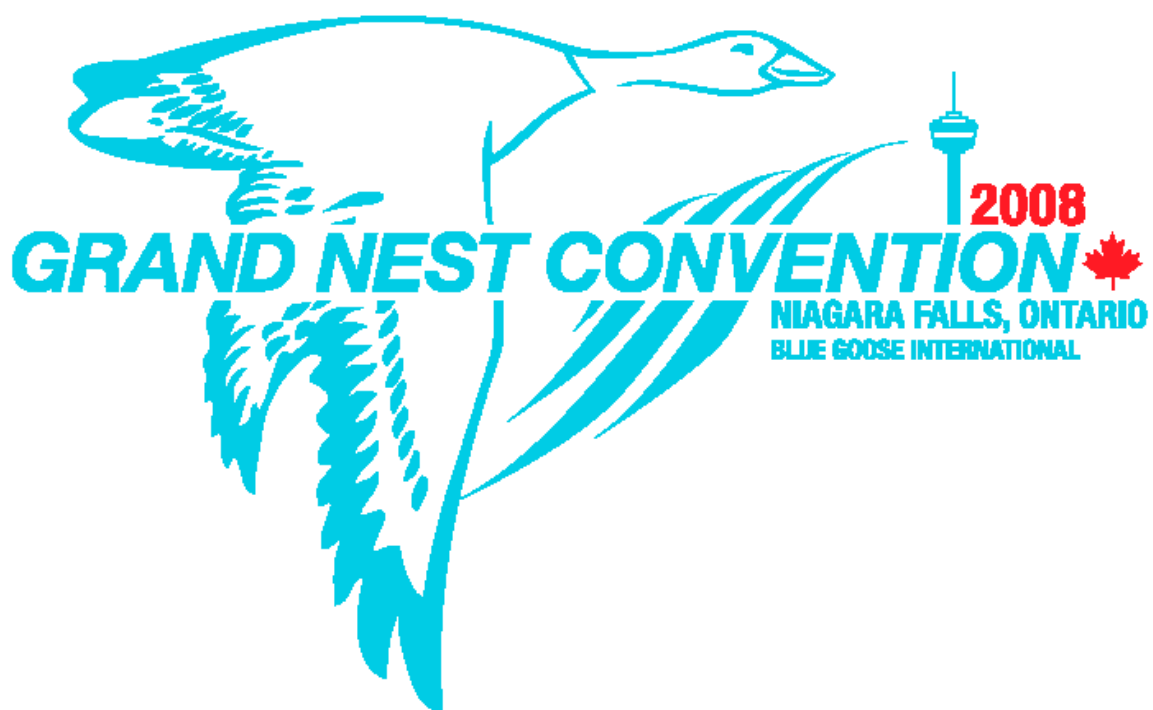




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## Future Conventions

Toronto, Ontario	Fallsview Sheraton Hotel	July 19-22, 2008
Seattle Pond	Reno, NV – Grand Sierra Resort	July, 16-25, 2009
Penn Pond	Sheraton Society Hill Hotel	July, 21-25, 2010
Michigan Pond		July, 2011

## Mid Year Grand Nest Officers Meeting

Reno, Nevada  
Philadelphia, PA

Grand Sierra Resort  
Sheraton Society Hill Hotel

February 16-17, 2008  
March 13-15, 2009

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**101<sup>st</sup> GRAND NEST CONVENTION  
JULY 20-23, 2007 WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

A crowd of 255 Ganders, spouses and guests (including 38 children) attended the 101<sup>st</sup> Grand Nest Convention at the Williamsburg Lodge from July 20-July 23.

**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

The convention started with a Welcome Party on Friday Night. This is always a festive evening, as Ganders from across the US and Canada renew old friendships, make new friends, and trade Pond pins. The Hartford Pond's new submarine pin proved very popular.

The Welcome Party included entertainment by strolling musicians and story tellers dressed in colonial costume.

**Saturday, July 21**

Saturday's Opening Ceremonies began with the presentation of the flags by the James City County Fire Department's Honor Guard, the singing of the national anthems, and an invocation by Convention Chair Joseph Bishop of the VA Pond.

We were next welcomed to Williamsburg by VA Pond MLG Mattie Worrix, and VA State Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr. Mr. Norment gave us a brief history of Williamsburg's significance in American history, as it was the first permanent English

speaking settlement (1607) in the New World.

The head table, Honored Guests, PMLGG's and DMLGGs were introduced, and Welcome Letters from the Virginia Attorney General and President of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation were read.

The Memorial Service, led by George and Donna Harwood of the Florida Pond began with a prayer of remembrance for the April 16<sup>th</sup> shooting victims at Virginia Tech.

The Ponds were called in alphabetical order, and as images of each Pond were projected on a screen (Bourbon Street for Louisiana, Mt. Rushmore for Dakota), the names of that Pond's recently departed Ganders were recited.

Eulogies were conducted for two recently departed PMLGGs that served in the 1980's and took their last flight this year. PMLGG Jerry Simpson spoke about Dennis Ellergodt (1983, Alberta Pond) and GWGQ Terry Maloney honored PMLGG Douglass Snyder (1981, Wisconsin Home Nest).

