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•Next Gathering•

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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

Guest Speaker:
Jeff Gould Public Adjuster
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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 on the events calendar!

Thank You!

The 2013 John Brenner Holiday Luncheon Was a Success!

The National Capital Pond should take great pride in another successful event in 2013. The attendance was a remarkable 463. The Trinity of Virtues, Character, Charity and Fellowship are the foundation of the Honorable order of the Blue Goose and no other event demonstrates this more in the National Capital Pond's John Brenner National Capital Pond Holiday Luncheon.

I would like to thank the officers of the pond and the committee members, Susie Sanin, Holly Agouridis, Ian Jenkins, Patrick Bergin, Bill Olson, Gene Newman, Jim Dorsey, Jimmy Lanham, Michelle Fitzwater, Barb Markuski, Wendy Fletcher, Whitney Kerridge, Donna Digman, and all others who all lent their support in the process of putting together another great event.

Your dedication has made this a remarkable success throughout the 42 year history of this event. I wanted to also thank all those who made their first appearance at the event. As you can see at no other time throughout the year are we able to bring this many people together. This year through the generosity of all the members we are donating \$19,235.55 to Children's National Medical Center and the D. C. Firefighters Burn Foundation. This exceeded last year's total by \$4,000.00!

The 2014 will be held on DECEMBER 9, 2014 at Martins Crosswinds in Greenbelt mark your calendars now.

THANK YOU,

George A. Burgee
Chairman of the Johns Brenner National Capital Pond Annual Charity Luncheon

We couldn't have done without our Contributors!
Our Sincere THANKS to ALL!

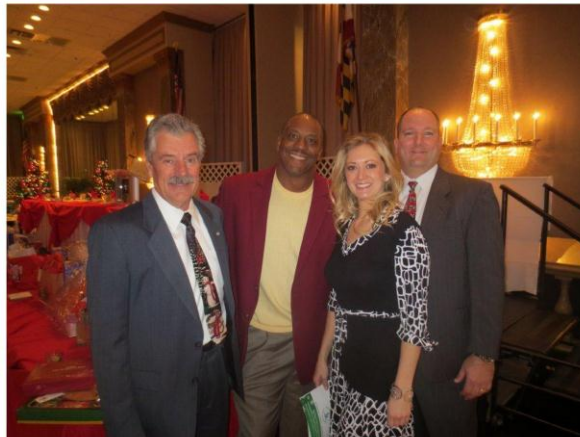
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Luncheon High Lights



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
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RSVP by Friday March, 14, 2014 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!



January 30, 2014

Fellow Ganders and Friends of the National Capital Pond:

Due to an overwhelming response from Sponsors for the Blue Goose March Madness Social on 3/20/14, I am happy to announce the **ACE Sponsorship** (Gaming Table Sponsor) and **Queen Sponsorship** (Dessert Sponsor) are **SOLD OUT**. Also, we only have 3 open vendor categories for the **King Sponsorship** (Bar Sponsor) left.

ACE Sponsors: Gaming Table Sponsor – **SOLD OUT** – Service Master of Montgomery, Frederick, Howard & Washington Counties, Restrionic, Harford Cleaners, Service Master of Baltimore, Paul Davis Restoration of Suburban Maryland & Washington, DC, and PuroClean Emergency Restoration Specialists.

Queen Sponsor: Dessert Sponsor – **SOLD OUT** – CRDN of Baltimore

King Sponsor: Bar Sponsor - \$400.00 – **There are still 3 open categories** for the King Sponsorship – Electronics Restoration, Law Firm and Accounting Firm. Each Sponsor receives exclusivity in their vendor category. Current King Sponsors are: ESI, Samons Services, CRM Construction, A Quality Finish, Mariners of the Bay, and Woodmoor Cleaners.

Jack Sponsor: Gaming Prize Sponsor – Minimum value \$150.00

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” (ie. day of Handyman Services, Carpet Cleaning Service, \$150 towards Dry Cleaning, etc.)

Don't Delay, these sponsorships will go quickly.

If your company becomes an **ACE, King, Queen or Jack Sponsor**, your company name will be displayed in the venue. If you decide to sponsor, please e-mail me what your Sponsorship will be.

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.

Thank you in advance for helping make the Blue Goose March Madness Social a success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at either wfletcher@keycleaning.com or 443-962-0115.

Tote Fare,

Wendy Fletcher

Tidbits Here and There!

Mid – Year Meeting!

The Mid Year meeting will take place in good ole New York City this year!

We are excited as we are waiting on the details. Block your calendar now for the 1st weekend in April!

Just one more time! We are doing it just one more time in memory of Alan “Buster” Levine!

