

# THE HONKER

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# JANUARY 2014



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## •Next Gathering•

## •Location•

02/06/13  
Open Meeting  
Initiation of new members  
Social Hour @ 5:30 pm  
Program @ 6:30 pm  
Dinner @ 7:00 pm  
Cost: \$35.00

Dave & Buster's  
Arundel Mills

Reservations required  
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## 2014 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

02/06/2014 Open Meeting - Initiation of new members

06/16/2014 Golf Outing

03/20/2014 March Madness      04/25/2014 Atlantic City Trip

04/03/2014 Open Meeting      05/01/2014 Open Meeting

Information on events will be in future News Letters and are listed on our web page [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com) on the events calendar!

# BRING ON THE MADNESS!



**Back by Popular Demand...  
Casino Night!**



The Annual **March Madness** Party at

Dave & Busters  
7000 Arundel Mills Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076



**Thursday March 20, 2014  
6pm-11pm**

Cost \$80.00 - Dinner and Open Bar

Checks Payable to **National Capital Pond**

Send to : Barb Markuski  
8550 Veterans Highway  
Millersville, MD 21108



RSVP by Friday March, 14, 2014 [Barb@CapezioContractor.com](mailto:Barb@CapezioContractor.com) 301-404-5758

**Sponsorship Opportunities \* Gift Raffles \* Door Prizes \* 50/50**

Space is limited \* Tables of 8 will be reserved

See sponsorship letter below.  
Act fast slots for sponsorships do not last long!



National Capital Pond's Annual March Madness Event  
Thursday, March 20, 2014

**We Need Your Help!!!**

Fellow Ganders and Friends of the National Capital Pond:

Last year's Casino Themed March Madness Event was a huge success, due in part to your donations, thank you again. We need your help again this year to make it even better. The sponsorship opportunities are listed below:

**Ace Sponsor: Gaming Table Sponsor**

Sponsor a Black Jack Table or Roulette Table for **\$500** per table.

Sponsor a Double Craps Table for **\$950**

**King Sponsor: Bar Sponsor - \$400.00**

Each Sponsor receives exclusivity in their vendor category (ie. GC, Mitigation, Dry Cleaner, etc.)

**Queen Sponsor: Desert Sponsor - \$500.00**

**Jack Sponsor: Gaming Prize Sponsor – Minimum value \$150.00, Maximum of 20 gaming prizes**

Possible suggestions of Gaming Prizes are: I-Pad, Wine Basket, Spa Basket, Sports Tickets, Night on the Town Basket with a gift certificate for a Hotel and Restaurant or a "Service Prize of a \$150.00 value"  
(ie. Handyman Services, Carpet Cleaning Service, \$150 towards Dry Cleaning, etc.)

**Don't delay, the Sponsorship opportunities fill up quickly!!!**

We will also be collecting **Door Prizes** at Dave & Busters on the day of the event. Ultimately, we would like to get at least 40 door prizes. In order to have the signs made for your Sponsorship and have your name displayed in the venue, I need to know what your Sponsorship will be by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

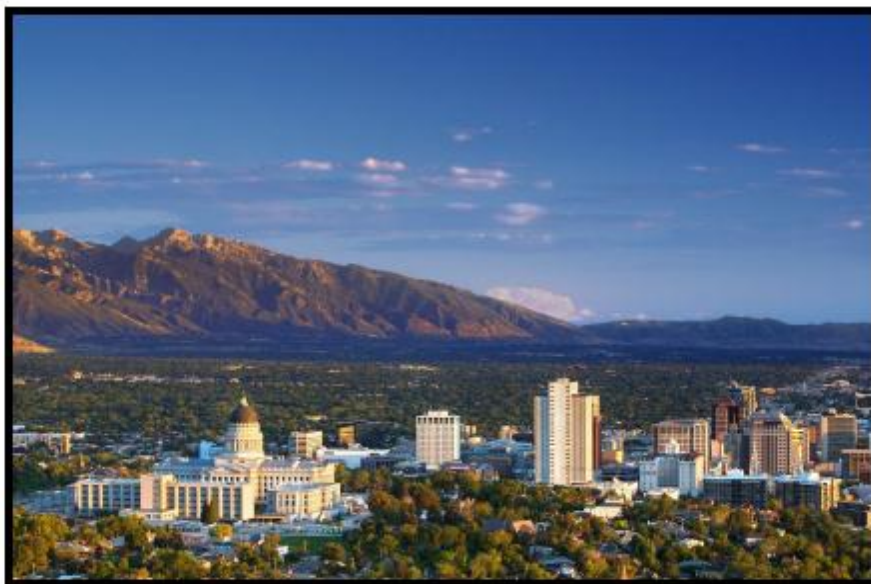
Thank you in advance for helping make the National Capital Pond March Madness Event a success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at either [wfletcher@keycleaning.com](mailto:wfletcher@keycleaning.com) or 443-962-0115.

