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Ed Seidewitz on "Wake Up and Smell the Coffee!"

After only crude oil, green coffee beans are the second most valuable commodity exported by developing countries, with coffee exports providing employment to an estimated 25 million small growers worldwide. Brazil and Viet Nam are the the world's leading producers with Finland and the rest of Scandinavia the tops in per capita consumption.



So after dinner on the 23rd, settle back with your coffee or decaf and let coffee connoisseur Ed tell us all about the world's favorite hot drink, which might be yours, too.

This Month's Presenter

Ed Seidewitz

Ed Seidewitz is Chief Technology Officer at Model Driven Solutions, Inc., with almost 40 years of professional experience in the modeling, architecture and development of systems spanning diverse domains including aerospace, finance, acquisition and health care. He has degrees from MIT in aerospace engineering and computer science.

Over the last 15 years, Ed has taken up an old interest in physics, publishing research on foundational quantum mechanics and quantum field theory. But his first love in theoretical physics has been general relativity since high school. He also likes coffee, cooking and swimming.

Most Recent Presentation

Past President John Menke

When you receive this issue, John and Meg will be about half way through their move from John's ancestral farm near Barnesville to their townhome in Frederick's historic district. The move meant that John had to figure out what to do with the lifetime collection of his 3,500-volume personal library.

His talk began with a census of his library—heavy on science and wild west novels—and led into his long love affair with reading and the difficulty in severing himself from his many full bookshelves. This was a wistful telling.

Since his talk, a solution arose for John: the family home will be rented to a tenant who seems delighted to live amidst 3,500 books. She will get to live in a library.

Dinner 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 dinner but later OK

Cost— \$35 per person (also payable if a signed-up no-show)

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

Frederick Torch Dinner Meetings

Welcome back to in-person meetings when permitted. Zoom meetings may be required when county or state pandemic restrictions limit in-person attendance.

After careful consideration, your club board decided to continue in-person meetings for the 2022-23 Torch year while keeping a close watch on national and local Covid situations. The board feels that Ceresville Mansion's pandemic policies and practices are sufficient.

As ordinary consideration of others, dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted, which also applies to guests and new members.

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 at f.sledge@comcast.net or at 301.980.2019.

New Members



At our next dinner, be sure to welcome new club members **Tes Kifle, Angeline Gaffigan, Gail Osburn, Margaret** and **Michael Procaro, Fanny Johnson, RoseAnn Lester,** and **Jean Thompson.**

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 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- Archer O'Brien on "A Political, Philosophical and Cultural Study of the American Left"

March 27, 2023- Karl Bickel on "Pros, Cons and Feasibility of a County Police Department for Frederick County"

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

May 22, 2023- Margaret Procaro on "You Really Need This: How TV Commercials Persuade Us to Buy Products"

2022-23 Board of Directors

Welcome

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

President	Norine Haas
Vice President	John Hewetson
Secretary	Peter Michael
Treasurer	Claire Kondig
Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Program Chairs	Norine Haas and Toni Clarke
Presentation Support	John Menke
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 Newly Updated 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](#).