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December 17th, 2013
Annual Holiday Party

Martin's Crosswinds
(Please see flyer below)

Please remember to bring a door prize & gift for the Children's Hospital!

Great Fellowship for a Great Cause! Please know donations are greatly appreciated if you are unable to attend.



2013 / 2014 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

12/17/2013 Annual Holiday Party

02/06/2014 Open Meeting

04/25/2014 Atlantic City Trip

01/07/2014 Open Meeting
Initiation of new members

03/20/2014 March Madness

05/01/2014 Open Meeting

04/03/2014 Open Meeting

06/ /2014 Golf Outing

Information on events will be in future News Letters and are listed on our web page www.nationalcapitalpond.com on the events calendar!



**The John Brenner
National Capital Pond
42nd Annual Charity Luncheon**
Benefitting
Children's National Medical Center &
DC Firefighters Burn Foundation

DOOR PRIZES/BASKETS OF CHEER/50 RAFFLE!!

Please join the National Capital Pond, Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International, in our effort to raise funds for the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation (DC FBF) and Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). You will enjoy fellowship, a delightful sit down lunch, as well as hear from a captivating Washington Redskins speaker. Each year this has been a very rewarding and enjoyable occasion, so plan now to join us and kick off the holiday season!

Tables will be reserved for tickets purchased in multiples of eight (8) at \$680.00 per table. Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets will not be available after Tuesday, November 29th, as Martin's Crosswinds requires advanced reservations.

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Times: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hour (Open Bar).....12:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies and Memorial Service.....1:00 p.m.
Lunch.....1:30 p.m.
Speaker.....2:30 p.m.
Door Prizes.....3:30 p.m.

Place: Martin's Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Drive
Greenbelt, Maryland
(301) 474-8500

Cost: \$85.00 per person
\$680.00 per table of (8) eight

RSVP by Tues. November 29th to: George Burgee, GBurgee@JohnsEastern.cc

Make checks payable to: National Capital Pond

All checks must be received by Friday November 29th for your name to be printed in the program.

Mail to: Johns Eastern Company, c/o George Burgee, 7135 Minstrel Way, Suite 202, Columbia, MD 21045

Please include your donation(s) for Children's National Medical Center and/or the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation.

**** PLEASE BRING DOOR PRIZES WITH YOUR BUSINESS CARD ATTACHED ****

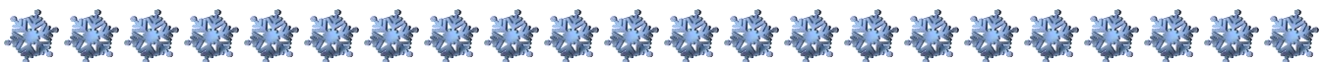
Name: _____ **Company:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Total Number of Lunch Tickets: _____ x \$85.00 = \$ _____

CNMC Pledge: \$ _____ **DC FBF Pledge:** \$ _____ **GRAND TOTAL:** \$ _____





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INFANTS

- Musical toys
- Rattles
- Infant mirrors
- **Music boxes and interactive toys**

- Baby blankets
- **Activity centers**
- Soft/squeeze toys
- Baby books

- Picture books
- **Crib mobiles**
- Pop-up toys
- Play telephones

- Teething toys
- Infant videos
- Stuffed toys
- Infant toys

TODDLERS

- Wooden puzzles
- **Bubbles**
- Toy tape players



- Stack toys
- **Musical books**
- Blocks

- Plastic trucks
- **Board books**
- Push/pull toys

- Medical kits
- Duplo building blocks
- Stuffed toys

- Sesame Street and other popular character toys

- Dolls, diversity is appreciated in doll selection

- Little People, such as those made by Fisher Price and Little Tykes

- Fisher Price doll house, people, furniture, and accessories

SCHOOL AGE

- School supplies
- Connect Four
- Candy Land
- Wall-mount basketball hoops
- Barbie dolls and clothing
- DVDs, G and PG rated

- **UNO Cards**
- Chutes and Ladders
- Monopoly Jr.
- Scattegories
- Notebook dividers

- Checkers
- Trouble
- Scrabble Jr.
- Handheld electronic games
- Legos/Lego model sets

- Memory
- Sorry
- Boggle Jr.
- Books
- Stuffed animals

- **Matchbox cars**
- **Play-doh**
- Disney character items
- Dolls, diversity is appreciated in doll selection

- **Bubbles**
- **Arts and crafts sets**
- Model kits, snap tight
- **Coloring books, activity books, word find books**

- Paint sets, non-toxic
- Construction paper
- Wooden models
- **Crayons/markers/colored pencils**

