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## Favorite Organizing Products and Corporate Partner Expo

Monday, May 2, 2011 6:30 pm — 9:00 pm

### *In This Issue*

We'll start with the meeting with the Corporate Partner Expo. You'll have an opportunity to check out their spring promotions and learn about their referral programs. It is a great opportunity to get to know our Corporate Partners and build a business relationship with them.

The meeting will continue with the always popular show and tell of new and favorite organizing products and services. Learn from fellow members what they like and use to help your clients achieve optimum organization.

### **Ask the Expert**

If you are new to organizing, attend the "Ask the Expert" session. It is an informal gathering where new organizers can receive free advice on owning an organizing business from members of the Golden Circle, a prestigious designation within NAPO for experienced organizers.

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### **Location**

[Rock Creek Mansion](#)  
5417 West Cedar Lane  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
Parking is free and plentiful!

Hey, want to beat the traffic and meet up for dinner with fellow chapter members? Prior to meetings in Bethesda, folks can meet up at the Chipotle at 10400 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. They specialize in burritos and other Mexican delights. Buen apetito!

### **Agenda**

6:30—7:00 pm Registration, networking, and "Ask the Expert" focus group

7:00—9:00 pm Program and business meeting.

Guests are welcome to attend for a \$25 fee per meeting.

*Professional Attire Please*

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**To develop, lead and promote professional organizers and the organizing industry.**

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## The NAPO-WDC Presence Within NAPO



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I went to the recent NAPO conference expecting to represent the Washington DC chapter. Boy, was I wrong! With seventeen chapter members traveling to San Diego for the event, with every turn I made I saw a NAPO-WDC presence.

My conference experience began by attending the leadership forum. The room was filled with national and chapter representatives, but I easily spotted several of my local colleagues. Our chapter member and NAPO board member Lauren Halagarda reported on the new technology that NAPO is implementing. The most awaited is the new chat service. I can't wait to use it. Thanks for all your hard work Lauren. I learned so much about NAPO's new strategic plan. I got to discuss my thoughts and question the issues I had with several NAPO board members. I now more clearly understand the goals of the plan.

Before the conference officially began, I ran into Helena Alkhas and Katie Mazzocco, two of our newest chapter members, who were attending a pre-conference session. They made a great choice to dive in and learn as much as they could while at conference. I met up with Cris Sgrott-Wheedleton and we shared information about what we had learned from other chapters around the country.

On the official first day of the conference, I began to focus on my conference goals, while still running into chapter members at every turn. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Jane Campbell during a conference session and ate with Deb Lee and Heather Coccozza at the NAPO awards lunch.

I spotted Emily Belcher sitting behind me in another session, ran into Tammy Laurent in the Expo and Andrea Hancock, Missy Thomas and I sat down on the floor and ate our box lunch together so we could catch up.

I spotted Alejandra Costello, an experienced conference-goer, meeting with her conference buddy. What a great help that can be to a first-time attendee. I can't forget my conference roommate, Terri Fischer, who made me feel right at home.

One of the best surprises was being able to catch up with Mindy Jeppesen, our recently transplanted chapter member. It was great to see her and her daughter and hear how living south of the border was going.

I can't talk about my conference experience without mentioning the NAPO-WDC chapter members who made it happen. Scott Roewer was this year's conference chairperson. I don't think that I saw Scott sit down the entire conference. What a great job he did. I'd also like to thank Susan Kousek for her contributions to the conference committee. She was so helpful coaching me before the session I presented. I learned that it truly takes a village to put on an event like this.

Although it sounds like I spent all my time with our chapter members, I met so many organizers from around the country and learned so much from just simple conversations with them. I am truly grateful – what a great conference!

The next NAPO conference is only ten months away. I encourage you to plan now to attend. With the conference right up Interstate 95 in Baltimore, it will never be so convenient and affordable. The experience will help you and your business grow.

# Membership Appreciation and Awards Dinner

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. and join fellow NAPO-WDC members, the board of directors and Corporate Partners (no spouse or guests please) for a lively evening of networking and appreciation. This year we will be dining at [Brio Tuscan Grille](#) in Tyson Corner Mall next to Barnes and Noble.