The National Capital Pond conducted the Model Initiation, and provided eight new members with a memorable welcome to the Honorable

Order. Dressed in colonial garb, black robed – white wiggled “judges” mixed Olde English rhetoric with contemporary shuckin’ and jiving’ and a sprinkling of Three Stooges sound effects, to create a very entertaining experience. One of the many highlights of the ceremony was Preacher Gene Newman's fire and brimstone rendition of “The Charge”.

The All Industry Luncheon featured an address by Guest Speaker Colonel Robert H. Simpson, the Director of the Joint Staff at the Virginia National Guard's Readiness Center. He delivered a fascinating talk on the National Guard's response to “man-made or natural events”, and the country's growing demand

for better preparedness in the face of disasters such as Katrina.

A service veteran deployed in Korea, Germany, Italy and Bosnia, he spoke of the Guard's “higher profile” after 9/11 and Katrina, and their missions to a) “save lives and mitigate suffering”, b) preserve and restore civil order, c) maintain and re-establish communication, and d) insure continuity of government.

After lunch, the Ponds had their regional meetings for the rest of the afternoon.

The Convention's first day concluded with a "Groaning Boar Dinner" at the Williamsburg Lodge. The colonial inspired feast was so named because the dinner tables "would groan from so much food." As a fife and drum corps played, an endless supply of food platters were paraded into the dining room. Huge bibs were tied around each dinner guest, as an extra precaution against the impending tide of food.

The bill of fare included peanut soup, poached fillet of flounder with rice and creole sauce, fried chicken, roasted pork loin, corn fritters, sweet potato pudding, sautéed zucchini with snap beans and pecans, chef salad, bread, sour cherry trifle (this layered delight of vanilla pudding, cake and cherries got two big thumbs up at my table), coffee, and oh yeah, I almost forgot, pitcher after pitcher of ale.

Colonial songs and story telling capped the amazing evening.

### **Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The day started with the alphabetical roll call of Pond delegates from Alabama to Wisconsin.

MLGG Keith Strohecker gave his report on his year in office. He summarized the October

2006 Grand Nest emergency meeting which was necessary because no Southern region Pond had declared their intent to follow Virginia and host the Convention in 2012. It was decided that Blue Goose would have to change from its traditional five year regional rotation, and the convention would be held in Calgary, Alberta in 2012.

MLGG Strohecker's other travel destinations included Louisville for the KY Pond's golf outing, Maryland for the National Capital's Christmas Luncheon, and Detroit for the Michigan Pond's gala Christmas Party for 650+.

March saw him travel to Canada for the Bonspiel, a curling tournament with five Canadian Ponds participating, and to Orlando for the PLRB Convention that saw Blue Goose take in 600 contact names from interested parties. He also visited Niagara Falls, Ontario for the Mid Year meeting, and attended a meeting of the Louisiana Pond, and the Southern Region's meeting in Atlanta.

He thanked his Convention Committee for their six years of work, and his wife Fiona for her support during those many years of convention planning.

Grand Wielder Terry Maloney's report emphasized the "big year" the Order just

had as we transitioned to a new software system.

The Order's largest Ponds are Michigan (430 members), Quebec (225), St. Louis (211), Edmonton, Hartford, Ontario, Alberta, NYC, VA, Nova Scotia, and Chicago.

Grand Nest Historian and PMLGG Barry Snyder gave his report detailing that the project to complete the second 50 years of the Order's history (1957-2007) is being formatted and finalized, and should be completed for next year.

Judge Advocate Robert Ross spoke about the Grand Nest emergency meeting on regionalization and the role of the Grand Nest because no Southern region Pond was equipped to host the 2012 Convention. The role of the Grand Nest will expand to include fund-raising, and the role of the Deputy Most Loyal Grand Ganders (DMLGGs) will expand to include greater responsibilities.

Judge Advocate Ross explained this year's proposed constitutional amendment changes. The first would reduce the number of goslings to form a Puddle from 50-25, and the second would reduce the size of a potential Pond from 100 to 50. Ross explained that these reductions made sense as they reflected the industry's downsizing and also would

encourage growth in more areas of the country. Grand Keeper Joe Coccia reported on his audit of the Grand Nest's financial condition, and the Pond Awards were announced. (See separate article).

Grand Wielder Maloney announced that a Charter had been given to a new Pond, and MLG Jane Rogaliner of the Ohio Pond accepted the Charter and delivered an emotional address.

Hartford's Bob Partridge, in his role as a the Grand Nest Bartender, was called by Grand Wielder Maloney for his report. Bob said that he had personally inspected the various Hospitality Suites, found them to be in good working condition, and declared that their "membership was up".

The afternoon and evening were free, enabling Ganders and their families to explore the many attractions of Williamsburg, Jamestown, and the surrounding areas. Many of the Ganders spent their time exploring Colonial Williamsburg and its many restaurants.

### **Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Convention's final day started with the Ontario Ponds presentation for next year's Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

After the roll call of delegates, nominating speeches for the 2007-2008 slate of officers were given, and PMLGG John Bishop installed the new officers.

