				
3:30am - 9:00am	2021 Convention Presentation	Ballroom C				
9:00am - 12:00pm	GN Meeting - Ganders Only	Ballroom C				
9:15am - 12:00pm	Youth Activities/Tours (Lunch at All Family Lunch)	TBD				
9:15am - 12:00pm	Ballroom Dance Lessons & Mamosa Flight Tasting	Marriott Hotel				
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Take Down Banners	Ballroom C				
12:30pm - 2:00pm	All Family Luncheon	Ballroom DE				
2:00pm - 4:00pm	GN Meeting - Ganders Only	Ballroom C				
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Banner Pick-up	Conference Rm 5				
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Officer & Spouse Reception	Dan's Suite				
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Grand Banquet - Reception	Ballroom CDE				
7:00pm - 12:00am	Grand Banquet	Ballroom CDE				
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Youth Banquet - TBD	Capital 1				
Wednesday, July 22, 2020						
6:30am - 9:00am		Dan's Suite?				
6:30am - 9:00am 8:00am - 10:00am	Grab & Go Muffin/Coffee & Departures Registration/Office & Archive Open	Dan's Suite? Conference Rm 5				

We have a lot of terrific activities planned for you and your family. Things like a 1960's-70's themed costume welcome party - so dig out your paisley shirts and tie dye bandanas. There will be a winery visit, convention golf tournament, charity guest speakers, and a charity activity for you all to participate in. The Bay State Pond will conduct the Memorial Service and the Quebec Pond will conduct the Model Initiation (Sacre Bleu!)

We'll have a dinner cruise with a Steel Drum Calypso Band, a well-known speaker for the All Industry Lunch, a gourmet wine dinner prepared by a chef that appeared on the Food Network, and some great entertainment for the Family Luncheon. We'll wind things down with a gala Banquet and Ball with the great show band Mass-Conn-Fusion.

The Spouse program will include a visit to the Mark Twain House, lunch at the Capital Grille, Ballroom dancing lessons (thank you Jeanie Walker) and a Mimosa tasting! And the Children's program includes a trip to Nomads Adventure Quest, USA Ninja Challenge, and the CT Science Center. We.re sure all will have a great time.

Your company can support the effort by becoming a corporate sponsor. You'll receive a color ad on the 2020 mobile convention app or in the printed program, signage at Convention events, and your choice of a convention activity. We offer several sponsorship levels with a tiered approach of sponsor benefits.

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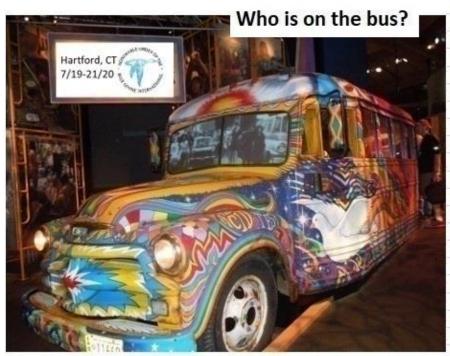
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You can also help us by becoming an individual sponsor, so jump on the party bus as it rolls across the countryside to pick up Ganders across North America. Please join us as we swing by your zip code or postal code and add your name to the guest list as we wind our way closer to our destination - the Hartford Marriott, site of the 2020 Grand Nest Convention. Climb aboard and be named a "Party Bus Passenger" by making an individual donation to support the convention. Your \$220 donation will get you a convention keepsake, and the first 50 passengers will also receive a bonus gift! Many thanks to all on board. What a cool passenger list! You can score a seat on the bus by registering at

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Nov 20th Meeting on Artificial Intelligence in the Insurance Industry

A cold, miserable, rainy night did not deter 41 Ganders and guests from travelling to The Gathering in Glastonbury for the Pond's November 20th dinner meeting.