We'll start with a salad and you can choose from chicken, fish or pasta followed by delicious desserts to cap off the evening. There will be a cash bar.

There's plenty of parking in the garage. The closest location is in section P4 or P5.

You will not want to miss NAPO-WDC's Award Ceremony where Professional Organizer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Corporate Partner of the Year will be

announced. In addition, this is the evening where one lucky member will win a free NAPO-WDC Membership for the 2011-2012 chapter year!

**You must pay in advance for this event and you can do it one of two ways:** We will accept cash or a check for \$39 at the May chapter meeting or you can send a check to Susan Unger, NAPO-WDC Treasurer, 1711 Raleigh Hill Road, Vienna, VA 22182. Checks should be made payable to NAPO-WDC.

The deadline to reserve your seat is May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Please send any questions or dietary concerns to Pierrette Ashcroft at [development@dcorganizers.org](mailto:development@dcorganizers.org).

## We want to hear from you.

On April 28 members will receive a survey by email. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions; your feedback is important to us.

As a small reward every member who completes the survey will receive \$5 toward their ticket to the June Awards Dinner. That's the night we celebrate and show our appreciation to our members who volunteer throughout the year.

If you have questions, send them to [Pierrette Ashcroft](#).

## Call for Speaker Proposal Submissions for MARCPO 2011

The Washington DC Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers is requesting proposal submittals to speak at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for Professional Organizers (MARCPO) to be held on October 15, 2011.

We are looking for keynote and session speakers who offer topics relevant to organizing and productivity professionals and/or small business owners. Familiarity with the organizing industry and solopreneurs is required.

If you know someone who would like to submit a proposal to present at MARCPO, suggest they sign up for information on our home page of [NAPOWDC.com](http://NAPOWDC.com) or contact [Janet@BasicOrganization.com](mailto:Janet@BasicOrganization.com).

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# Quantum Leap® Volunteers Embrace Homestretch

## September

- 13 Chapter Meeting:  
**What's In Your  
Client's Attic?**  
Rock Creek Mansion  
Bethesda, MD
- 21 Book Club North
- 23-25 NSGCD Fall  
Conference  
Austin, Texas

## October

- 2 MARCPO
- 4 Chapter Meeting:  
**Case Studies  
Round Table  
Discussions**  
Kena Shriners  
Fairfax, VA
- 20 Book Club South

## November

- 1 Chapter Meeting:  
**Strategic Partners:  
How to Recognize,  
Attract and Build  
Effective  
Relationships**  
Rock Creek Mansion  
Bethesda, MD
- 16 Book Club North

## December

- 6 Chapter Meeting:  
**Team Up: Organizing  
With Collaborative  
Partnerships**  
Kena Shriners  
Fairfax, VA

## January

- 3 Chapter Meeting:  
**Space Planning  
Preview**  
Rock Creek Mansion  
Bethesda, MD
- 11 Book Club North



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Last month, seven NAPO-WDC members devoted their time and talents to our community partner, Homestretch. Under the auspices of Quantum Leap®, the community service program of NAPO, Time Management classes were given to 51 adults in the Homestretch program. This program empowers homeless families to attain housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge and hope that they need to become productive participants in their communities. Many thanks to our Quantum Leap® team!



(left to right) Nicole Oostyk (Homestretch Child Services Coordinator), Lynn Meltzer of Clutter and Paperworks, Janet Schiesl of Basic Organization, Helen Montfort of Making Space for Life, LLC, Judy Tiger of Just That Simple, Christopher Fay (Homestretch Executive Director), Alisa Levy of Embrace Your Space, Terri Fischer of Consider It Done and Xan Koneff of Orchestrated Moves

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# CPO Study Group

## *Prep for June exam*

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Are you considering sitting for the Certified Professional Organizer exam in June 2011? If so, you may be interested in joining the NAPO-WDC Chapter CPO Study Group.

To participate you must agree to read one or more of the Board of Certified Professional Organizer's (BCPO's) suggested reference books, take notes on the book and present the highlights of the books to the others in the CPO Study Group.