The Grand Nest's newest officer is Art Lemaistre of the Alberta Pond, a 27-year Blue Gooser with 40 years of service to the insurance industry. The other officers are Joe Coccia of the Michigan Pond as Grand Guardian, Bill Wasekanes of the Penn Pond as Grand Custodian, JoAnn Clark of the Seattle Pond as Grand Supervisor, and our new Most Loyal Grand Gander is Jack Fitch of the Ontario Pond.

In his Address of Acceptance, Mr. Fitch declared that "Blue

Goose is about to reclaim it's place in North America as the pre-eminent insurance organization."

Next, PMLGG George Harwood presented a plaque and pin to our newest PMLGG, Keith Strohecker.

The Family Luncheon followed, featuring a kid-friendly box lunch and door prizes. Entertainment was provided by a comedian juggler.

All that remained was the evenings Grand Banquet and Ball. The banquet featured a smokin' hot band (Flashback) with a five piece horn section. They tore through crowd pleasing sets of rock, pop, soul, and even some disco. Flashback encouraged audience participation, and National Cap Ganders Jim Dorsey and Bill Olson went onstage to deliver hot versions of *Mustang Sally* and *Blue Suede Shoes* respectively. Grand Guarding Joe Coccia sat in on drums, and a bevy of "Blue Goose Beauties", led by Fiona Strohecker, danced and harmoniously delivered background vocals on center stage.

Article written by Dan Rich

**Monday, July 23, 2007, at Williamsburg, Virginia**  
**Acceptance Speech Jack Fitch on election as Most Loyal Grand Gander**



Thank you Past Most Loyal Grand Gander Keith Strohecker.

Grand Nest Officers, Delegates and Ganders this is completely unexpected. Personally I thought the other candidate ran a much better and more deserving campaign.

More seriously, I don't want this to sound like an Oscar acceptance speech but there are some people who I specifically want to thank. Let me start by thanking all of you for your dedication to our order and for the privilege that you have bestowed on me by allowing me the opportunity to lead our flock for the coming year.

I particularly want to thank Keith who has set a spectacular example as Most Loyal Grand Gander. We normally think of accountants as unemotional individuals. Keith has certainly put the lie to that notion. There is no calculating his passion and commitment to our Order. It has been an honour to serve on Grand Nest with Keith and I look forward to long association with him through our Order in the future.

I would also like to thank all of the Officers of Grand Nest that I have served with. Each of them has shown tremendous dedication to our Honorable Order and all of them have become more than colleagues, each of them is now a friend.

I particularly want to thank Barry Snyder. The first Grand Nest Convention I attended was the one presided over by Barry and Pat in Baltimore. Barry has been a role model for me ever since. Barry has also served our Order as Grand Nest Historian and is in the process of completing the history of our order for its second half century from 1956 to 2006. I have asked Barry to continue as Grand Nest Historian for the coming year and he has graciously agreed to do so. Thank you again Barry.

Speaking of Baltimore I have to thank Bob Jackson and Jack Bremner. In 2000 I was Most Loyal Gander of the Ontario Pond. Bob and Jack, both life members, accompanied me to Baltimore and encouraged me to put Ontario Pond's name forward in the Canadian Regional meeting as potential host of the 2008 Grand Nest Convention. According to tradition, Ontario Pond would have sponsored the 2013 Convention having last hosted the Convention in 1988 but Bob and Jack pointed out to me that Ontario Pond would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008 and besides, according to them, none of the other Canadian Ponds were ready to take on a convention. Reluctantly, with their encouragement, I agreed to put the idea forward. After the regional meeting where my suggestion was met with general support, Bob and Jack, as we were walking away, told me that having made the proposal I was obliged to stand for nomination to Grand Nest to carry, what they now characterized as my suggestion, into fruition. Personally I hold them responsible.

Let me also thank Robert Ross. I have asked Robert to continue to serve as our Judge Advocate and he has agreed to do so. Robert brings tremendous skill and experience to this task. His thoughtful consideration of the vexing problems that have troubled Grand Nest during my tenor as an officer as been greatly appreciated by all of us who have served with him and benefited from his guidance.

I, of course, also want to thank the members of Ontario Pond who have enthusiastically supported the idea that I put forward so casually in 2000 and who have worked so hard already to prepare for the 2008 Grand Nest Convention. Some of our Pond's most ardent supporters and hardest workers, Chris Giffen, Harry Grewal, Chris Adelhardt, Todd Stewart, Zina Tofano and Miriam Weerasooriya, are here with me and I greatly appreciate their continued support and enthusiasm as we move into the final phase of our preparations for the Grand Nest Convention to be held in Niagara Falls next year.

There are two other Ganders who deserve my sincere thanks. Max Brugger is the Wielder of the Ontario Pond and co-chair with Chris Adelhardt of the 2008 Grand Nest Convention Committee. Max is the heart and sole of the Ontario Pond. Without his dedication and commitment to the Pond and its undertakings it is doubtful that we could continue let alone achieve the significant goals which the Pond has already achieved. Max got me involved in the executive of the Pond and has continued to provide leadership and encouragement to all of our Ganders. It is not a coincident that the other Gander who deserves my sincere thanks is Grand Wielder Terry Maloney. Ever since first attending a Grand Nest Convention in Baltimore Terry's knowledge of the history of our Order, his dedication to its cardinal principles and his support of its work has been an inspiration to me. Terry is largely responsible for the success of Grand Nest and our Conventions. Wielders, as I see it, play a very important role in our Order. Without their commitment to maintaining the records of our ponds and communicating with our Ganders our ponds would likely fail.