Most Loyal Gander Allyson Kataja welcomed the group and asked 2020 Convention Treasurer Wendy Hubbard to brief the group on the Convention. Wendy spoke of Blue Goose's mission of charity, and how charity will be a keynote of the convention. There will be a participatory event where convention guests will fill 6 backpacks with school supplies and 28 laundry baskets with household cleaning supplies for donation to the Prudence Crandall Center.

Allyson previewed the Pond's upcoming events and asked for volunteers to help out on All Industry Night on April 15 at the Rocky Hill Sheraton.

The evening's charity collection was household cleaning supplies for the Prudence Crandall's 28 housing units. We will be presenting 28 laundry baskets filled with these supplies at the Convention in August.

The evening's guest speaker was Shalisa Keyes of Hover Inc., and she delivered a fantastic presentation on Artificial Intelligence in the Insurance Industry. Hover is a smart phone app that provides 3D digitally rendered building diagrams. Eight dwelling photographs (all four elevations and all four corners) are needed to provide a photo realistic 3D scale drawing of roof measurements, siding measurements, door and window openings, decks, and even downspout measurements in just 90 minutes.

Shalisa explained that the benefits include receiving a complete data package with dozens of measurements, a reduced claim cycle time, and the flexibility of having photos secured by any number of parties.

Shalisa can be reached at shalisa@hover.to

December 7, 2019 -Community Service at Foodshare -Hartford, CT



Eight ganders were joined by a mother and daughter team from Glastonbury for apple duty at Foodshare in Hartford On December 7th.

What did we do? Well in our 3-hour shift we repackaged nearly 2,700 pounds of apples into individual bags of 4-5 apples for donation to social service groups to feed their hungry.

Here's how it worked. The many apple orchards around the state donate their surplus harvests to Foodshare. These were not "seconds" or apples starting to go bad - they were perfect.

They were forklifted into our room in a humongous cardboard box. Kevin Brady scooped them into a big plastic bin and dumped them onto a metal work table where the rest of us got to work loading 4 or 5 apples into a mesh bag, tying a knot in the bag, and them placing the bags into another humongous cardboard box. It was a fun time, and our shift seemed to be over in no time.

It was a fun time, filled with great conversation among friends and some cool Spotify music that we played via Bluetooth from Molly Partridge's phone into Foodshare's speakers.

We had a very enjoyable time, and we all left feeling good about what we did.

If you were unable to participate in December, never worry – you have another chance to participate in a similar event on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

December 18, 2019 – Holiday Party and So Much More!



The Hartford Pond partnered with the New England Claims Executives Association for a very successful Holiday Party, Toy Collection and Ugly Sweater Contest that drew 109 attendees to V's Trattoria in downtown Hartford on December 18.

The food at Vito's was tremendous (Thank you Chef Rob). We started off with a slew of Brick Oven Pizzas that were very tasty. The main course included Pasta Ala Roberto, Chicken Caccitore, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, and two desserts - Mini Cannolis and Tiramisu.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation from Brendan Reilly and Bill Mullen of the Bay State Pond announcing their \$10,000 Constitution Level Sponsorship of the Hartford 2020 Convention. Thank you Bay State!!

We had a great time visiting with friends and mingling. Pond Supervisor Kevin Brady was the night's Master of Ceremonies, and he did a great job leading us through the voting process for the Ugly Sweater Contest.

Congrats to John and Jennifer Mastroianni for their award winning outfits!

Thank you all for your generosity in donating so many toys to benefit the Prudence Crandall Center.



Ocean State Puddle News

Recap of December 5 Holiday Party and Toy Collection (By Beth Markowski-Roop)

The Ocean State Puddle's December party was held at Lemongrass in Warwick on December 5th. Fourteen Ganders and guests were entertained with live music provided by Lori Suggs' brother Cliff Myers (a professional musician) thoroughly entertained the crowd with a free concert where our members were excited to sing-

along to golden oldies, every-day favorites, and even some holiday classics



We enjoyed Lemongrass' always excellent buffet dinner and we saw Blue Goose generosity at its finest as we filled a table and beyond to provide children in need with a toy for the holiday, in support of the local Toys for Tots campaign.

