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•Next Gathering•

•Location •

Rocking the Red *The Verizon Center*
Washington Capital's
Fellowship, Ice Hockey, Beer & Buffet
02.19.15
6:00 pm
See flyer below



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2015 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

2/19/15 Monthly Meeting Hockey Game
03/19/15 March Madness
04/16/15 Monthly Meeting
05/21/15 Monthly Meeting
06/15/15 Golf Outing
07/16- 07/22 Convention

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

February's Meeting will be ROCKING!



National Capital Pond Hockey Night



Let's Rock The Red

National Capital Pond Hockey Night

All-Inclusive Package

Thursday 02/19/15 7:00 pm game time

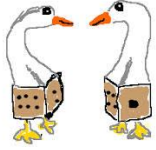
Washington Capitals vs. Winnipeg Jet's

All you can eat buffet dinner, unlimited beer, wine & soda starting at 6:00 pm. \$79.00 per ticket.

**For preferred seating order your tickets direct.
Contact Jessie Zahner / Manager, Corporate Sales
jzahner@monumentalsports.com / 202-661-5053
Mention Blue Goose when ordering**

FREE T-Shirt

**Once you have reserved your tickets, please confirm your order with
Patrick Bergin
pbergin@vericclaiminc.com / 410-925-4580**



Are you **READY** for **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 19, 2015
6pm-11pm**

**Music provided by
our very own....**

\$85.00 Dinner and Open Bar

Past MLG John Ellis

Checks payable to: National Capital Pond
Mail to: Barb Markuski
8550 Veterans Highway
Millersville, MD 21108



Please RSVP by March 12, 2015 to Barb Markuski at Barb@CapezioContractor.com or 301-404-5758

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

Space is limited * Tables of 8 will be reserved * First Come First Serve

**This is a fun filled event that sells out every year!
Get your tickets while they are HOT!**



National Capital Pond March Madness
Thursday, March 19, 2015



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 are counting on your help this year to make NCP March Madness even better. All proceeds will benefit the 2015 Blue Goose National Convention in Baltimore.

Sponsorship opportunities:

Ace Sponsor: Gaming Table Sponsor

Sponsor a Black Jack Table, a Roulette Table or a Double Craps Table

King Sponsor: Bar Sponsor

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

Queen Sponsor: Desert Sponsor

Jack Sponsor: Gaming Prize Sponsor

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" (i.e. seven hours of Handyman Services, seven room Carpet Cleaning Service, \$150 towards Dry Cleaning, etc.)

Additional details about sponsorship opportunities will be made available soon. Sponsorship signs will be displayed throughout the venue.

Thank you in advance for helping make NCP March Madness 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



Eastern Region Mid-Year Weekend 2015

Friday 3/20/15 – Sunday 3/22/15

Hilton Garden Inn – Fort Washington, PA
530 West Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Washington, PA 19034
215-646-4637 for reservations (Blue Goose Group)

We have reserved a block of 30 rooms for Friday and Saturday @ \$114.00 plus tax. Reservations must be made by 02/25/2015. We have the option of 10 more rooms at the discounted rate if the room block is realized by the cut-off date. Please register NOW.

The Scoop: This is a fun weekend, arriving on Friday night to socialize, please BYOB. There will be a buffet dinner at the hotel. We will have the Eastern Regional Meeting on Saturday morning at the hotel from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The afternoon activities include visiting historic Ambler for shopping and dining. For those who are more adventurous, Valley Forge National Historical Park is only 5 miles away for a self-guided tour. Valley Forge casino is also only 10 minutes from our hotel.

Saturday night we are planning on going to MaGerks Pub and Grill in Fort Washington to socialize and watch some March Madness basketball games. There will be a buffet dinner at the Pub beginning at 7:00 PM.

Questions? For more information please contact Frank Marx at 215-627-5900 email frankm@curleyadjustmetn.com or Andrea Clark at 267-695-1100 email aclark@mark1restoration.net
2015 Annual Eastern Region Blue Goose Mid-Year Weekend

I/We will be attending the Mid-Winter Meeting
Please register and pay by 02/25/2015

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Registration Fee _____ # of adults @ \$100.00 _____ # of children @ \$50.00

Names of additional attendees _____

Total \$ _____ payable to: **Eastern Region Convention Fund**

The registration fee covers the cost of dinner on Friday & Saturday. Breakfast is available at the Hotel at your own expense. They are providing us with a meeting room for our group on Saturday morning.

Send your check and registration form to:
Frank Marx
79 Matthew Circle
Richboro, PA 18954

Save the Date!

S.T.C. Support The Convention 2015



The National Capital Pond is hosting the 109th Annual Blue Goose Convention in famous and historic Baltimore Maryland's Inner Harbor!