There are, of course, others who have supported my involvement in Blue Goose, my partners at Hughes Amys LLP, the delegates from year to year from across the Canadian Region, the Grand Nest Officers and others. I appreciate the contribution that each has made to enable me to have this opportunity.

It is an honour and a privilege to be elected Most Loyal Grand Gander of our Honorable Order. I will attempt to fulfill, to the best of my ability, the responsibilities

that your trust has thrust upon me. This is an exciting time in the history of our Order. At this convention we have granted a pond charter to the Ohio Pond and have acknowledged the creation of the Tidewater Puddle of the Virginia Pond. Over the past year membership in our Order in the Canadian Region has increased. These are positive signs that our Order remains as relevant and viable today as it was when it was founded over a hundred years ago. We have a great "product" to offer people in our industry and owe it to those of them who have not joined the Order to promote it to them. I encourage you to go back to your Ponds and carry our message of character, charity and fellowship with you. Share your enthusiasm for our Order with your associates in the insurance industry and actively seek out suitable members to join your Pond or work toward the creation of Ponds and Puddles in areas where our Order is not currently represented.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to join me and the Ontario Pond in Niagara Falls, Ontario from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Grand Nest Convention and the celebration of Ontario Pond's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope we will have delegates from all of our Ponds at this event. I look forward to seeing all of you and your fellow Ganders in Niagara Falls next year.

Because Niagara Falls is the honeymoon capital of the world, Ontario Pond is offering a special incentive to recently married couples. Any Gander who gets married between now and the 2008 Grand Nest Convention and who registers for the convention before June 15, 2008, will be eligible to win a one night stay at the Sheridan Falls View Hotel including dinner for two. Further information concerning this special promotion will be posted on the Ontario Pond website, [www.bluegooseontario.org](http://www.bluegooseontario.org), so please take word back to your ponds and encourage your eligible Ganders to register with us. The winning Gander will be advised shortly after June 15, 2008, so that suitable arrangements can be made for them with the hotel and an announcement will be made at the opening ceremonies.

Seattle Pond is holding the 2009 Grand Nest Convention in Reno, Nevada, the divorce capital of the world, so the Seattle Pond may be able to make special divorce arrangements for any Ganders who rush to the alter just to be eligible for our promotion.

Jack Fitch, MLGG.

**2007/2008 AUDIT REPORT OF THE  
GRAND KEEPER OF THE GODLEN GOOSE EGG**

**JOSEPH C. COCCIA, GKGGE**

**JULY 2007**



Most Loyal Grand Gander, fellow Grand Nest Officers, Delegates and Ganders.

In my capacity of GKGGE, I was invited to the home of Terry and Lynn Maloney which also doubles as the Grand Nest Headquarters to conduct the audit of the 2006/2007 Grand Nest Operations.

Present for the audit was GWGQ Terry Maloney and accountant, Bud Osowski and I. Throughout my year as Grand Keeper, I had received copies of check vouchers, monthly operating statements and the general ledger. I reviewed the year's activity and discussed each entry as it pertained to the budget. Adjustments to the budget were discussed resulting in the proposed 2007/2008 Grand Nest Budget.

The annual budget shows projected income of \$76,543 while operating expenses are budgeted to be \$38,654. Total membership expenses are budgeted at \$31,738 for a total expenses budget of \$70,392. The 2007/2008 operating budget is projected to have a surplus of \$6151.00.

Eliminated from the last year's budget is a \$4000 software development line item. Expenses associated with the annual audit were kept to a minimum. The increase in dues has helped our bottom line.

Expenses that impacted the budget this past year were the special meeting of the Grand Nest Officers in Chicago and our efforts to grow our order by attending and hosting a booth at the PLRB Convention in Florida last March.

I wish to thank Terry and Lynn Maloney for their hospitality during my stay. We are truly fortunate to have Mr. Maloney as our Grand Wielder of the Goose Quill. He is a dedicated and tireless worker for our beloved Order. He has taken the duties and responsibilities of the office into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and as such, have shown fiscal responsibility in a time where expenses would place us in an unhealthy situation under different circumstance.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Coccia  
Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg

## *NEW GN OFFICER ARTHUR LeMAISTRE*



I am very honoured and humbled to have been elected to Grand Nest as the Grand Keeper at the 101<sup>st</sup> convention in Williamsburg Virginia.

I was chosen by the Southern Region to represent their interest on Grand Nest for the next several years. Florida Pond and Kentucky Pond took me under their wings and Florida allowed me to be one of their delegates to the convention.

It is unfortunate that no Pond in the South felt strong enough to host a convention in 2012. We in Calgary Canada plan to put on a grand show. With help from the South, we'll add a Southern theme.

A bit about me personally. I've been married to Madalene (Maddie) for 5 and a ½ years. We each have 3 kids, now adults and on their own. I have resided in Calgary for over 20 years. My insurance career spans over 40 years, mostly as a claims adjuster, but also as a field inspector and an underwriting manager. I have achieved the highest Canadian insurance educational designation – FCIP (Fellow, Chartered Insurance Professional).