Upcoming Puddle Schedule

3/4/2020 @ 6 PM \$40 - We are working on securing Foolproof Brewery in Pawtucket RI for a private event. I am presently working with their management on the details. The charity will be Ronald McDonald House.

5/7/2020 @ 6 PM Venue is TBD. Charity will be the RI Community Food Bank

Officers and Golf Chair Needed

Do you remember the Puddle's September 16, 2015 Golf Tournament at the Cranston Country Club? It was a huge success, with 73 golfers, 83 diners, and 18 sponsors. Golf Chair Tracy Cale, and her Committee members Jade Lupinacci and Brendan Smith did a great job planning all of the details that culminated in what may have been the greatest day in the history of the Ocean State Puddle.

Tracy has left the insurance industry, and her position as the Puddle's Golf Chair has been open for quite some time.

We also have some openings for the other officer slots, and we really need a few folks to raise their hands and step forward.

So if you have any experience running a golf outing, the Puddle really needs your help and your leadership to run a tournament next year. Please contact any puddle Officer to volunteer.

Ocean State Puddle Officers 2019-20





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We Thank our 2019 Hartford Ponderings Advertisers

Hello Ganders,

When PMLG and *Hartford Ponderings* Editor Gordon Crowther became ill, I assumed the editorship of our newsletter with the Dec. 1995 issue.

Inasmuch as this is the Dec. 2019 issue, my math skills tell me I just wrapped up my 24th year banging away at these keys. So much has changed over the years! I used Clip Art CD's and had a print shop convert photographs into grayscale for copying. We used to print up hundreds of the newsletters at Staples for every issue, pop an address label and a stamp on them, and send them to destinations across Connecticut, across the US, across Canada, and to our good friend and Australian member Leo Fluitsma.

We started emailing them maybe fifteen years ago (?) and that sure made distribution a lot easier.

But one thing hasn't changed over the years. It still is such an honor and privilege to deliver the news about the diverse and wonderful things each and every one of you have done for our industry and our communities every single year as a member of the Hartford Pond and Ocean State Puddle.

Every year, we do more-- we expand our charities, our donations, our volunteer service, and we spread the word about Blue Goose.

Why we don't have 500 members is a mystery to me. One of the main reasons we have been able to do so much good for so many causes has been the fantastic support our advertisers have given this newsletter. I am truly humbled by the support and by all of your kind words over the years.

This issue marks the close of our 2019 ads. I'll be sending renewals to all of the advertisers to get the 2020 ads lined up – they will debut in the March 2020 issue and will also run in the June, September and December 2020 issues. If you'd like to start advertising with us in 2020, just give me a call.

Thanks for all that you do to support our charitable work. I am so proud to be a member of the Hartford Pond.

Dan Rich, Editor



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Many of us in Blue Goose believe that a careful study of our history is essential...to deepen appreciation for our gifts and foster a renewed effort to remember and carry forward our original purpose and Cardinal Principles. Archives, then, are about keeping our collective history and traditions before us, and taking abstract wording of our rituals and transforming them into vital tools for our survival. Keeping clear this window to our past can provide the best light for our future.

We want to make our archives more accessible and available to our membership. Your Grand Nest officers are exploring ways and means of making this a reality. We welcome your suggestions, and need your support.