Tote Fare,

*Wendy Fletcher*



## 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:

[Tour of Historical Salt Lake](#)  
[Temple Square](#)  
[Clark Planetarium](#)  
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[This is the Place Heritage Park](#)  
[Shopping](#)

Sincerely,  
The Utah Pond

Visit our site at [www.bluegooseutah.org](http://www.bluegooseutah.org)

**REGISTER DURING THE MONTH OF  
DECEMBER** and receive a registration  
package from the Utah Pond!

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

**For Questions, contact: John Paris**  
[parisinsurance@msn.com](mailto:parisinsurance@msn.com)  
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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**

**CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO: BLUE GOOSE CONVENTION 2015**

**MAIL THE STUBS, YOUR BUSINESS CARD AND CHECK TO:**

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THANK YOU,

THE 2015 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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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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Did you know advertising in the  
Honker supports our Pond?

## Now Soliciting Blue Goose Advertisers

“Are you looking for an affordable way to advertise to the Insurance Restoration Industry? The National Capital Pond publishes their newsletter monthly, 12 times per year. The newsletter is distributed to all of our members, over 140 people, each month. This is a great way to support our Pond and to make this marketing opportunity enticing we are offering several levels to fit each marketing budget.”

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.

301-404-5758

[Barb@CapezioContractor.com](mailto:Barb@CapezioContractor.com)

Send your business card via jpeg to Donna Digman @ [donna@servproofhuntvalley.com](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com) along with a hard copy to Donna Digman 1203 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Rosedale, MD 21237



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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!*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com)



**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!

*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!

- 1/3 – Mark Schafer, Dirk Thorne
- 1 /4 – Nick Margaritas
- 1/5 – Patrick Bergin
- 1/10 – Stephane Phillippe-Auguste
- 1/11 – Kathy Polley
- 1/13 – Peter Bergman, Dale Kunze
- 1/14 – John Ellis
- 1/20 – Robert Capezio
- 1/22 – Ellen Martin
- 1/23 – Carol Wray-Walker
- 1/25 – Doug (Goose) Gosewisch
- 1/26 – Hart Kerlin, Grace Hahn
- 1/27 – Gene Newman, Frank Potter
- 1/29 – Pat Gallon
- 1/30 – John Alderman

## The National Capital Pond Gives to Charity

We gave \$500 to three deserving Non-Profit Charities this past year and they are:

**Catholic Charities providing care & services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need:**

<http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/>

**The John Randolf Foundation's Dig Deep 12 Scholarship Fund in honor of Grayson Payne Austin:**  
<http://johnrandolphfoundation.org/SchIndiv.cfm?SchID=48>

**Living Classroom Foundation's GEM Girls Empowerment Mission working with disadvantaged high school girls in an effort to inspire them & lay the foundation for success:**

[https://livingclassrooms.org/ourp\\_girls\\_empowerment.php](https://livingclassrooms.org/ourp_girls_empowerment.php)

**The recipient must be:**

A not-for-profit organization: and endorsed by a National Capital Pond member in good standing

**Donations not to exceed one \$500 award per quarter. Donations are to be made in:**

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

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

### NEW MEMBERS



Do you have someone in mind to become a member of the NATIONAL CAPITAL POND?

Go to: [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com) for the membership application.

Do you have someone who would like to become a member of the National Capital Pond?  
If so you have time. We will be initiating new members in February. Go to [www.nationalcapitalpond.com](http://www.nationalcapitalpond.com) for an application!

### We need Holiday Party Photo's!

Do you have photos from this year's Holiday Party? We need them please send your photos to Donna Digman @ [donna@servproofhuntvalley.com](mailto:donna@servproofhuntvalley.com)

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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