I joined Blue Goose in the Manitoba Pond in 1980 and took flight to the Alberta Pond in 1984. Every year, in both Ponds, I've participated as a member of a committee, or on the Pond executive. I try to attend all meetings and special events. Why? For the fellowship, of course.

As Most Loyal Gander in 97-98, I was the driving force in getting women elected as members of Alberta Pond. For the past 6 years I've been Alberta Pond's Permanent Wielder and for the past 4 years I've been a Deputy Most Loyal Grand Gander, for the Ponds in the western region of Canada. Three years ago, I was part of the nominating team to get the first woman elected to Grand Nest executive.

Williamsburg was my tenth convention and Maddie's sixth. I went to Omaha, Westchester, Montreal and Atlanta. We both went to St Louis, Raleigh, Halifax, Los Angeles and Milwaukee.

I've visited every state in the Southern Region including Arkansas, but excepting Louisiana.

At the centennial celebration at Green Lake, we were sitting around chatting and enjoying some cool ones, much as our forefathers had done. Then a flock of pelicans flew over. I proposed that those Ganders present now belonged to the Pelican Puddle. The idea didn't fly. I was glad that our founders had seen Blue Geese and not pelicans.

I very much look forward to the next 5 years serving our Order.

GWGGE Art LeMaistre  
[pronounced LeMayst]

**Most Loyal Grand Gander's Report 101<sup>st</sup> Grand Nest Convention**  
**WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**  
**JULY 22, 2007**



Grand Nest Officers—Past and Present—Delegates, Ganders and Guests:

This has been a very busy year for those of us in the Grand Nest. Immediately after leaving our Centennial Celebration in Green Lake, your Grand Nest officers began working on holding a Special Meeting on October 21st, 2006, to address the future of our Organization. We needed to address critical issues that had existed for many years. I requested a Special Meeting of the Grand Nest Officers to do just that.

A major concern I had was there was no successor or host pond to replace me once the convention in Williamsburg was over. I am happy to report your Prior Grand Nest Officers had already been considering these issues. The current ways had to be changed and, while change is hard, it is essential to our continued growth.

At the Special meeting in October 2006, we believe we have begun to address the Order's needs in today's world—Continuing to attract the best leadership for the Grand Nest, the continuation of our annual convention, growth of our organization, and the funding of events.

Important decisions were made, and these were discussed in more detail at the regional meetings yesterday. The decisions were not easy. Changing tradition is hard to accept, but to give you an example of how change becomes part of the every-day, years ago conventions were held only in one of three cities until we expanded that and gave other ponds the opportunity to better experience the greatness of our Order.

At this time, I would like to thank Art LeMaistre and the Alberta Pond for their willingness to represent the Southern Region over the next five years. It is comforting to know the members of the Order are always here for each other, but that Art and his Pond has stepped up for us is particularly reassuring.

Immediately after the Special meeting, I flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to visit the Kentucky Pond. We enjoyed a nice dinner, followed the next day by a wonderful golf outing. The day started nicely at about 45 F, and stayed there! Adding in the wind-chill, you know we had to have some dedicated ganders. Even with the cold, everyone had a great time!

In December 2006, I made my annual visit up the highway to the National Capital Pond for their great Charity Luncheon. It is always a great event with over 350 people in attendance. A nice difference this time was I sat with the Washington Redskins' speaker.

The next day, Fiona and I flew to Detroit to attend the Charity Luncheon put on by the Detroit Puddle of the Michigan Pond. Here we saw and met some of the 650 ganders and guests from all over Michigan! My luck continued with the chilly weather, as snow flurries were the order of the day!

March turned out to be a busy travel time. The weekend of March 2nd and 3rd, 2007, saw me fly cross country to take part in the Western Canadian Pond's 42nd Annual Bonspiel Curling Tournament. There were 32 teams from 5 ponds represented. Luckily, my part was limited to throwing the stone three times. The first time I quickly slipped on the ice and left my feet, looking like an upside down turtle with feet and hands in the air.

At that point, decided I had had enough of the cold weather so I was off to Orlando on March 19th, 2007, to help promote our great Order at the Property Loss Rating Bureau, or PLRB, Convention. The Grand Nest had an exhibit booth, with our Grand Wielder and other officers in attendance. We gathered over 600 names of

potential members from around the country. Your Grand Nest Officers and DMLGGs will be working hard this year to bring these goslings into the fold and we will continue this coming year when we will be exhibiting at the PLRB in Boston.

From Orlando, I flew straight to our Midyear Grand Nest meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, where our convention will be held next year. The hotel overlooks the falls and it is spectacular! I look forward to visiting next year with a lighter schedule!

My next trip was to my Southern Region Splash in Atlanta, on April 13th and 14th, 2007. The gathering was small, but mighty, where we discussed our plans to have the South rise again! Little did we know we would be sharing the hotel with the International Fancy Guppy Association!

Later in the month on April 23rd, 2007, I visited New Orleans to check out how the golf courses were recovering from Hurricane Katrina. I'm happy to say they have recovered nicely, as well as has the Louisiana Pond. It was a fantastic turnout and my first time eating crawfish! I always heard about "sucking the head" but thankfully I was only an observer.

