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• Next Gathering •

Thursday Sept 5th
Open Social Hour
Open Dinner \$35.00 per person
5:30 pm Social Hour
6:30 pm Initiations & Dinner
Members & Initiates Only during initiation

• Location •

Dave & Busters
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2013 UP COMING EVENTS • SAVE THE DATE

10/02/2013

Open Meeting Brewers Alley in Frederick

12/17/2013

Annual Holiday Party

11/07/13

Open Meeting location and time TBA

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

National Capital Pond – A Family Tradition for 3 Generations

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International (HOBGI) was founded in 1906 and promotes Charity, Character and Fellowship. The National Capital Pond (NCP) was chartered in 1948. We have a tradition of families being involved in this wonderful organization. Our annual Grand Nest Conventions are very family oriented with fun and educational programs for spouses and children. Many of the children of our members from across the United States and Canada have attended multiple conventions and have become great friends over the years.



Alex and Jeff Bergmann, Patrick and Sean Bergmann, Ken and Everett Bergmann

This past year we initiated Alex Bergmann of Bergmann's Cleaners / CRDN. He is one of (3) third generation members of the National Capital Pond. Alex's father is PMLG Jeff Bergmann and his grandfather is Ken Bergmann. Two of his uncles are also members, PMLG Patrick Bergmann and Peter Bergmann. The Bergmann family has been loyal supporters of the HOBGI, the NCP and the charities we support for as long as we can remember.



John IV and wife Sharon, John III and wife Cheryl Ann

PMLG John Ellis IV, President of Infinity Restoration shown here with his wife Sharon, is another third generation member of the NCP. His grandfather John Ellis II was a claims adjuster and his father is John Ellis III, formerly President of Ellis Restoration. His wife Cheryl was a great supporter of our annual Holiday Luncheon for Children's Hospital, bringing arm loads of door prizes and toys for the children. John IV continues that tradition with his generosity and support for everything we do.

National Capital Pond – A Family Tradition for 3 Generations - Continued



Greg and Barry Minkoff

Greg Minkoff, Vice President of the Minkoff Company is also a third generation member of the NCP. His grandfather was Harry Minkoff the founder of the Minkoff Company Inc and his father is Life Member Barry Minkoff. His uncle Rusty Minkoff is also a Life Member. The Minkoff Company has been one of the largest donors to Children's Hospital at the annual Holiday Luncheon from the very beginning and continues to support the National Capital Pond every year.

Listed below are some of the other past and present family members of the National Capital Pond.

PMLGG Barry Snyder and PMLG Pat Snyder

PMLG Michelle Fitzwater, Nick Fitzwater, Life Member Bill Gladmon and Woody Gladmon

PMLG Tom Cattell, Life Member Jim Cattell and Nan Cattell

PMLG George Nardone and Chris Nardone

PMLG Bill Clem and Donna Clem

PMLG Harvey Goodman and Lawrence Goodman

MLG Ian Jenkins and Ann Marie Jenkins

Life Member John Alderman and David Alderman

Jesse Turpin and Jimmy Turpin

Chuck Arnold and Stephen Arnold

Richard Batterton and Martha Batterton

Jason Digman and Donna Digman

Pat Gallon and Sean Gallon

Wayne Odachowski, Tim Odachowski and Mark Odachowski

Join us for



At Brewer's Alley

Save the Date!

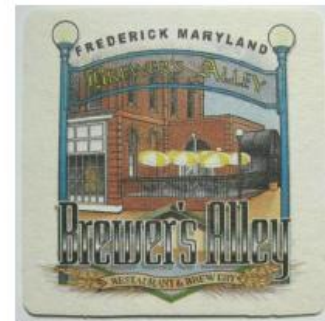
Please Join the National Capital Pond

October's Open Meeting / Social Gathering

October 2nd, 2013

Brewers Alley in Frederick

124 N Market St. Frederick, MD 21701



Happy hour 6:00 pm with German Oktoberfest beer. (cash bar)

German Oktoberfest Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm

Music till 10:00 pm

A big Thank you goes out to Capezio Contractors and Restrionics for sponsoring the music to help make our Oktoberfest a fun filled evening!

\$35.00 per person

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Star-Spangled Banner Defenders' Day Weekend



Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine
and the Friends of Fort McHenry present



Star-Spangled Banner Defenders' Day Weekend September 13-15, 2013

★ Defenders' Day, Baltimore's oldest holiday, honors the successful defense of the city from British attack and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1814 ★

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10-10:30AM: Special Fort McHenry Quarter Launch! The newest quarter in the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters® Program for 2013 features Fort McHenry! Join representatives of Fort McHenry, the Treasurer of the United States, elected officials and students for a traditional "coin pour." Exchange cash for new Fort McHenry quarters in \$10 increments, courtesy of MGT Bank.