Please contact the group leader, Cris Sgrott-Wheedleton, to receive your book assignment(s). She can be reached at [Cris@OrganizingManiacs.com](mailto:Cris@OrganizingManiacs.com) or 703-969-8407. The group meets:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month through June 2011  
 7:00 pm—8:30 pm  
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 43670 Greenway Corporate Drive  
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Questions about sitting for the CPO examination, can be directed to Heather Coccozza, PMP, CPO® [hcoccozza@coccozzaorgdesign.com](mailto:hcoccozza@coccozzaorgdesign.com) or 703-276-1243 ext. 2.

### Become a Certified Professional Organizer® (CPO®)

Check out the official [CPO® website](#) to find eligibility requirements, answers to commonly asked questions and other details to help you decide if you are ready to sit for future CPO® examinations.

#### Benefits of Certification

- Recognition of achievement within the industry.
- Competitive market advantage.
- Professional development and increased knowledge gained through preparation for the BCPO examination.
- Listing on the BCPO web site.
- Authority to use the CPO® designation on letterhead, business cards and all marketing materials.

### Membership News: Prorated Dues Now in Effect

NAPO-WDC launched a prorated dues structure last year. Prorated dues began on February 1. The prorated dues option only applies to new members joining at this time. All new members will be subject to the full renewal rate as of October 1. Please visit the chapter website at for details or contact Jackie Kelley, director of membership at [membership@dcorganizers.org](mailto:membership@dcorganizers.org).

#### February

7 Chapter Meeting:  
**Capturing Your Share of the Booming Senior Marketplace**  
 Kena Shriners  
 Fairfax, VA

16 Book Club South

#### March

7 Chapter Meeting:  
**Basic Feng Shui to Enhance Your Professional Organizing Practice**  
 Rock Creek Mansion  
 Bethesda, MD

22 Book Club North

#### April

4 Chapter Meeting:  
**Referral Fees Panel Discussion**  
 Kena Shriners  
 Fairfax, VA

6-9 NAPO National Conference  
 San Diego

20 Book Club South

#### May

2 Chapter Meeting:  
**Favorite Organizing Products**  
 Rock Creek Mansion  
 Bethesda, MD

17 Book Club North

#### June

6 Chapter Meeting:  
**Membership Appreciation and Awards Dinner**  
 Location: TBD

July

19 Book Club North

**No chapter meetings in July or August.**

## Newsletter Information

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### **Newsletter Topic Schedule**

Sept	Welcome Back
Oct	Disaster Preparedness
Nov	MARCPO Recap
Dec	Clutter Free Gift Giving and Holiday Organizing
Jan	Board Duties and GO Month
Feb	Board Nomination Bios
Mar	Social Media
Apr	Spring Cleaning and Feng Shui
May	What's New and My Favorite Things
Jun	NAPO 2011

The deadline for each newsletter submission is one week after each chapter meeting.

The NAPO-WDC Chapter is

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# Website Report

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### **TECH TIP** — Phase 2 Done!

That's right party people, the second phase of the new website is complete!! Here's a quick rundown of what we accomplished:

- Automated the back-end process for new member sign up;
- Rebuilt the database to be more user-friendly, easier to navigate and editable by the communications and technology director (that's me!);
- Added functions to the Members Only section to enable members and Corporate Partners to retrieve both usernames and passwords in case they forget their login credentials;
- Added capability for the communications and technology director to easily update and/or edit parts of the website that are dynamic and/or heavily coded (i.e. fee schedule, giving award winners free membership);
- Added fields to membership application and member listings to showcase volunteer and/or board work.

What does all this mean? It means we have more control and can update/edit the website with almost no help from a webmaster. That saves us money!

It means we have streamlined some processes that used to be manual and cumbersome. That saves us time!