The final event I had the pleasure to attend in my year as Most Loyal Grand Gander was close to home on June 5th, 2007. I had the honor to participate in the formation of the Tidewater Puddle of the Virginia Pond. I saw 17 new ganders initiated. Even with the convention, the Virginia Pond was been hard at work.

This has been a full and eventful year. Major steps have been taken for the continuation and growth of the Order. We cannot afford to sit on our laurels: we must be proactive in implementing the changes necessary to perpetuate and ensure the continued growth of our Order.

Through the diligent work of your Grand Nest officers, a majority of the ponds are now using and updating their information on our database website. I encourage all ponds to use the online database as much as possible: communication is an important key to sustaining our organization.

I would now like to recognize and thank the members of my Convention Committee for their dedication and hard work over the past six years. I was fortunate to have a committed group of 10 ganders that have been with me all the way. They are responsible for this event, and I sincerely thank them. Please give them a hand for all of their dedication and hard work.

I also must thank my wife, Fiona, for her love and support over the past five years.

I am honored this past year to have served this Great Order of ours. We must, all of us, never stop working to keep something our founders over 100 years ago knew was needed – Character, Charity and Fellowship.

I wish you all the best,

Keith H. Strohecker  
Most Loyal Grand Gander

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

**GORDON F. CROWTHER CHARITY AWARD:**

The criteria is based on all types of varied works of charity. The winner of this year's award is the **HARTFORD POND**.

**ST. JOE VALLEY POND MEMBERSHIP AWARD:**

This coveted award for the greatest percentage increase in membership went to the **KENTUCKY POND**.

**LINK OF THE YEAR**

Outstanding internet Pond web site winner is **NOVA SCOTIA POND**

**POND PUBLICATION WINNERS:**

1st Place ..... **HARTFORD POND**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ..... **ST. LOUIS POND**

**EMAIL/ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION WINNERS:**

1st Place ..... **NOVA SCOTIA POND**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ..... **ARIZONA POND**

**HEART OF AMERICA POND'S FELLOWSHIP AWARD:**

This year the pond with the least percentage drop in membership by reason of drop-outs and resignations was the **ARIZONA POND**.

**KENTUCKY POND'S NO DROP-OUT AWARD:**

This is an extremely difficult award to achieve. This year's winners are the **ALABAMA POND AND WESTCHESTER POND**.

**PEACE GARDEN AWARD:**

This plaque is presented to the Pond having the most First Time attending conventioners. The winner this year is the **NATIONAL CAPITAL POND**

**REGIONAL CHALLENGE AWARD:**

The best Region determined by using 5 membership award criteria is the **CANADIAN REGION\***.

**REGIONAL CHARITY AWARDS**

<b>East</b>	NEW YORK CITY	.....	24 - Most New & Reinstated
	WESTCHESTER	.....	20.59% - Best % Increase
<b>West</b>	COLORADO/UTAH	.....	4 - Most New & Reinstated
	COLORADO	.....	6.78% - Best % Increase
<b>South</b>	VIRGINIA	.....	45 - Most New & Reinstated
	KENTUCKY**	.....	47.37% - Best % Increase
<b>Central</b>	MICHIGAN ***	.....	61 - Most New & Reinstated
	MICHIGAN	.....	15.25% - Best % Increase
<b>Canada</b>	ONTARIO	.....	50 – MOST NEW & REINSTATED
	ONTARIO	.....	26.74% - BEST % INCREASE

\* 2<sup>ND</sup> Year in a row      \*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a row      \*\*\*5<sup>th</sup> Year in a row

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OPERATING STATEMENT

	06-07	06-07	07-08
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
501 DUES - CURRENT YEAR	61,443	72,240	71,170
502 CANADIAN RELIEF	(3,267)	(2,319)	(1,477)
503 DUES - PRIOR YEAR	4,319	5,759	3,000
511 SALES - EMBLEMS	3,225	3,200	2,500
513 SALES - OTHER	134	150	150
531 INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	1,192	1200	1,200
532 CONVENTION MEMBERS DONATION	0	-0-	-0-
541 POND GN DONATIONS	0	-0-	-0-
650 ARCHIVE CONTRIBUTIONS	985	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	68,031	80,230	76,543
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
601 GRAND NEST OFFICE	22,332	22,332	22,332
605 TELEPHONE	1,195	1,200	1,200
607 POSTAGE	522	500	500
609 INSURANCE & BONDING	4,409	4,832	4,832
611 OFFICE SUPPLIES	858	500	100
613 COMPUTER	2,493	4,000	4,000
615 DATA SUPPORT	2,274	1,800	2,400
616 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	0	4,000	-0-
617 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	350	250	250
619 ACCOUNTING	2,420	2,640	2,640
629 GNO - PRINTING, ETC.	0	800	400
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	36,853	42,854	38,654
 <u>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</u>			
621 GNO - POND VISITATION	0	1,750	1,600
623 GNO - CONVENTION	5,984	5,000	6,000
625 GNO - EXECUTIVE COMM TRAVEL	6,493	1,500	2,000
627 GNO - EMBLEMS	493	500	500
631 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	2,097	2,500	2,500
633 SPECIAL OLYMPICS	500	500	500
635 HONORARIUMS	0	100	-0-
637 MEMORIALS	89	100	100
641 DELEGATE EXPENSE	12,116	14,500	14,500
643 BULLETIN	0	800	-0-
549 BULLETIN REIMB	0	0	-0-
645 POND EMBLEMS	1,441	2,000	2,000
647 HOST POND FUND	3,200	3,400	3,200
649 ARCHIVE EXPENSE	1,425	(1,602)	(1,162)
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	33,838	31,048	31,738
 TOTAL EXPENSES	70,691	73,902	70,392
 SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	<u>(2,660)</u>	<u>6,328</u>	<u>6,151</u>