- Etch-A-Sketch
- Action figures
- Playing cards
- **Gimp**
- Card games (Old Maid, Go Fish)

ADOLESCENT

- Books and magazines
- Boggle
- Jenga
- Hangman
- Portable CD players with CDs
- Model kits, snap tight
- Make-up sets
- **Hand-held electronic games**
- **Word search, crossword books, Sudoku**

- **Wii Fit**
- Scattegories
- Sorry
- Battleship
- Stationery



- Scrapbook materials
- Manicure kits
- Bicycle helmets
- Footballs, soccer balls, baseball bats and balls, wall-mount basketball hoops

- **UNO Cards, all versions**
- Scrabble
- Life
- Chess and Checkers
- Movie theatre gift cards
- Diaries/journals
- Baseball caps
- Nerf balls
- Grooming kits (girls/boys)

- Monopoly
- Clue
- Pictionary
- DVDs, PG and PG-13
- Art sets
- Barbie dolls and clothing
- Pencils/colored pencils
- Gift cards





D.C. FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 4565 • Washington, DC 20017

October 4, 2013

National Capital Pond HOBGI
PO Box 554
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Dear Leadership and Member of the National Capital Pond HOBGI :

On behalf of the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation I would like to take a moment to say thank you for you generous donation of \$6,491.00. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide funding for the many programs that we offer burn survivors from around the Washington metropolitan area. Firefighters and members of the Burn Center have a special empathy for burn survivors. No other group witnesses more of the devastation that fire wreaks on the human body and spirit.

Every year we provide financial support for burn research, rehabilitation, treatment, and education programs for The Burn Center at Washington Hospital Center. The foundation is also proud to provide survivor support programs for burns survivors through our Children's Burn Camp, financial support for survivors to attend the annual World Burn Congress, monthly survivor support meetings and programs, and several other activities throughout the year. Anytime a firefighter from around the Washington metropolitan area receives a burn in the line of duty our family assistance program provides meals, hotel rooms, and transportation for the firefighter's family while they are hospitalized. Your donation will have an impact on lives of countless burn survivors and their families from around our area.

The DC Firefighters Burn Foundation is a Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) organization as established by the Internal Revenue Service. All donations may be deducted as a charitable donation. Our 501 (c) (3) Tax Identification number is 20-2220579. Please keep this letter for your tax records.

Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jason Woods
President
DC Firefighters Burn Foundation



Come Visit Our Nest in the Wild, Wild West!



The HOBGI 2014 Convention is coming to Salt Lake City!

The 2014 Convention will be held July 22nd through July 26th. Start making your plans now!

As the region's hub for commerce, transportation, medical services, research, higher education, and cultural attractions, Salt Lake is a vibrant, modern metropolis. The walkable downtown convention district features 170+ restaurants, cafes, brewpubs, and nightspots.

Don't miss your chance to visit. Some Salt Lake City Convention activities will include:

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[Shopping](#)

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The package includes:

- One hour, complimentary genealogy session
- \$25 registration fee discount
- Free city tour valued at \$25
- Complimentary bottle of wine, courtesy of PEC Meetings Company

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DEAR GANDERS AND FRIENDS,

PLEASE HELP THE NATIONAL CAPITAL POND AND THE EASTERN REGION RAISE MONEY FOR THE 2015 GRAND NEST CONVENTION BY BUYING OR SELLING THESE RAFFLE TICKETS.

- FIRST PRIZE IS A 5 DAY CRUISE FOR (4) PEOPLE TO BERMUDA ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN.
- SECOND PRIZE IS A 5 DAY CRUISE FOR (2) PEOPLE TO BERMUDA ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN

IT CAN BE USED FROM 2014 THRU 2016 OR USE IT TO ATTEND THE 2015 GRAND NEST CONVENTION IN JULY 2015. CRUISE PACKAGES WILL BE BOOKED THRU ALLWAYS TRAVEL AGENCY TOWSON, MD. THE DRAWING DATE WILL BE 07/26/2014 AT THE 2014 GRAND NEST CONVENTION IN SALT LAKE CITY, UT

THE TICKETS SELL FOR \$10 EACH OR \$100 FOR BOOK OF TEN

BE A CONVENTION PROGRAM SPONSOR!

Buy 1 Book, Business Card Ad, 5 Books, Half Page Ad, 10 Books, Full Page Ad

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The Blue Goose Directory will be available to members via E-Directory this year and will no longer be in print form. Another change is with advertising, we will not be offering advertising in connection with the Directory. Instead, it will be offered in the monthly Honker and will be available in a variety of sizes ranging from business card to full page to suit your marketing budget. This is a much better 'Bang for your Buck' because the honker is sent out each month to all of our Members with your ad in it each and every time!!



