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MARCH 2015



•Next Gathering•

•Location •

MARCH MADNESS!

3/19/15

6:00 – 11:00

Dave & Buster's



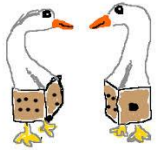
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2015 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

03/19/15 March Madness
04/16/15 Monthly Meeting
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06/15/15 Golf Outing
07/16- 07/22 Convention



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....**

Past MLG John Ellis

\$85.00 Dinner and Open Bar

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!!!

**Blue Goose March Madness Casino Night
Sponsorship Opportunities**

We Need Your Support!!!

The following sponsorships are still available and we need your support!

March Madness Casino Night Sponsor - \$400

Sponsor the amazing Blue Goose March Madness Casino Night! Your company's name will be listed on signage throughout the event and your company's name will be mentioned several times throughout the event.

King Sponsors – Bar Sponsor - \$400

Bar sponsors receive exclusivity in their category. Your company's name will be listed on signage throughout the event and your company's name will be mentioned several times throughout the event. Bar Sponsor from Electronics Restoration, Law Firm, Rug Cleaning, Flooring Company, HVAC Company, Roofers and other Associations.

Jack Sponsor – Gaming Prize Sponsor (min value of \$150)

Your company's name will be listed on signage throughout the event and your company's name will be mentioned several times throughout the event. Examples of Gaming Prizes are: \$150 gift card, wine basket, sports tickets, iPad, tablet, etc.

Thank you in advance for helping make Blue Goose March Madness Casino Night a success. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Fletcher at either wfletcher@keycleaning.com or 443-962-0115.

Don't forget to bring a door prize!!!

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.



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 27 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.

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

Reach over 160 Members with your 1 year ad

Business Card size ad: \$240.00

Quarter Page ad: \$600.00

Half Page ad: \$900.00

Full Page ad: \$1,200.00

Please mail your check made out to:

National Capital Pond:

Victoria Ronan

Marketing Director

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2421 Crofton Lane

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Send your ad electronically to:

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Donna Digman

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**We NEED You
in the
HONKER!**

Hot Off the Press!



Breaking News



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Breaking News



Welcome!

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!

SERVPRO OF Hunt Valley is looking for an experienced inside coordinator / administrative assistant. Experience in the industry with knowledge of XACTIMATE a plus! Please send your resume to patty@sphvhc.com

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!

Important Reminders!

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

Important note:

Please note as our pond is growing by leaps and bounds. Please realize how critical it is to RSVP to events and meetings. We would never like the idea of turning people away at the door of a function due to people not sending in a reservation to attend. We must provide the locations a head count for accuracy of food and pricing.

We THANK YOU for your corporation in this matter!

If you should ever have a question about an event or meeting please feel free to contact us.

The National Capital Pond Gives to Charity!



D.C. FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 4565 • Washington, DC 20017

December 30, 2014

National Capital Pond
c/o Michelle Fitzwater, PMLG
2536 Richfield Lane
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Dear National Capital Pond:

On behalf of the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation I would like to take a moment to say thank you for your generous donation of \$5,239.57. 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 burn 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Woods".

Jason Woods
President
DC Firefighters Burn Foundation

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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Happy Birthday to YOU!

- 3/2 – Allan Albrecht, Mike Shilling
- 3/5 – Erickson Flynn
- 3/8 – Patrick Bergmann
- 3/11- Dennis Donnally
- 3/13 – Wayne Odachowski, Jon Hass
- 3/14 – Chris Nardone
- 3/23 – Michael Smith (Trident)
- 3/27 – Scott Hoppe

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.



PHOTO'S NEEDED!

Did you ROCK THE RED at the Capital's Game in February? If you have photos of this fun filled night please send them to Donna at donna@servproofhuntvalley.com

We would love to post these photos on the web and show them off in future Honkers.

Thank you!

We are also looking for pictures from the 2014 Holiday Party!



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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