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The International Association of Torch Clubs

The Torch Club of Frederick is one of over 60 in the United States and Canada. IATC was founded in 1924 in Minneapolis as a highly interactive organization in which members discuss stimulating presentations by members and guest speakers.

Torch members are professionals with a broad range of experience in creating knowledge involving diverse viewpoints.

Torch membership includes outstanding atmospheres in which to freely exchange ideas, comfortable club dining venues, and, most of all, close fellowship.

Learn more at the Torch International website.

<https://www.torch.org/>

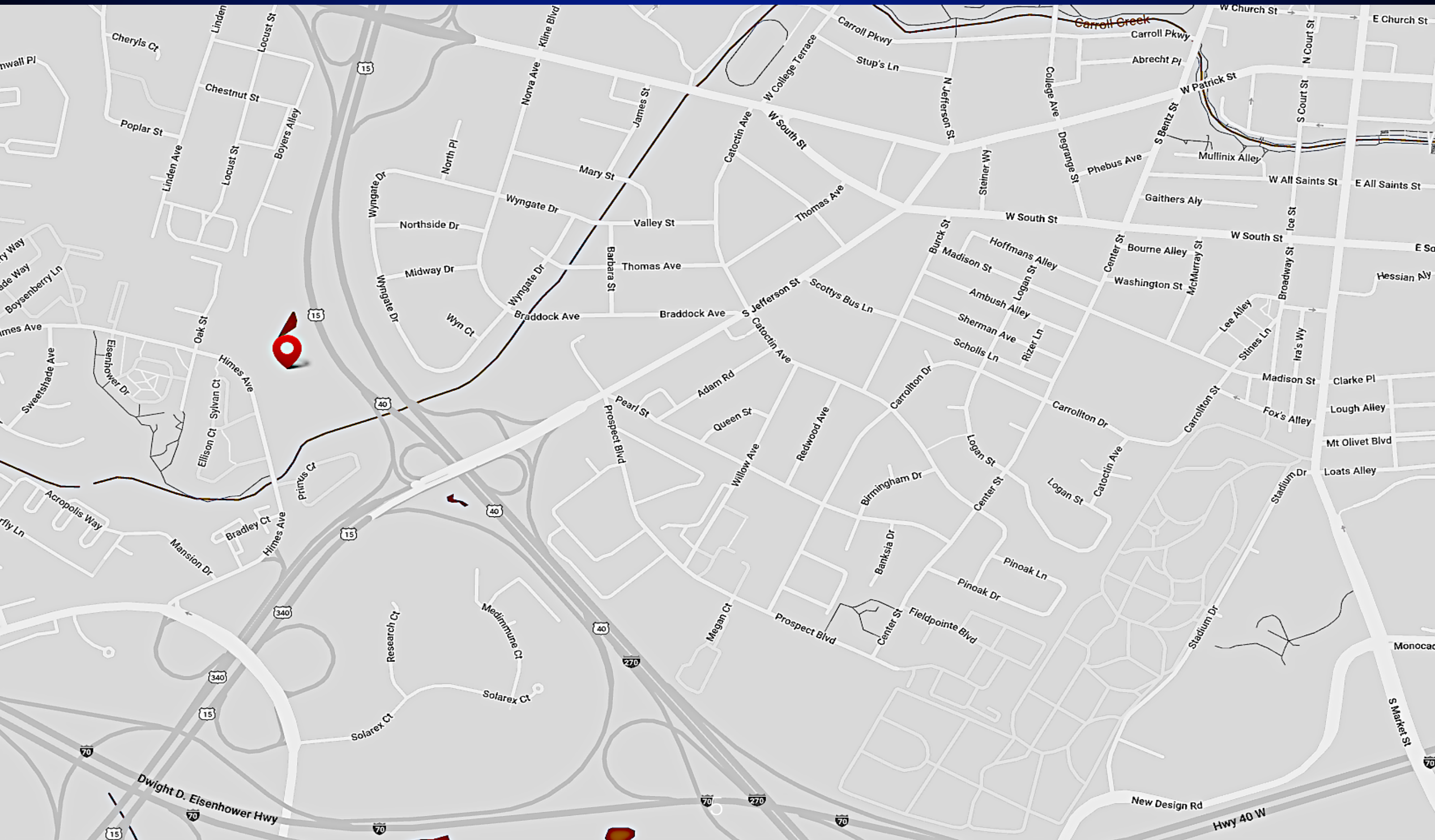


Frederick Torch Club Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

As expected consideration of others, lunch attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted against Covid, 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, February 24, 2025