Written in 1999 by John T. Zeldam, PMLGG Grand Nest Historian

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1955-56	Joseph Sorge	1988-89	George Schultz
1956-57	Lewis Geis	1989-90	Donald Garrigan
1957-58	Andrew Carlin	1990-91	Donald Garrigan
1958-59	William Davis	1991-92	Robert Harris
1959-60	Gordon Crowther	1992-93	Ronald Pizzano
1960-61	C. Wallace Bailey	1993-94	Gerald Hale
1961-62	G. S. Tompkins, Jr.	1994-95	Kristine Russo
1962-63	Harold Porter	1995-96	Kim Gleason
1963-64	John "Jack" Ellen	1996-97	Daniel Rich
1964-65	Robert Bordeaux	1997-98	Lisa Mullen
1965-66	William Coughlin, Jr.	1998-99	Robert Partridge
1966-67	Richard Adams	1999-00	Christine Ouellette
1967-68	Arthur Jacobs		Daniel Rich
1968-69	Craig Heston	2000-01	Kevin Prast
1969-70	John McCoy		Robert Partridge
1970-71	J. Paul Harris	2001-02	Paul Plouffe
1971-72	Frederick Peck	2002-03	Leo Bowler
	Robert Uricchio	2003-04	Robert Partridge
1972-73	Kenneth Lynch	2004-05	Geoff Graham
1973-74	Ray Hitchcock	2005-06	Lori Kovanda
1974-75	Ray Hitchcock	2006-07	Paula Pelletier
1975-76	Paul Goyette	2007-08	Wendy Hubbard
1976-77	Bradley Barna	2008-09	Kimberly Albert
1977-78	Robert Gannon	2009-10	Edward Phinney
1978-79	John Bartick	2010-11	Jim Gustin
1979-80	L. Ray Labbe	2011-12	Jonathan Hale
1980-81	Ballard May	2012-13	Jonathan Hale
1981-82	Ronald Pizzano	2013-14	Greg Buonocore
	William O'Neill	2014-15	Kimberly Latka
1983-84	William Dillon		Craig Sikora
1984-85	Elbert Henderson		Cathy Finlayson
1985-86	Daniel Flynn		John Mastroiani
1986-87	John Fisher	2018-19	Cristine Kern

December 5, 2019 Ocean State Puddle Holiday Party at Lemongrass in Warwick, RI Photos courtesy of Beth Markowski-Roop













November 20th Meeting at The Gathering in Glastonbury, CT











December 7, 2019 -Community Service at Foodshare -Hartford, CT











December 18 Holiday Party, Ugly Sweater Contest and Toy Collection















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Dear Blue Goose Members:

One of the greatest joys of the season is the opportunity to say thank you for your generous gift of \$4,000.00 supporting the Connecticut Burns Care Foundation.

The Connecticut Burns Care Foundation has grown in stature as a leading educational and funding resource in support of burn safety and prevention and burn care. In 1991 The Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp was established for young burn survivors 8-18 years old creating a safe and healing environment for severely burned children and has become a haven for our campers. Here they enter as survivors and go home a thriver, taking with them skills from their camp experience to make a brilliant, productive life not only for themselves but for the betterment of the world they live in. The Foundation also contributes to research and education projects that benefit the treatment and care of burn survivors and underwrites the Dr. Walter E. Pleban Memorial Lecture Series for Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center medical staff.

Without your gift, we would not be able to continue to fulfill our mission to offer services to the burn community, a mission that has not wavered for 41 years. Please know that with this donation you are not only helping us make an important difference in the lives of those same burn survivors, you are part of this mission.

We view our supporters as a family sharing our vision of making a difference. To this end, please accept our heartfelt gratitude from the CBCF Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and especially those we serve.

May the joy and peace of this beautiful season follow you throughout the coming year!

Susan Howard

Foundation Administrator

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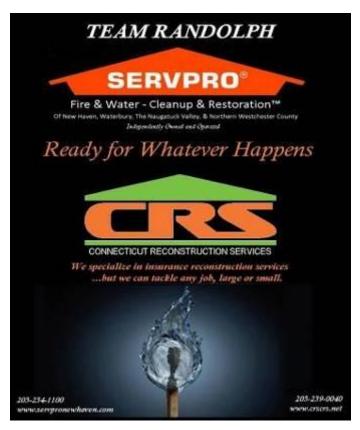
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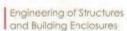
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