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**PAST MOST LOYAL GRAND GANDERS**

\*1906 – Walter E. Atwater, Wisconsin Home Nest  
 \*1907 – Arthur F. Hegben, Wisconsin Home Nest  
 \*1908 – Geo. C. Main, Minnesota  
 \*1909 – Geo. C. Main, Minnesota  
 \*1910 – Chas. H. Pescay, Louisiana  
 \*1911 – Thomas H. Williams, California  
 \*1912 – Wm. T. Benallack, Michigan  
 \*1913 – Ed. E. Wells, Colorado  
 \*1914 – Frank G. Snyder, Kentucky  
 \*1915 – Fred W. Ransom, Ohio  
 \*1916 – J. Ross Stewart, Ontario  
 \*1917 – E.G. Carlisle, Illinois  
 \*1918 – G.M. Wise, Missouri, Kansas  
 \*1919 – W.J. Sonnen, Illinois  
 \*1920 – John A. Hanson, Minnesota  
 \*1921 – E.D. Marr, Heart of America  
 \*1922 – M.M. Hauxhurst, Michigan  
 \*1923 – W.P. Fess, Manitoba  
 \*1924 – John F. Stafford, Illinois  
 \*1925 – W.E. Mallalieu, New York City  
 \*1926 – H. Vem Myers, Iowa  
 \*1927 – Wirt Leake, Texas  
 \*1928 – T.L. Geraghty, Quebec  
 \*1929 – J. Charles Harris, California  
 \*1930 – D.L. McCoy, Dakota  
 \*1931 – Henry L. Rose, Chesapeake  
 \*1932 – Wm. F.C. Fellers, Florida  
 \*1933 – D.A. McKinley, Washington  
 \*1934 – L. H. Bridges, Nebraska  
 \*1935 – Samuel A. Mehorter, New York City  
 \*1936 – T. Ray Phillips, Oklahoma  
 \*1937 – H.B. Leuty, British Columbia  
 \*1938 – J. Clark Buchanan, California  
 \*1939 – Ralph W. Hukill, Ohio  
 \*1940 – General J.R. Knowlan, Penn  
 \*1941 – Ben S. McKeel, Carolinas  
 \*1942 – Clifford J. Malcolm, Ontario  
 \*1943 – H.A. Reynolds, Colorado  
 \*1944 – H.A. Reynolds, Colorado  
 \*1945 – Thomas G. Linnell, Minnesota  
 \*1946 – P.M. Winchester, New York City  
 \*1947 – G.E. Edmondson, Florida  
 \*1948 – E.J. Beauvais, Quebec  
 \*1949 – E.W. Trenbath, Seattle  
 \*1950 – J. Ray Hull, Indiana  
 \*1951 – Paul M. Fell, Penn  
 \*1952 – Charles L. Beale, Texas  
 \*1953 – S.L. Sterling, Manitoba  
 \*1954 – John Henry Martin, California  
 \*1955 – A.B. Young, Heart of America  
 \*1956 – R.L. Wiseman, National Capital  
 \*1957 – Jules Simoneaux, Louisiana  
 \*1958 – R.L. Fenerty, Alberta  
 \*1959 – Mark A. Wells, California  
 \*1960 – E.C. "Gene" Saulcy, Michigan  
 \*1961 – Robert F. Stumpf, New York City  
 \*1962 – W.G. Stephens, Jr., Georgia  
 \*1963 – Frank G. Chandler, Ontario  
 \*1964 – Lester L. Large, Oregon  
 \*1965 – Earl S. Hannan, St. Louis  
 \*1966 – K.S. Carmody, Chesapeake  
 \*1967 – Geo. H. Brussel, Florida  
 \*1968 – Harry Cutler, British Columbia  
 \*1969 – Frank Hunter, Arizona  
 \*1970 – Howard Dobbs, Ohio  
 \*1971 – Joseph W. Knowlan  
 711 Bill Smith Blvd.  
 King of Prussia, PA 19406  
 Res. 610-265-2543  
 \*1972 – Browne B. Bolton, Kentucky  
 \*1973 – A.J. MacDonald, Quebec  
 \*1974 – Roland G. Lett, Utah  
 \*1975 – Ivar H. Awes  
 6405 Colony Way  
 Edina, MN 55435  
 Res. 952-926-4567  
 Fax 952-925-1034  
 ivarandlois@aol.com  
 \*1976 – Gordon Crowther, Hartford