We are looking for Sponsors to support our Convention . Join us in an event filled schedule which includes:

THE OPENING CEREMONIES

ALL INDUSTRY LUNCHEON

VENDOR EXPO

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT CRUISE

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015 CONVENTION IS NOW
GO TO THE WEBSITE www.nationalcapitalpond.com**

Click on the 2015 Convention Tab



To find out more information about our convention and sponsorships contact convention chairpersons:

Michelle Fitzwater, PMLG, WGQ – 443-717-4143, MichelleFitzwater2@gmail.com

Gene Newman, PMLG- 443-851-9596, newmang@verizon.net





HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BLUE GOOSE INTERNATIONAL



109th GRAND NEST CONVENTION 2015
JULY 19 – 22 2015

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International is a fraternal organization of men and women who work in the insurance industry and related fields. We are claims executives, claims adjusters, brokers, agents, contractors, cleaning and restoration specialist, attorneys, accountants, engineers and a host of others. The Blue Goose represents all aspects of the insurance industry.

The Blue Goose raises funds to provide needed support and contributes regularly to various charities across the US and Canada. Collectively we donated over \$250,000 for Charity last year. Along with being a fraternal organization, our meetings also provide networking opportunities for our members, as company people, agents, brokers, vendors and service organization personnel can interact in our pursuit of “*Character, Charity and Fellowship*”.

Every year we meet at an international convention known as the Grand Nest Convention. In 2015 the convention will be held in Baltimore Maryland at the Renaissance Hotel in the historic Inner Harbor area. We are seeking corporate sponsors to facilitate this great event. Enclosed is our corporate sponsor information wherein we present our tiered choices of sponsorship opportunities.

Please review the information for full details on what your sponsorship level will provide for your support. Should you wish to participate, kindly select a level of support, complete the form, and return it with your payment to Bill Olson, VeriClaim Inc P.O. Box 412, New Market, MD 21774 Please make your check payable the *Blue Goose Convention 2015*.

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your support.

Direct your inquires to any member of the Convention Executive Committee :

Bill Olson – 443-562-7250, wolson@vericlaiminc.com

Michelle Fitzwater – 443-717-4143, michelle.fitzwater@crdn.com

Gene Newman – 443-851-9596, newmang@verizon.net

Jim Kern – 410-952-0114, jkern@gma-cpa.com

The Grand Nest Convention will draw many insurance professionals and their families from across the United States and Canada.

Sponsors will be recognized by the attendees at the various activities including:

Registration Desk, Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremonies, Vendor Expo, All Industry Luncheon, Dinner Cruise, and the Grand Ball

For more information visit our websites:

www.nationalcapitalpond.com

or

www.bluegoose.org

Please email your ad copy to:

Bill Olson, VeriClaim Inc

wolson@vericlaiminc.com

and

George Burgee, Johns Eastern Company

GBurgee@JohnsEastern.com

CAPITAL LEVEL SPONSOR \$10,000

**Benefits: Inside Cover full page color ad in the 2015 program. Single sponsor signage at all events, 2 vendor expo tables (prime spot), Keynote speaker sponsor at the All Industry Luncheon
Ten convention registrations included.**

STARS LEVEL SPONSOR \$5,000

**Benefits: Full page color ad in 2015 program, vendor expo table (prime spot), sponsor signage at all events.
Four convention registrations included.**

STRIPES LEVEL SPONSOR \$2,500

Benefits: Half page color ad in the 2015 program, vendor expo table, sponsor signage at all events. Two convention registrations included.

FLAG SPONSOR LEVEL \$1,000

Benefits: Business card color ad in the 2015 program, sponsor signage at all events, vendor expo table. One convention registration included.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW WITH REGARDS TO YOUR SPONSORSHIP

GRAND NEST CONVENTION 2015
Sponsorship Application

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Fax _____
Email _____

PLEASE SELECT A SPONSOR LEVEL



CAPITAL SPONSOR \$10,000



STARS SPONSOR \$5,000



STRIPES SPONSOR \$2,500



FLAG SPONSOR \$1,000



2015 HOBGI Convention Baltimore, MD

Sunday, July 19—Wednesday, July 22, 2015

By sea or by land, you will not want to miss this year's convention! Join us as we celebrate old friends, make new ones, conduct business, but most of all have an unforgettable time!

Just two of some of the most amazing things you'll do while attending this year's convention. . .

- * Our Blue Goose Welcome Reception will be at the Top of the World Trade Center. It's across the street from our hotel and 27th floors up! You won't get a better view than here!
- * Come as a pirate or come in style as we set sail on the historic Baltimore harbor during our private family dinner on Spirit Cruises.

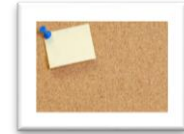


Go to www.nationalcapitalpond.com
to register.

AS OF JULY 1ST DUES WERE DUE!

PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE FITZWATER TO PAY YOUR DUES!