It means our website looks better, works better and overall IS better. That is awesome!!!

follow us on  
**twitter**



# Book Club News

Coordinator: Lynn Meltzer  
*Clutter and Paperworks*

When: Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm

Where: Home of Penny Catterall  
Bethesda, MD  
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This month's book is an ordinary man's inspiring journey toward a simpler, more meaningful life:

*"The 100 Thing Challenge: How I Got Rid of Almost Everything, Remade My Life, and Regained My Soul"* by Dave Bruno

In 2008, average American family man Dave Bruno decided to unhook himself from the intravenous drip of consumerism that fueled his life by winnowing all his personal possessions down to just 100 things. Little did he realize that he would be igniting a grass-roots movement—soon after Dave embarked on his journey, media around the world took notice and others started to follow his lead.

A cause for pause, *The 100 Thing Challenge* is a response to the culture of materialism in America, one that has filled our lives with the constant and unsatisfactory desire for "more." Dave Bruno offers compelling anecdotes and practical advice to help readers live more meaningfully, simply by casting off the unnecessary "stuff" that clutters their lives. *The 100 Thing Challenge* is a golden opportunity to experience the positive changes that occur as you defiantly hop off the treadmill of consumerism. ([Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com))



## Check Out the NAPO-WDC Book Club!

Take part in this great opportunity to get to know other members and to share your knowledge. The **NAPO-WDC Book Club** meets every other month and choose their own books.

All chapter members are welcome to attend. The club reads organizing books or books related to business. We discuss the aspects of each book and how the book relates to our work as organizers and small business owners.

Please check the chapter newsletter for future dates for the Book Club. RSVP to Lynn Meltzer at [arnielynn@verizon.net](mailto:arnielynn@verizon.net) or 301-530-3551 for directions

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committed to providing information through the newsletter. Contributions from members are encouraged. All articles are subject to editing. Please include your full name, business name, email address and photo for possible publication.

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, please contact Lauri Mennel, [Lauri@BluebonnetPO.com](mailto:Lauri@BluebonnetPO.com). NAPO-WDC makes no endorsement of products or services advertised.

Advertising sizes and rates:

Small (3 1/2 x 2") \$30

Medium (3 1/2 x 4") \$50

Large (7 x 4") \$100

25% discount for members

25% discount for repeat ads (three or more consecutive months)

All ads must be pre-paid. Rates subject to change at anytime.

## Board Meetings

Board meetings are scheduled immediately preceding each chapter meeting. Board meetings are open to all chapter members. To ensure enough space at the location of an upcoming board meeting, non-board members who wish to attend should contact Chapter President Janet Schiesl one week prior to the meeting.

NAPO-WDC  
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## PR Corner

Alisa Levy of *Embrace Your Space* did a presentation on organizing for a 'Family Member' Hoarding Support Group. This four session support group was sponsored by the Jewish Social Service Agency and the Gaithersburg Hoarding Task Force of which Alisa is a member.

*Have you given a presentation to a community or professional group? Been featured in a news article? Interviewed on a radio or television show? Don't forget to send the details to the [newsletter editor](#) so we can all bask in your glow!*

# Spotlight: My Favorite Things



[Andrea I. Hancock](#)  
*B Dexterous LLC*

My new "favorite thing" is the NAPO Conference! Did you have monkey bars in your schoolyard playground? I did. I remember courageously

stepping up to the height of the first bar and gradually putting both hands on the first rung thinking it would be easy to glide each arm across to the next and then the next. But the reality was, my little weak childish muscles were unable to let one hand go to swing to the next rung. Each time I tried, I came crashing back down to the sand until my feeble calloused hands were tired. Starting your own business is no playground. It's serious business. You have a lot on the line in most cases — your finances, your future, your dignity. You step up to the plate, ready to make the most of your new venture and suddenly the gravity of each task can weigh you down. Sometimes you feel your fingers slipping into the sands of despair.

Then you joined NAPO and suddenly under your bended, hanging knees you felt support — the support of shoulders that have traversed the same sands and that help you finally let go those four fingers to the next rung — then the next and the next.

During the NAPO conference a few weeks ago, I was able to get to the next rung in my business (at least mentally, which in my opinion is sometimes half the battle). I felt the support of shoulders in an environment of women and men who have found success in helping their clients with breakthroughs and challenges, and love it. They want to help change the world one disorganized home or business or person at a time, and they graciously want the newcomers to our industry to learn to do the same thing.