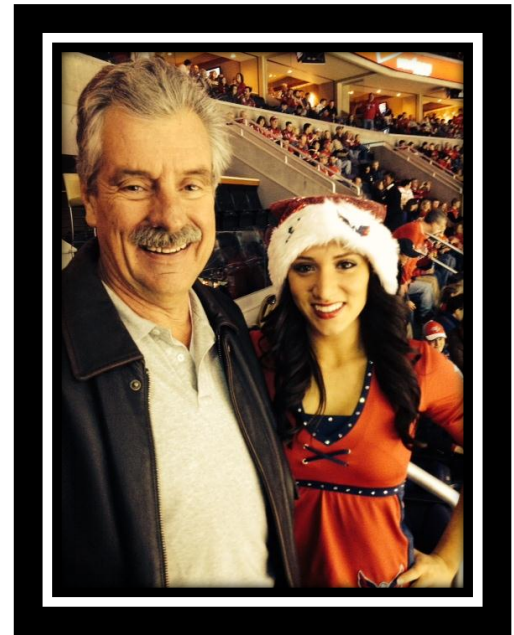
Yes, the bus will be traveling 95 to the boards of Atlantic City for our last annual Atlantic City Bus Trip. Jimmy Lanham will be heading the fleet as we go for a fun day of gamble and play.

More details and flyer to follow!

MLGG John Paris enjoying the sights and sounds of Washington DC.



John arrived early for the Annual Christmas Party! He was given a tour of Washington DC and finished off seeing the sights and sounds of a Washington Capitals Ice Hockey Game!



Mayhem

48 minutes ago

I'm the groundhog's shadow.



Groundhog Day 2014 Keep your winter coats handy. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. **6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER!** However, there are a few warm thoughts, The Phillies pitchers and catchers begin working out on 2/6 and The Orioles Pitchers and Catchers begin their Spring Training of 2/13 Yes, I said it Spring !



When I Find That Damn Groundhog I'm Gonna Kick His Ass !

Poor Kitty is going to be looking for a while after what the wolf did!

Come Visit our Nest in the Wild, Wild West!



Enjoy your free day in Salt Lake City during the 2014 convention!

Stop in Temple Square to see the world-renowned gardens surround the 35 acres of the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These gardens include 250 flower beds, more than 165,000 bedding plants, and over 700 varieties of plants from all over the world. The gardens are redesigned every six months and replanted by hundreds of volunteers.

Or – when in Salt Lake City, the Mormon Tabernacle is also a must see. You may not be able to stop in for a concert, but thirty-minute organ recitals are given in the Tabernacle Monday through Saturday at 12:00 noon and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Performances are by the Tabernacle organists and guest organists.

Early Bird Registration January 1 – May 14, 2014	Final Registration May 15 – June 22, 2014
Members/Spouses \$350	Members/Spouses \$370
Youth/Children \$225	Youth/Children \$250

Register now at www.hobgiregister.com

For convention questions, contact:
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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

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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.

301-404-5758

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Hot Off the Press!



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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 February's Meeting and SUPPORT MARCH MADNESS!

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!

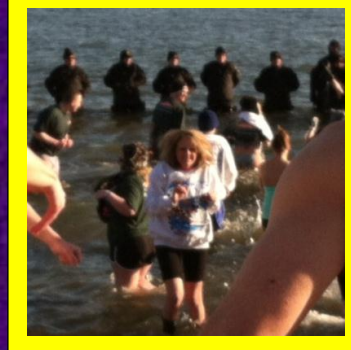
More information will follow in the next coming months!

The National Capital Pond Gives to Charity



Happy Birthday to YOU!

- 2/04 – Rick Oden
- 2/05 – Chad Day
- 2/06 – Nick Fitzwater
- 2/08 – Kim Trieschman
- 2/11 – Jim Schirmer
- 2/13 – Libby Green
- 2/14 – Alan Sadowski
- 2/15 – Whitney Kerridge
- 2/16 – Scott Dustin
- 2/19 – Ray Betler
- 2/21 – Kayleigh Gurney, Fred McPaul
- 2/22 – Manny Vendelis, Brian Agee, DiNetta Kerfoot



Did you know members of the National Capital Pond Give to Charities?

South River Restoration donates to Lauren's Luggage! Lauren's Luggage was brought to life by nine year Lauren in 2012 when a devastating fire happened at her home in which she lost mostly everything. An odd thing happened in the aftermath as reality hit fast and hard. Life was forever changed and for at least the immediate future as it related to Lauren, and her three older brothers Dustin, Bryce and Ryan who decided to change people's life one fire at a time. Lauren spends all her time making care packages for families whose lives have been affected by disaster. She personally delivers the items to the people who are in a time of need!

Visit her face book page here

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/LaurensLuggage/info>

The National Capital Pond has contacted Lauren's Luggage in regards to a possibility helping her with a quarterly donation.

SERVPRO of Hunt Valley / Lutherville along with SERVPRO of Catonsville took the plunge for Special Olympics. Thank you to the following companies for Supporting Donna Digman in her big plunge.

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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 do it without you!



The End

NEW MEMBERS



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

Go to: www.nationalcapitalpond.com for the membership application.



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