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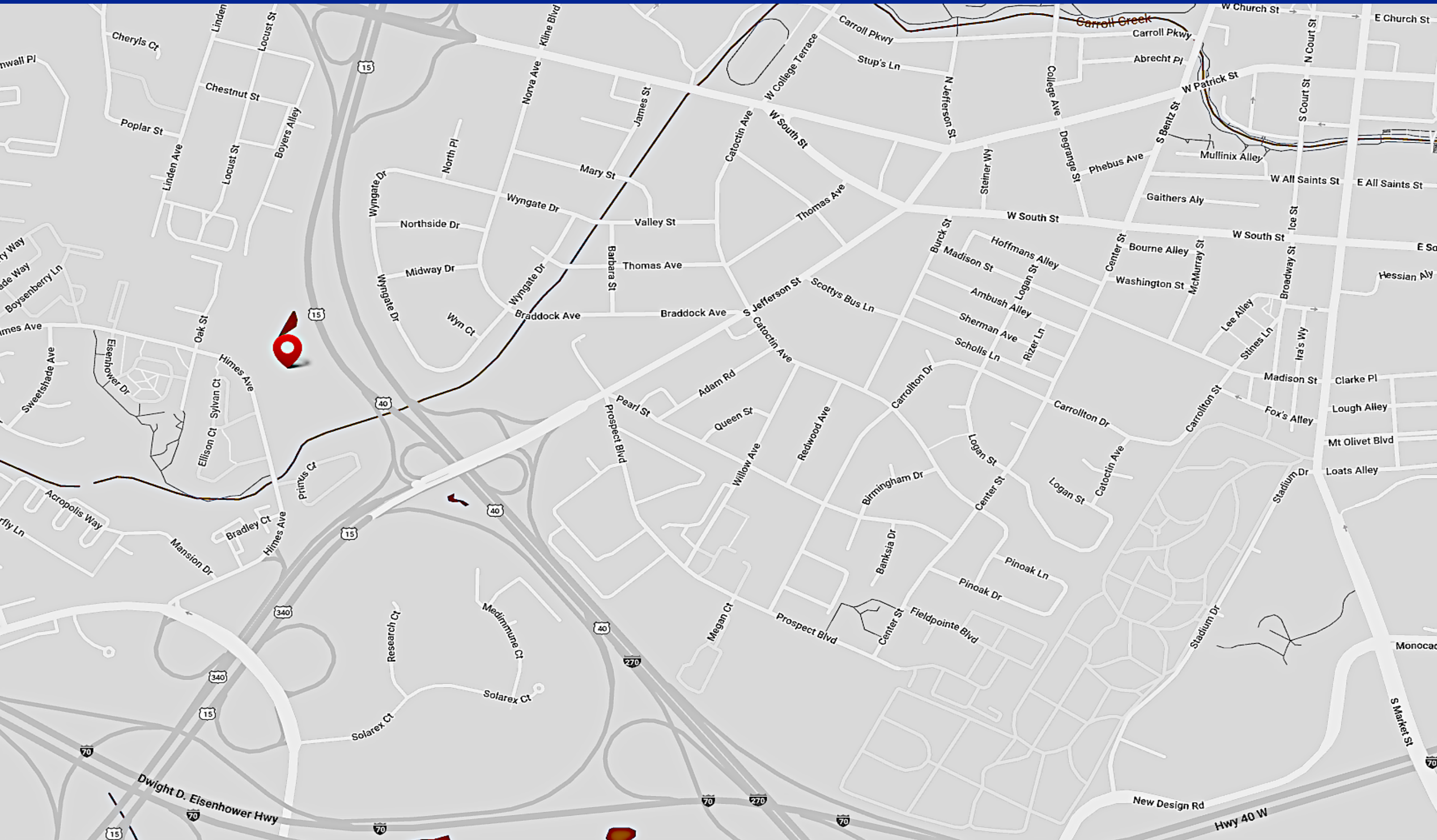


Frederick Torch Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

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

April 24, 2023

Frank Sledge on "The Key to a Harmonious Pitch for a Uniform Musical Scale"

Our Western musical scale (e.g., “Do Re Mi, etc.”) first appeared during the Renaissance. But music had existed for millennia before then; how did ancient and non-European composers cope without it? How and why did the new scale develop? What problems did it solve, and what major changes did it make? When our musical scale did appear, it was quite controversial, playing a small but pivotal role in starting a war. But eventually, the new scale enabled the transformation of Western music into the artistic “Gold Standard” for the entire world.

This Month's Presenter

Frank Sledge

The ancient Greek philosophers believed that mathematics and music were simply variations on the same theme: All music was mathematics and all mathematics could be expressed as music. Frank Sledge has always been fascinated by this idea and enjoys studying how it has recurred throughout so much of our Western artistic history. He spent his career as a mathematician, but still devotes much of his time to music, both studying and performing. This talk presents one important historical facet of that fascination.



Most Recent Presentation

Archer O'Brien on "A History of the American Left "

Guest speaker Archer O'Brien traced the political and philosophical history of the American Left from the first campaign of William Jennings Bryan in 1896 to the present and a little beyond. Mr. O'Brien's lecture put into context the Farmer/Labor Movement, trade unionism, localism, and other counter-cultural movements into a broad history of the Left. Particular attention was paid to the Democratic Party not emerging from the Trade Union Movement as had many of its sister parties on the Left.

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 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 and Jim Gordon.**

As one of the largest of the 60+ Torch clubs, our success relies on strong recruiting. Our membership slipped 24% during Covid but is now rebuilding nicely so please do invite your acquaintances who enjoy stimulating company and fascinating presentations to attend a fine club dinner or two and then to 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.

2022-23 Presentations

September - December

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Angeline Gaffigan for lining up the following presentations for the 2022-23 Torch year.

September 26, 2022- John Clarke on "An Absurdly Short History on the 'Art' of Solving Equations"

October 24, 2022- Bob Ladner on "Molecular Recognition and Why It Matters"

November 21, 2022- Captain Dana French on "Vietnam Boat People Rescue"

December 19, 2022- John Menke on "The Secret Lives of a Physicist as Told by His Bookshelves"

2022-23 Presentations

January - May

January 23, 2023- Ed Seidewitz on "Wake Up and Smell the Coffee!"

February 27, 2023- Lois Jarman on ""The Injustice of Incarceration"

March 27, 2023- Archer O'Brien on "A History of the American Left"

April 24, 2023- Frank Sledge on "The Key to a Harmonious Pitch for a Uniform Musical Scale"

May 22, 2023- Michael Procaro on a topic to be announced

2022-23 Board of Directors

Welcome

President Norine Haas and the club's board of directors hope you enjoy this year's interesting programs. The following members are serving as your 2022-23 directors and committee chairs.

Elected Officers

President	Norine Haas
Vice President	John Hewetson
Secretary	Peter Michael
Treasurer	Claire Kondig

Committee Chairs

Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Program Chair	Norine Haas
Presentation Support	John Clarke
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Toni Clarke
Transportation Chair	Frank Sledge
Website Editor	Meg Menke

Club Archives

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



2022-23 Program and Member Roster

The *2022-23 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](#).