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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/>

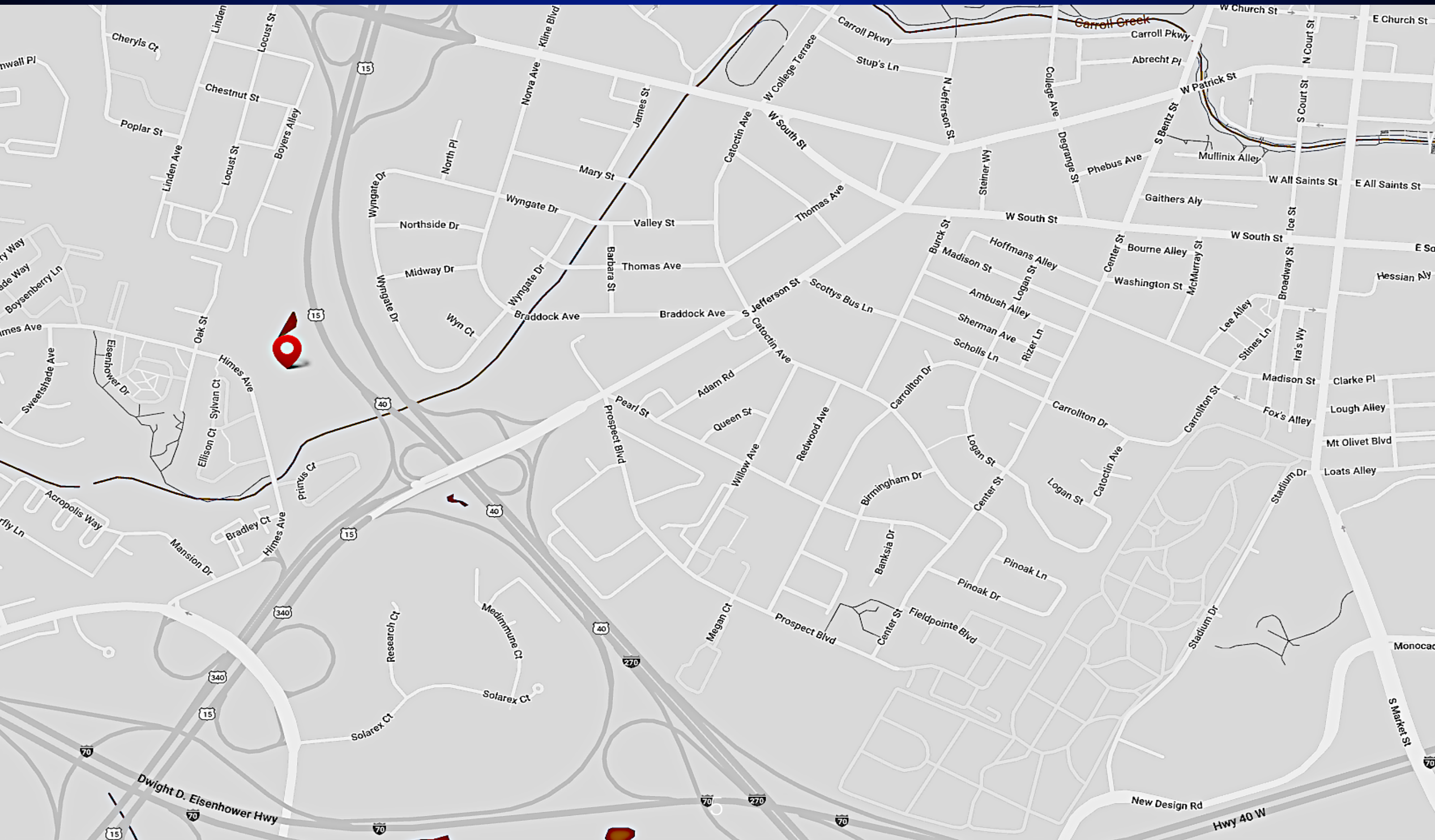


Frederick Torch Club Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

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, January 27, 2025

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

In his life and career, Geordie Wilson has seen and experienced the rise and fall of the modern American newspaper. His talk will explore the critical role that newspapers play in American life and the uncertain future that journalism faces.

This Month's Presenter

Geordie Wilson

Geordie Wilson is publisher of *The Frederick News-Post*, a position he has held since 2011. He also serves as regional publisher of Ogden Newspapers' Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia panhandle markets. Ogden is the *News-Post's* parent company.

Geordie grew up in the newspaper business, the son, grandson and great-grandson of community newspaper publishers from New England. He has been a working journalist since 1987, starting as a reporter writing for a small paper in Colorado and ultimately for *The Seattle Times*, then shifting to editing and ultimately into newspaper management.

Geordie took his AB in geology from Harvard University and MBA in finance from the University of Washington .



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

Celebration of Frederick Torch's 30th Anniversary and the International Association of Torch Clubs' 100th

On June 16, 1924, William F. Bullock incorporated the International Association of Torch Clubs as a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and on July 10 founded the first club in Minneapolis. His concept caught on: by 1929, there were 36 clubs across the United States and in 1937 the first Canadian club was chartered.

The Torch idea caught on here on October 24, 1994, when Ted and Norine Haas, Zakir Bengali and Charles Tressler founded the Torch Club of Frederick, Maryland. Today's club of 62 members is is one of Torch's largest.

On December 16 of this year, club President Marguerite Wilson led the club in its celebration of these two anniversaries. All living past presidents were invited and most were able to attend.

New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Avis Anderson, Jan** and **John Gardner, Mary Kippen, Sharron Smith, Steve Stoyke, Jean Thompson** and **Pat** and **Tom Dorsz**.

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 at club expence 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.

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](#).