5:45PM: Flag Ceremony at Federal Hill and Procession down Riverside Avenue. Featuring the hand-stitched "Star-Spangled Banner Flag," visitors are invited to participate in an unrolling ceremony. Living Historians will place a wreath at the General Sam Smith and Major George Armistead monuments. Join the Fort McHenry Guard as they lead a procession to Riverside Park for a fife and drum concert before parading to Fort McHenry.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14*

8AM-4PM*: Large living history encampment & more. Featuring military drills, cooking demonstrations, musket and cannon firings, dress parade, author readings and Star-Spangled Banner flag interactive activities. Kids & adults can join in the fun! **Special Feature!** The newest quarter in the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters® Program will feature Fort McHenry and will be available for exchange in \$10 increments (while supplies last) ONLY at Fort McHenry this weekend. Exchange courtesy of MGT Bank.

10AM-4PM: Fort McHenry Boat Tour—get a glimpse of Francis Scott Key's experience on the water during the Battle of Baltimore in 1814 and hear how he was inspired to write the words to what would become our National Anthem. Tours leave on the hour \$10 Adults and \$5 Children (ages 3-11).

Saturday Evening Spectacular!

6-9PM: Free Evening Ceremony. Greetings by dignitaries followed by a procession by the U.S. Army Old Guard. See the same horse-drawn caisson used at Arlington National Cemetery as it triumphantly bears the Maryland Historical Society's replica hand-made Star-Spangled Banner Flag. See the flag ceremoniously raised over the Fort! The U.S. Army Drill Team will showcase precision drill followed by a cannon-firing "battle" demonstrating the tactics used to defend Baltimore in 1814; patriotic concert by the U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus!

5-9PM: Friends of Fort McHenry's Annual Star-Spangled Spectacular Reception. Experience the evening ceremony while enjoying a lavish buffet from Atlantic Caterers, Ryleigh's Oysters, Heavy Seas Beer, Atlantic Wines, raffles, and more.
Adults \$75 & Children \$25 ★ www.friendsoffortmchenry.org

@Dusk: "By the Rocket's Red Glare" symbolic ship-to-shore "bombardment" w/ pyrotechnic "bombs bursting in air," the singing of the National Anthem & BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY!!!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15*

8AM-3PM*: Large living history encampment & more. Featuring military drills, cooking demonstrations, musket and cannon firings, dress parade, author readings and Star-Spangled Banner flag interactive activities. Kids & adults can join in the fun! **Special Feature!** The newest quarter in the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters® Program will feature Fort McHenry and will be available for exchange in \$10 increments (while supplies last) ONLY at Fort McHenry this weekend. Exchange courtesy of MGT Bank. **10AM-4PM: Fort McHenry Boat Tour**—same as Saturday.

*PARK HOURS: Friday 8AM - 5PM ★ Saturday 8AM - 9PM ★ Sunday 8AM - 5PM

ADMISSION: Day: \$7 per adult (age 16 and up) & FREE for children ★ Sat. Eve. Public Show - 6PM until Fireworks: FREE.

2400 E. Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD 21230 ★ www.nps.gov/fomc ★ www.friendsoffortmchenry.org ★ 410-962-4290



Due's Notice

Received your dues notice and still meaning to send in your dues? For easy reference print this page and mail your payment to Michelle ASAP. Dues were due by August 23rd 2013.



Membership Dues Notice

Date
July 24, 2013

	AMOUNT OWED
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 Membership Dues	50.00
PLEASE RETURN INVOICE WITH 50.00 PAYMENT BY AUGUST 23, 2013	
TOTAL	50.00

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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!



Hot Off the Press!



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 got 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



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

**HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR DUES?**

Always Remember A lesson from Canadian Geese



Important Reminders!

- ☺ Please pay your 2013 - 2014 dues.
- ☺ Read your Honker and send us feedback.
- ☺ September's meeting we will be initiating new members. Have all the applications been turned in?
- ☺ Have you contacted Barb to become an advertiser for the National Capital Pond?



Happy Birthday to YOU!

- 9/5 – Chuck Arnold
- 9/7 – Vanesah Noechel
- 9/8 - Chuck Weirath, James Turpin
- 9/11 – Carl Hackerman
- 9/13 – Sherri Oughtan
- 9/14 – Kenneth Rizer, Daniel Bowen
- 9/21 – John Pletcher
- 9/22 – Scott Rhine
- 9/26 – Ian Jenkins
- 9/28 – Mike Schaal
- 9/30 – Bernie Russick

Congrats to Ian Jenkins of Restronics! This year as the board members of the Pond planned our up and coming year! A friendly game of golf was played. Ian showed his skills and took home the prize! Which will be handed down year to year to the top dog on the course.



National Capital Pond Gives to Charities

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:

- 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>

NEW MEMBERS

WANTED



Now is the time!

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

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



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!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in September.

As the meetings start back up in full swing at our September meeting remember to check our web page periodically for updates regarding our pond.



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