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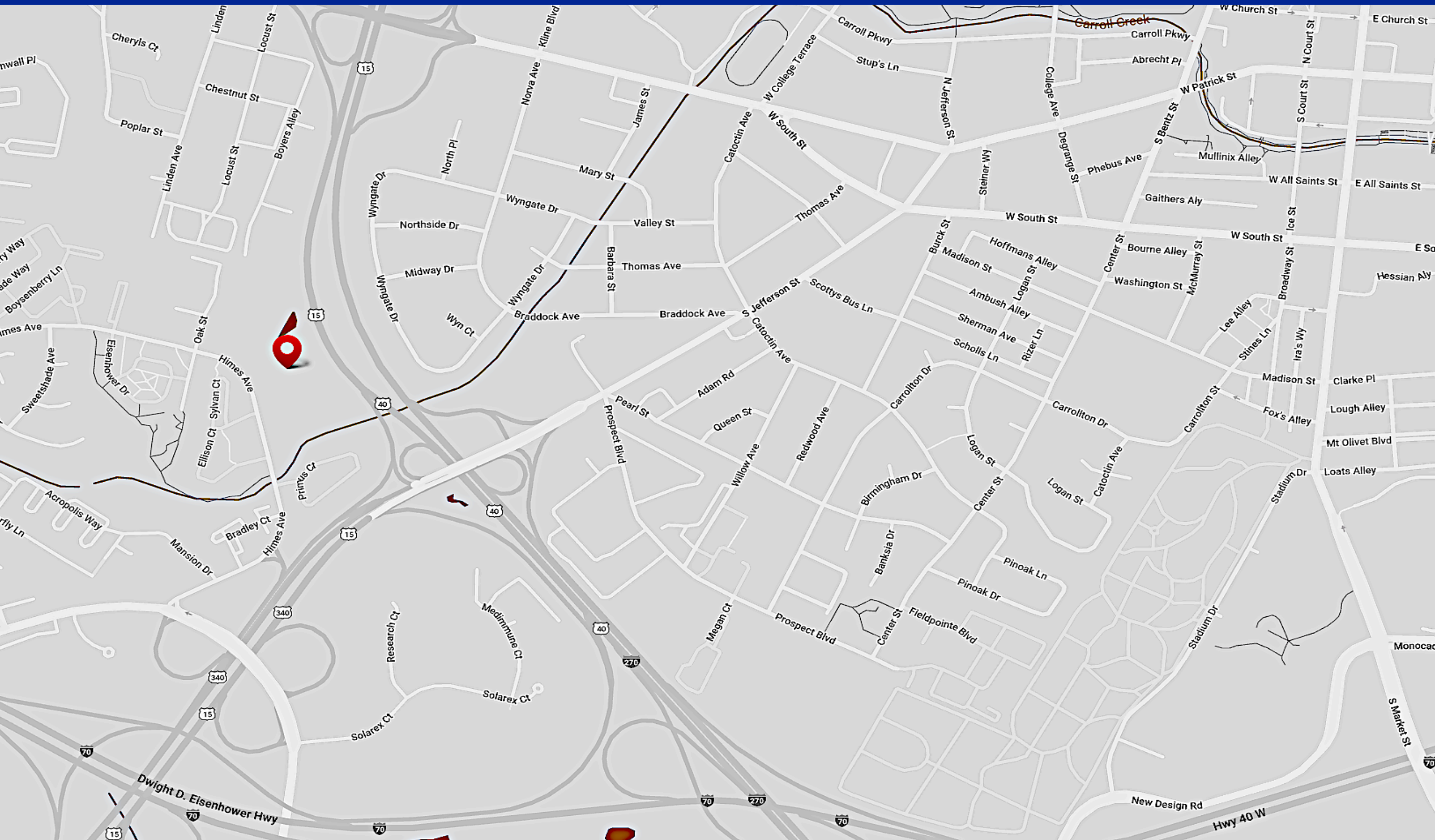


Frederick Torch Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

As expected consideration of others, lunch attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted, which also applies to guests and new members. Zoom meetings may be required when county or state pandemic warnings limit in-person attendance.

Dutch's Daughter

581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, Maryland
301 | 668 | 9500



Next Presentation

Monday, October 23, 2023

Jo Butler on "Trenton Makes, The World Takes"

Retired United Nations officer Jo Butler will will relate the autobiographical account of her life's journey from growing up in Trenton, New Jersey, to her career of high-level United Nations posts, to her current post-retirement role as philanthropist with ongoing ties to Ethiopian humanitarian projects which she founded. The title of her talk is that of the autobiography that she is writing.