\*1977 – Stanley Spore, Texas  
 \*1978 – G. E. Morgan  
 Sun Tower  
 1550 Bedford Hwy, Ste 711  
 Bedford, NS Canada B4A 1E6  
 Off. 902-429-4560  
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 \*1979 – Charles Palmerton, Seattle  
 \*1980 – Alfred Kregel, Jr., Long Island  
 \*1981 – Douglass G. Snyder, WHN  
 \*1982 – King Luck  
 P.O. Box 130413  
 Birmingham, AL 35213  
 Res. 205-956-0449  
 \*1983 – Dennis N. Ellergodt, Alberta  
 \*1984 – Robert J. Rice  
 1209 SW 29<sup>th</sup> Terr., #105  
 Topeka, KS 66611  
 785-266-5828 – Phone  
 \*1985 – David E. White  
 \*1986 – Lyle C. Johnson, Nebraska  
 \*1987 – Phillip Jerry Simpson  
 csamay59@yahoo.com  
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 221 Colony Rd.  
 Hendersonville, NC 28792  
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 P.O. Box 587  
 Brandon, FL 33509-0587  
 Res. 813-626-4870  
 \*1988 – Gordon C. Crutcher  
 Sutton Reinsurance  
 Suite 600  
 67 Yonge Street  
 Toronto, ON M5E 1J8  
 Off. 416-307-5643  
 Res. 905-731-8389  
 gcrutcher@SuttonReinsurance.com  
 \*1989 – Harry M. Merrifield, California  
 \*1990 – Tim Holland  
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 Ayer, MA 01432  
 Off. 508-772-0800  
 Res. 508-772-5084  
 \*1991 – John T. Zeldam  
 5815 Meadows Circle W.  
 Macomb, MI 48044-3910  
 Res. 586-247-5677  
 Fax 586-247-1238  
 johnzeldam@ameritech.net  
 \*1992 – Bruce B. Bolton  
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 Pewee Valley, KY 40056  
 Res. 502-241-4296  
 hobgi2@bellsouth.net  
 \*1993 – Trevor E. Newitt, Edmonton  
 \*1994 – Clifford C. Needham  
 11205 Summerfield Drive #127  
 Tigard, OR 97224  
 Res: 503-620-7025  
 thefrogman@commspeed.net  
 \*1995 – Christopher J. Reith  
 1107 Bonaset Dr.  
 Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
 Bus. 847-605-3628  
 Res. 815-455-2522  
 Fax 847-401-5049  
 \*1996 – Larry Lewer  
 11 Forest Hill Ct.  
 Fairfield Glade, TN 38558  
 Tel. 931-707-8354  
 larrylewer@tnaccess.com  
 \*1997 – George Harwood  
 1936 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Ste. 501  
 Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-9262  
 Off. 813-929-6440  
 Res. 813-929-6287  
 Fax. 813-929-6113  
 gharwood@egrandhampton.com

\*1998 – Marc Thurber  
 6675, Place Beaubien  
 Montreal, QC H1M 3V9  
 Off. 450-671-3030 #210  
 Res. 514-672-7860  
 marc.thurber@rpq.ca  
 \*1999 – Rex W. Clark  
 10738 9th Ave. N. W.  
 Seattle, WA 98177  
 Res. 206-365-8275  
 pmlggrex@comcast.net  
 \*2000 – Barry L. Snyder  
 107 Chartsey St.  
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20774-1805  
 Res. 301-249-6680  
 Fax. 301-249-9301  
 natcapitalpond@aol.com  
 \*2001 – Charles L. Cramer  
 22 Elm Ave.  
 Saint Louis, MO 63122  
 Res. 314-822-1946  
 candocramer@aol.com  
 \*2002 – Marvin P. Wilson, Jr.  
 600 Lake Boone Trail  
 Raleigh, NC 27607  
 Res: 919-787-4765  
 Fax: 919-786-4312  
 \*2003 – John C. Bishop  
 2809 George Dauphinee Ave.  
 Halifax, NS Canada B3L 3S7  
 Res: 902-455-6332  
 uncle.bish@ns.sympatico.ca  
 \*2004 – Dick Philippsen  
 988 Ironwood Rd.  
 Beaumont, CA 92223  
 951-769-8690 – Home  
 philippsen@verizon.net  
 \*2005 – Gerald F. Hale  
 85 Inverness Ct.  
 Chesire, CT 06410  
 Res: 203-272-6479  
 Off: 203-371-5700  
 Fax: 203-371-2058  
 geraldhale@eastlandclaim.com  
 \*2006 – Timothy T. Seider  
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 Greenfield, WI 53228  
 Res: 414-321-6101  
 timseider@wi.rr.com  
 \*2007 – Keith Strohecker  
 15731 Moss Fire Court  
 Moseley, VA 23120  
 Home: 804-639-6645  
 Office: 804-608-8080  
 Fax: 804-608-8081

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\*1906-08 George Heller  
 \*1908-10 Charles N. Silkworth  
 \*1910-11 Walter E. Atwater  
 \*1911-12 C. C. Clark  
 \*1912-14 Rudolph H. Wieben  
 \*1914-16 Bernard A. Lehnberg  
 \*1916-31 Paul A. Rudd  
 \*1931-37 Charles P. Helliwell  
 \*1937-51 Richard Kenzal  
 \*1951-61 Henry L. Mauritsen  
 1961-62 David Armitage  
 1962-88 J. B. Gravenstine

