

# *The Bulletin*

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## The Torch Club of Frederick, Maryland



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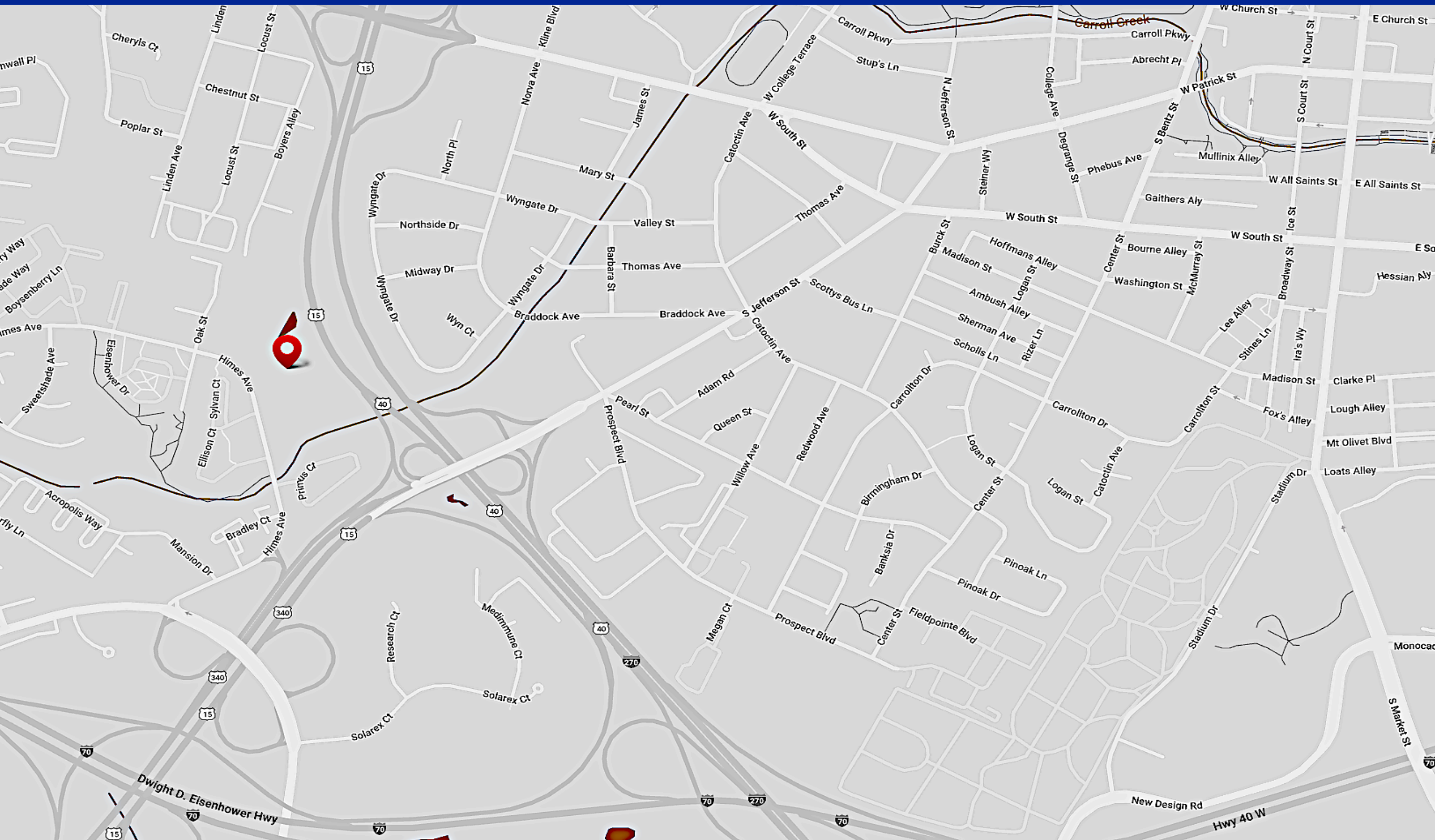
# Frederick Torch Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

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  
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# Next Presentation

September 25, 2023

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

John Fieseler will present a program about the successful effort he led to rehabilitate a century-old brick warehouse, for which a demolition permit had once been issued, and in 2011 to relocate the Frederick Visitor Center into its current location in that building along South East Street in Frederick. Once the new interchange connecting an extension of East Street to I-70 was announced, the local tourism board sought out a site that would put the visitor center on the road between the highway and historic downtown Frederick. As the presentation will illustrate, that building needed quite a bit of TLC.



# This Month's Presenter

## **John Fieseler**

John Fieseler retired in 2021 after 23 years as Executive Director of the Tourism Council of Frederick County, now known as Visit Frederick, responsible for promoting Frederick County as a visitor destination. In 2015, he was Maryland Tourism Person of the Year. Earlier, he spent 18 years in on-air and management roles at Frederick radio stations.



John served as president of Hospice of Frederick County, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, the Rotary Club of Frederick, and the Frederick County Tourism Council. He now serves as immediate past chairman of the 6-state Civil War Trails organization, Vice President of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and co-chair of the St. Peter-Libertytown Church bicentennial history committee.

John is a 1979 graduate of Fordham University, Bronx, New York, with a BA in Communications. He and his wife Katie live in a 1790s log and stone farmhouse that they restored near Keymar, Maryland, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

# Most Recent Presentation

## **Michael Procaro on "Why the Neutrino Should Be Your Favorite Elementary Particle"**

Dr. Procaro, who oversees the operation of scientific facilities for high energy physics for the United States government, introduced us to the neutrino, which he described as the oddball of elementary particles and very different from other particles in many ways. We learned that the neutrino has much less mass than other particles and an altogether different reason for its mass. Since the neutrino only interacts through the weak nuclear force, it is very hard to observe *and* can change its identity as it travels through space. All of these properties give particle physicists a love-hate relationship with the neutrino. As they are so hard to measure, neutrinos surprise physicists when they do succeed at measuring them.

# Lunch Sign-up

**A**tending 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](mailto:torchreservations@gmail.com) with “Torch” in the subject line of your email, 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 dinner.



# 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 dinners. 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 Procaro, 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](mailto:toniclarke101@gmail.com) or at 301.606.2694.

For more information and to download the club membership application, visit the website at [fredtorch.org](http://fredtorch.org).

# 2023-24 Presentations

September - December

**M**any 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 a topic to be announced

**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 Margerite 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

## **Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin***

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](#).