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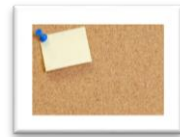
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Business Card size ad: \$240...**now only \$120**

Quarter Page ad: \$600...**now only \$300**

Half Page ad: \$900...**now only \$450**

Full Page ad: \$1,200...**now only \$600**

Please mail your check made out to:

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Barb Markuski c/o Capezio Contractors
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Millersville, MD 21108

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**We NEED You
in the
HONKER!**

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!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE YOUR HELP WANTED SECTION? LOOK NO FURTHER; POST YOUR AD IN THE HONKER AT NO COST TO YOU!

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



2014-2015 dues are due
Please contact Michelle Fitzwater to pay your dues!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

PLEASE BRING YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING OR GATHERING!

WELCOME TO THE HONKER!

The Honker Committee has new faces!
Please welcome Brittany Button with Harford Cleaners and Victoria Ronan with Clothes Call to the Honker Committee.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Important Reminders!

- ☺ Please pay your 2014 - 2015 dues.
- ☺ Read your Honker and send us feedback.
- ☺ Have you contacted Barb to become an advertiser for the National Capital Pond?

WOW! Did you see the specials The National Capital Pond is running for ad sponsors in The Honker?

WELCOME TO OUR POND!

In January we initiated 19 new members; please take the time Welcome our new members!

Tony Capezio

Larry Dean

Carrie DeLauro

Jon Fregger

Tom Gissler

Duane Gottschalk

Dereke Hoch

Jim Hupfl

Pernell Leamon

Allen Powell

Victoria Ronan

Sarah Glorioso

Rebecca Seubott

Sacha Snyder

Bill Taliaferro

Arron Warren

Ken Willcox

Mark Wilson

Trish Turner-Burroughs

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me this year by donating to the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge! With your on line donations and cash donations turned in the day of the plunge I was able to meet my goal of \$500.00. Your help and support means the world to me!

Donna Digman
SERVPRO of Hunt Valley,
Harford & Cecil Co,



Have you visited our web page? Liked us on Facebook? Followed us on Twitter? Connected with us on LinkedIn?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
Here are our links.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/blue-goose-national-capital-pond>

<https://twitter.com/bluegoosencp>



Happy Birthday to YOU!

- 2/5 – Chad Day
- 2/6 – Nick Fitzwater,
Trish Turner-Burroughs
- 2/8 – Kim Trieschman, Pernell Leamon
- 2/11-Jim Schirmer
- 2/13- Libby Green
- 2/14- Alan Sadowski, Duane Gottschaeck
- 2/15- Whitney Kerridge
- 2/16- Scott Dustin
- 2/20- Sarah Glorioso
- 2/22- Manny Vendelis,
Bryan Agee, DiNetta Kerfoot
- 2/28 – Carrie DeLauro

Due to your support and generosity we have been able to donate to the following Charities in the past.

- St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home
- Potomac Riverkeeper, Inc
- Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions Hughesville Hurricanes
- House of Ruth Maryland
- The Friends of Quiet Waters Park
- Red Cross A Day for Dez
- Girls Empowerment Mission
- Catholic Charities
- John Randolf Foundation Friends of Fort McHenry
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

To everyone who has helped the Pond, we **THANK YOU** with The **Happy Goose Award!**
Thank you for all your help & support!



We are going to be on Top of the WORLD!

Check out the World Trade Center @ <http://www.viewbaltimore.org/>



We are looking forward to a fun filled evening at our WELCOMING PARTY at this year's convention!

Are you Mad for the MADNESS?

PLEASE make your reservations for March Madness. This fun filled event sells out every year! If you have never been to Dave & Buster's check out their web page at <http://www.daveandbusters.com/default.aspx>

**~We are in the need for gaming sponsors ~
Please See Flyer Above.**

DON'T FEED



THE GEESE

National Capital Pond Gives to Charity

Do you have a Charity you would like to donate to? The National Capital Pond Donates to Charity every quarter.

Charity Donation Information is as follows:

The recipient must be:

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

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

- February (1st Quarter)
- May (2nd Quarter)
- September (3rd Quarter)
- November (4th Quarter)

For an application go to

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



STC Support the Convention 2015

Start planning now for the 2015 Convention!

Go to www.nationalcapitalpond.com for updates and details.



Dear fellow Ganders & Friends:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Lisa Mullen. Lisa and her husband Bill are long-time members of Blue Goose and regulars at Hartford and Bay State Pond meetings, Eastern Regional meetings, and Grand Nest Conventions.

Lisa served as the Hartford Pond's MLG in 1997-98 and was currently serving as the MLG of the Bay State Pond, and as a DMLGG for the Eastern Region. She also served as a key member of Hartford's 2005 Convention Committee, and as Hartford's Charity and Scholarship Chairperson for many years.

We know you all share in our grief and sadness. Lisa's infectious personality, perpetual smile and love of her family and friends will be greatly missed.



We have all lost a cherished friend.
"Hail, friend, and farewell"

Sadly,
Stephanie Petluck-Supervisor of the Flock
Bay State Pond of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International

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!



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