The 2011 NAPO conference will indelibly be a rich part of my entrepreneurial history where I learned a great deal about building an organizing business that helps others. I

was also inspired to see that our industry is more than just managing paper and de-cluttering client's homes but can actually change lives.

I highly encourage those who haven't been to a NAPO conference to realize it's more than just some voices on a CD that can be borrowed from our lending library (I was guilty of feeling that way).

It's an experience of being surrounded and engulfed in the spirit and excitement of people helping people to help people.

It's the excitement of realizing you are investing in your business and if you apply at least three or four of the things you've learned you can see your investment flourish.

It's gaining the confidence to move forward despite your fears and inexperience. It's the joy of meeting people who have the same interests, goals and aspirations as you from all over the country and even the world! It's the solace of feeling your bended knees hit the shoulders of support so you can take your four fingers to the next rung, then the next and the next.



[Cris Sgrott-Wheedleton](#)  
*Organizing Maniacs*

My favorite product? What can I say? I love sturdy, easy to use, easy to assemble and

easy to carry products. This year, besides folders and clear bins, my favorite products were the Home Depot Workforce shelving units.

They come in 18" or 24" deep; they have five shelves and are made of plastic. If you want it to be shorter you don't have to use all five shelves. The shelves are ventilated and they are extremely easy to assemble. I can put them in my car, take them off, and carry

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# Welcome New Board!

We are pleased to introduce your new NAPO WDC Chapter Board of Directors for 2011-2012. These board members will officially take office on May 15, 2011. Please wish the new board a warm welcome!

 <p>Janet Schiesl <i>Basic Organization</i> NAPO-WDC President</p>	 <p>Alisa Levy <i>Embrace Your Space</i> NAPO-WDC Vice-President</p>	 <p>Lauri Mennel <i>Bluebonnet Professional Organizing</i> NAPO-WDC Secretary</p>
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 <p>Carly Poppalardo <i>Real Organized</i> NAPO-WDC Director of Marketing</p>	 <p>Terri Fischer <i>Consider It Done</i> NAPO-WDC Director of Corporate Partners</p>	 <p>Denise Burrell <i>Let's Re-Arrange It! LLC</i> NAPO-WDC Director of Membership</p>

## NAPO-WDC Chapter Membership Dues

Regular chapter membership requires membership in NAPO National (*see below*).

Regular chapter member (local)	\$165
Regular chapter member (non-local)	\$120
New member one-time processing fee	\$ 25
Corporate Partner Standard:	\$275
Corporate Partner Premium :	\$450
CP one-time processing fee	\$50

Membership year is from October 1 through September 30. NAPO-WDC Chapter membership information and application visit [www.napowdc.com](http://www.napowdc.com) or contact the Membership Director Jackie Kelley at [membership@dcorganizers.org](mailto:membership@dcorganizers.org). Corporate Partner info, contact Susan Perez at [corppartners@dcorganizers.org](mailto:corppartners@dcorganizers.org).

## NAPO National Annual Member Dues

Industry Member—	
Provisional	\$200
Industry Member — Level 1 (w/o employees)	\$230
Industry Member — Level 2 (w/employees)	\$280
Corporate Associate	\$615
One-time processing fee	\$ 25

Send NAPO National dues to:

NAPO  
15000 Commerce Parkway  
Suite C  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Tel: 856-380-6828 Fax:  
856-439-0525

Visit the website to download a membership application.

## Membership News

There are currently 106 members and eight Corporate Partners in NAPO-WDC. There were 36 members (regular and CP) at our April chapter meeting and we hosted two guests.

### New Members

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### Membership Directory

Detailed information about members can be found on our chapter website, [www.napowdc.com](http://www.napowdc.com), in the **Members Only** section.

### Changes and Corrections

Once you join or renew your chapter membership, you can update your own information at any time. Go to [www.napowdc.com](http://www.napowdc.com). From the "About Us" menu, select "Members Only Pages." Enter your NAPO National membership number and your unique password. Click "My Account" and make changes.



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On April 4, we met at the Kena Shriner in Fairfax, VA. Our program included a panel discussion about referral fees.