This Month's Presenter

Jo Butler

During her 30-year career with the United Nations, Ms. Butler was based at the UN's European regional headquarters in Geneva with lengthy assignments in Ethiopia and Gabon. Among many illustrious accomplishments, she served as Legal Adviser to the 1992 Earth Summit where she helped draft the first Climate Change Treaty and oversaw its signing by 155 presidents, prime ministers and heads of state.



As Legal Adviser and Secretary for the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia, she founded a task force to help undernourished school children, raised funds to build classrooms, teachers' quarters and libraries, and over the last 15 years has travelled to Ethiopia annually to oversee deliveries of food and supplies to the children. Jo is the adopted grandmother of 18 orphans with HIV who she supports and helps to attend university and vocational schools. Eight have graduated from Ethiopian universities.

Ms. Butler is an honors graduate of Drew University and Columbia University School of Law and studied at the International Court of Justice in the Hague.

Most Recent Presentation

John Fieseler on "From Dilapidated Cannery Warehouse to Visitor Center"

John Fieseler told Torch of the successful effort he led to rehabilitate a century-old brick warehouse along South East Street in Frederick—for which a demolition permit had been issued—and turn it into the Frederick Visitor Center. The new location put the visitor center on the street leading from an I-70 exit directly to historic downtown Frederick. As his presentation illustrated, the old building needed plenty of TLC and got it.

Lunch Sign-up

Attending or not, please let Reservations Chair John Hewetson know and, if you plan to attend, your seating requests and the names of your guests. Please respond to John at torchreservations@gmail.com or call him at 301.663.8130.

Sign-up Deadline— Preferably one week before the lunch but later OK

Cost— \$30 per person (also payable if a signed-up no-show)

Cancellations— Email the address above before the day of the lunch.

Need a Lift?

Transportation Chair Frank Sledge invites you to get in touch with him and he will do his best to arrange your transportation to and from club lunches. Reach Frank [here](#) or at 301.980.2019.

New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Avis Anderson, Alexandra Stone, Gail Osburn, Margaret and Michael Procario, Fanny Johnson, RoseAnn Lester, Jean Thompson, Peg Denton, Jim Gordon, Sharron Smith, Lois Jarman and Phil Hoagland.**

As one of the largest of the 60+ Torch clubs, our success relies on strong recruiting. Our membership slipped 24% during Covid and has now rebuilt to nearly our pre-Covid size. Please invite your friends who enjoy stimulating company and fascinating presentations to attend a fine club lunch or two and then join.

Club Membership Chair Toni Clarke is here to help. Reach Toni at toniclarke101@gmail.com or at 301.606.2694.

For more information and to download the club membership application, visit the website at fredtorch.org.

2023-24 Presentations

September - December

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Norine Haas for lining up the following presentations for the 2023-24 Torch year.

September 25— John Fieseler on "From Dilapidated Cannery Warehouse to Visitor Center"

October 23— Jo Butler on "Trenton Makes, The World Takes"

November 27— Former State Senator Ron Young on "Reimagining Frederick Then and Now"

December 18— Margaret Procaro on "What You Don't Know About Arguments Could Fool You"

2023-24 Presentations

January - May

January 22— Peter Michael on "Back from the Brink: The Miraculous Comeback of the American Indian"

February 26— Mark Gaffigan on "What is the U.S. Government Accountability Office?"

March 25— John George on "Hans Christian Andersen: His Life and Legacy"

April 22— Lynn Bernard on "Surprises and Coincidences: A Survey of Religious Architecture"

May 27— Claire Kondig on "Eisenhower, the Boy From Kansas"

2023-24 Board of Directors

Welcome

President Marguerite Wilson and the club's board of directors hope you enjoy this year's interesting programs. The following members are serving as your 2023-24 directors and committee chairs.

Elected Officers

President	Marguerite Wilson
Vice President	John Hewetson
Secretary	Peter Michael
Treasurer	Claire Kondig

Committee Chairs

Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Program Chair	Open
Presentation Support	John Clarke
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Toni Clarke
Transportation Chair	Frank Sledge
Website Editor	Open

Club Archives

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Past issues beginning with October 2017 are archived and may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).



2023-24 Program and Member Roster

The *2023-24 Program* and the club's *Member Roster* are updated regularly. View, download or print [here](#).



The Club Website

Board meeting minutes, past presentations and more may be reached at the club website [here](#).



Member Survey

Survey results may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).