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Advertising can be as small as a business card up to a full page.

Advertising Fees are as follows per year:

- **Business Card** \$240.00
(For only \$20.00 a month you can get your information to how many people?)
- **Quarter Page** \$ 600.00
- **Half Page** \$ 900.00
- **Full Page** \$1,200.00

If you would like to advertise your company in The Honker; please contact Barb Markuski at Capezio Contractors, Inc.

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Hot Off the Press!



Breaking News



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Breaking News



New Members! The Pond is growing! Please take the time to welcome our new members!



2013-2014 dues are due
Please contact Michelle Fitzwater to pay your dues!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Dues must be paid prior to the Holiday Party!!!

Important Reminders!

- ☺ Please pay your 2013 - 2014 dues.
- ☺ Read your Honker and send us feedback.
- ☺ Have you contacted Barb to become an advertiser for the National Capital Pond?
- ☺ Make sure you send in your reservation for The Annual Holiday Party. This will be a fun filled day!

Help Wanted Seeking employment listings! New to the HONKER!

We have some news for you! We have tossed around the idea of having a Help Wanted / Seeking employment section within the Honker which also can be added to our website and Facebook page as posts!

We think this is a wonderful idea; this is a fast and growing industry and most of the time companies do hire within the industry.

This would be a FREE service for the members of our pond.

Send your postings to donna@servproofhuntvalley.com. Our only request is when the job has been filled please contact us to take the posting down.

Also, if your company is holding an event such as a blood drive, ce class etc. WE CAN SPREAD THE WORD in our newsletter. Send your details to donna@servproofhuntvalley.com

Save the Date...

JULY 2015

Blue Goose Convention Cruise

NYC to BERMUDA

5 DAYS

Please help the National Capital Pond and the Eastern Region raise money for the 2015 Grand Nest Convention by buying or selling these raffle tickets

**1st Prize: 5 day cruise for (4) people to Bermuda on Royal Caribbean*

**2nd Prize: 5 day cruise for (2) people to Bermuda on Royal Caribbean*

Can be used from 2014 to 2016 or used to attend the 2015 Grand Nest Convention in July 2015.

Cruise packages will be booked through Allways Travel Agency, Towson, MD

The drawing date is 7/26/14 at the 2014 Grand Nest Convention in Salt Lake City, UT

The tickets sell for \$10 each or \$100 for a book of 10

Be a convention sponsor!

Buy a book of 10 & get a free business card size ad in the convention program

BLUE GOOSE CONVENTION 2015

Start Planning Now!

More information will follow in the next coming months!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

12/5 – Jim Cattell

12/7 – James Austin

12/9 – Justin Sapp

12/11 – Ronnie Stallings

12/13 – Frank Flaherty, Bridgette Eells

12/14 – Bill Howsare

12/18 – Jason M. Smith

12/19 – Ray Betler

12/25 – Eric Huzzy



Hospitality Corner by Wendy Fletcher

Over the last several months the National Capital Pond Hospitality Committee has extended our fellowship to the following Ganders:

Fellow Gander, Rick Oden had a stroke earlier in the year. Rick continues to improve while following a strict physical therapy schedule. The NCP sent a dish garden to Rick to let him know we are thinking of him and hope he has a speedy recovery.

PMLG Gene Newman had successful eye surgery in August. Several of our fellow Ganders were able to assist Gene with driving while he was recovering.

On November 7, 2013, Fellow Gander Tiffany Barrett had a healthy, beautiful baby girl named Julia Frances Barrett. We sent a gift card from Babies R Us, which is where Tiffany is registered.

I would also like to personally thank Ian and the NCP for sending me a beautiful dish garden after my knee surgery in November. The dish garden made for a perfect Thanksgiving dinner table center piece.

Please join me in expressing your fellowship to the above Ganders. Also, don't forget to contact me if any of our fellow Ganders are in need of our thoughts and prayers.

Tote Fair,

Gander Wendy Fletcher
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www.nationalcapitalpond.com for the membership application.

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- September (1st Quarter)
- December (2nd Quarter)
- March (3rd Quarter)
- June (4th Quarter)

For an application go to <http://nationalcapitalpond.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/National-Capital-Pond-Charity-Committee.pdf>

We hope you have enjoyed this copy of The Honker.

Please remember to visit our new web site and like us on Facebook. If you should have any questions, concerns or comments you may contact any board member and committee members with a simple click on the contact us link. We work hard to make the National Capital Pond what it is today and we cannot



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