Alisa Levy started the meeting with the ice breaker. Several members stood up and shared their recent successes. We acknowledged our new members going to the NAPO National Conference for the first time, as well as our veteran members going back. Other successes included receiving residual income from websites, a Freedom Filer presentation and a first electronic organizing project. Thank you for sharing!

Jackie Kelley acknowledged our two guests! She thanked them for visiting and hoped they would come again as members next time! Our newest member, Kathy

## April Meeting Summary

Randall, took a few minutes to tell us about herself. Susan Perez acknowledged our corporate partners who were here: Zack Johnson from 123 Junk, Ron Goodess and Judy Stone with Re-Sale Solutions, Joe Johnson from Shelf Genie and Linden Coyne with Junk in the Trunk.

We recognized our volunteers of the month. Thank you to our members that volunteered at Homestretch for our Quantum Leap program.

Our panelists were Kim Oser, CPO® with Put It Away, Joe Johnson with Shelf Genie, Linden Coyne with Junk in the Trunk and C.Lee Cawley, CPO® with Simplify You. Thank you to the panelist for sharing so much great information.

Lauri Mennel is retiring from the newsletter. We need a new editor-in-chief! Please send her an email if you are interested.

Congratulations to the recently elected new Board of Directors!

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them inside of my client's home without any assistance.

I call them "woman friendly shelves," and they are by far my most cost efficient solution for garages, storage

spaces, laundry rooms and closets. Everyone loves that they can hold 750 pounds of stuff! I would be embarrassed to say how many I have bought this year, so they are my favorite product!



**Cheryl Larson**  
*Cheryl's Organizing*  
*Concepts LLC*

This is a product I just found last year and really like. I used it in my new kitchen at home first.

Bamboo Custom Fit Spring Loaded Drawer Dividers made by [Lipper International Inc](http://Lipper International Inc). They can be found at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Their dimensions are 5/8" wide x 2 3/8" high x 17 3/8" to 22 1/8" deep.



# Golden Circle News



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## Golden Circle Gatherings

There are several upcoming Golden Circle gatherings scheduled. On Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 pm there will be a potluck at Helen Montfort's home in Bethesda.

There will be another potluck dinner at Helen's home on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 pm.

Finally, our Second Annual Golden Circle Social Outing will take place on Sunday, October 2. It will be a wine tour in Virginia with

Reston Limousine providing the transportation. Mark your calendars now!

## Ask the Expert Table

At the beginning of each chapter meeting, an "Ask the Expert" table is hosted by Golden Circle members. This gives new folks an opportunity to ask questions of more seasoned organizers and for GC members to give back to the organizing community. Victoria Robinson of Clutterbucks hosted the "Ask the Expert" table at the April meeting. Thanks Victoria!

## Golden Circle

Golden Circle originated in 1990 as a way to recognize our veteran members with a special designation for their dedication to the organizing profession and to NAPO. There are more than 600 members throughout the country and 48 in our area.

If you've been in business as an organizer for at least five years and a NAPO member for at least one year, you may qualify for GC membership. To apply, go to the Members Only section of [NAPO.net](http://NAPO.net) and click on Golden Circle.

There are no membership fees or dues and new members receive a GC certificate and a gold membership pin. The GC logo can be used on your marketing collateral and you are designated in the national and local NAPO membership directories, and websites, as a Golden Circle member.

GC members attend many outstanding events at the NAPO national conferences including lunches, special lectures and roundtable discussion groups as well as attend local gatherings.



## NAPO in the Neighborhood Meetings

### Rockville Pike

May 23

LaMadeline—Rockville Pike

Contact: Wendy Glover

[wendy@minordetailz.com](mailto:wendy@minordetailz.com)

301-906-2125

### Route 66

May 24

Whole Foods—Vienna

7:00—9:00 pm

Contact: Terri Fischer

[fischer.terri@gmail.com](mailto:fischer.terri@gmail.com)

703-638-5995

### Route 7

May 4

Panera Bread—Off the

Greenway in Ashburn

7:00—8:30 pm

Contact: Cris Sgrott-

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