Lois Jarman on "The Wonderful Brain: "You *Can* Teach an Old Dog New Tricks"

Frederick Torch member Dr. Lois Jarman advises us that a happy brain at any age is primed to learn and that it is brain chemical neurotransmitters which are crucial to learning and memory. In her presentation, she will share how we can prepare our brains to remember, enabling us to retain an abundance of new information. Dr. Jarman says that, through stories and research, we will learn how it is indeed possible to “teach an old dog new tricks.”

This Month's Presenter

Lois Jarman

Frederick Torch member Lois Jarman worked as a world language educator for more than 25 years teaching French, Spanish and Latin in public schools. More recently, she served as a university administrator for five years before returning to the classroom in 2021.



Lois has served president of the Frederick County Commission for Women, of Central Maryland Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and of the Smoketown Rotary Club in Brunswick, and as member of the Frederick County Board of Education.

Lois, mother of two, says that her most prized title is Grandmother. She took her BA at Goucher College, MA at Hood College, and Doctor of Professional Studies at Shenandoah University where she now teaches.

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.

Most Recent Presentation

Geordie Wilson, Publisher of The Frederick News-Post, on "The Joys and Woes of Publishing a Local Newspaper"

Guest speaker and fourth-generation newspaperman Geordie Wilson led us along his family's journey through the advent of American newspapers after the Civil War, their heyday into the 21st century, and the near wipeout of the hometown newspaper over the last 20 years.

He reminded us that online news often lacks the reporting ethics of newspapers and that it doesn't appeal to the average citizen. This, he explained, leads to a less informed citizenry, a threat to democracy that we now see playing out.

Mr. Wilson concluded by showing us how the *Frederick News-Post* has bucked the trend by operating in a community large enough to sustain the paper, but barely.

New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Jan** and **John Gardner, Mary Kippen, Steve Stoyke, Pat** and **Tom Dorsz, Melanie Galloway, Diane Kantner, Deborah Ross** and **Ellen West**.

As one of the largest of the 60+ Torch clubs, our success relies on strong recruiting. Our membership has now been 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 Co-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.

2024-25 Presentations

September - December

*Many thanks to 2023-24 Program Chair Norine Haas
for the interesting speakers and topics in Torch year 2024-25*



September 23- Former Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner on "Government Is Difficult As It Is and Then Along Comes Covid"

October 28- Peter Michael on "Finding John Hanson: The Recent Rediscovery of the Grave of the Nation's Only Lost President"

November 25- Claire Kondig on "Eisenhower, the Boy From Kansas"

December 16- Frederick Torch 30th and Torch International 100th Anniversary Celebration

2024-25 Presentations

January - May

January 27- Geordie Wilson, Publisher of *The Frederick News-Post*, on "The Joys and Woes of Publishing a Local Newspaper"

February 24- Lois Jarman on "The Wonderful Brain: You *Can* Teach an Old Dog New Tricks!"

March 24- Adam Miller, Homewood's dietitian, on "Better Eating to Attain Optimum Health"

April 28- Double Paxton Award Winner Lee Robinson on "Quanah Parker: War Leader, Civil Leader, Religious Leader"

May 19- Joanne McCoy on "Walking the Camino Santiago: Lessons from Europe's Oldest Pilgrimage Route"

June 23- Annual Frederick Torch picnic

2024-25 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 2024-25 directors and committee chairs.

Elected Directors

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

Appointed Committee Chairs

Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Program Chair	Norine Haas
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Co-chair	Toni Clarke
Membership Co-chair	Mary Ann Simmons
Publications Chair	Peter Michael
Webmaster	Ed Seidewitz
Presentation Support	Jeff Wilson

Club Archives

Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin*

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



2024-25 Program and Member Roster

The *2024-25 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](#).