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## The Torch Club of Frederick, Maryland

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# The International Association of Torch Clubs

The Torch Club of Frederick is one of nearly 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 given by members and guest speakers.

Torch members are intellectually inquisitive with a broad range of experience in creating knowledge that respects diverse viewpoints.

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

Learn more at the Torch International website.  
<https://www.torch.org/>



# 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

[dutchs-daughter.website](http://dutchs-daughter.website)

301 | 668 | 9500



# Next Presentation

Monday, January 26, 2026

## **Lois Jarman on "Art and the Brain"**

Following her Torch presentation last year on the brain and memory, Lois will share research related to how the brain responds to both experiencing and creating art. We will learn about the brain's Default Mode Network (DMN) and what happens when our brains are at rest. She will also share how art can work to heal the brain using examples from the Frederick Bodice Project, created by local artists in collaboration with breast cancer survivors.

# 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

**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) 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

## **Major J. B. Blevins on "The History of the Salvation Army"**

Major Blevins first briefed us on today's Salvation Army with its worldwide membership of 1.65 million in 15,000 congregations. We then learned of the church's uniformed ranks and organization. The Salvation Army is the largest non-government provider of social services in the United States and one of the largest in the world.

We were interested to hear that after the Salvation Army was founded in London in 1865 and began operating in the United States in 1880, it came to Frederick in 1885, making the Frederick congregation one of the church's oldest in the country.

After his talk, Major Blevins entertained an extended question-and-answer session in which he adeptly discussed the Salvation Army's evolving positions on gender and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

# New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Mary Kippen** and her sister **Sara George**, **Pat** and **Tom Dorsz**, **Melanie Galloway**, **Diane Kantner**, **Deborah Ross**, **Stephen** and **Bobbie Rideout** and **Karen Kapust**.

As the second-largest of the 59 Torch clubs, our success relies on strong recruiting. 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 Karl Bickel is here to help. You can get in touch with Karl at [KarlBickel@comcast.net](mailto:KarlBickel@comcast.net) or 301.639.9665.

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

# 2025-26 Presentations

September - December

*Many thanks to 2024-25 Program Committee co-chairs Norine Haas and Marguerite Wilson for arranging the 2025-26 program line-up.*



**September 22-** Marguerite Wilson on "Camp Ritchie During WWII: A Secret Training Camp for Intelligence Soldiers"

**October 27-** John George on "Charles Lutwidge Dodgson popularly known by his pen name Lewis Carroll"

**November 24-** Ellen West on "A Visit with Cosmonauts"

**December 15-** Major J. B. Blevins on "The History of the Salvation Army"

# 2025-26 Presentations

January - May

**January 26-** Lois Jarman on "Art and the Brain" Dorothy

**February 23-** Dorothy Bonnett on "Circles of Women: A Discussion of Chinese Women's Lives"

**March 23-** Roseann Lester on "Challenges and Rewards of Life as a Violinist"

**April 27-** Annette Breiling on "Adding Friends Education to our Community"

**May 18-** Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater on "The Role of the County Executive"

**June 22-** Annual Frederick Torch picnic

# 2025-26 Board of Directors

**P**resident Margaret Procario and the club's board of directors hope you enjoy this year's interesting programs. The following members are serving as your 2025-26 directors and committee chairs.

## *Elected Directors*

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| President      | Margaret Procario |
| Vice President | John Hewetson     |
| Secretary      | Peter Michael     |
| Treasurer      | Claire Kondig     |

## *Appointed Committee Chairs*

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Assistant Treasurer  | John Kondig       |
| Program Chair        | Marguerite Wilson |
| Reservations Chair   | John Hewetson     |
| Membership Chair     | Kark Bickel       |
| Publications Chair   | Peter Michael     |
| Co-webmaster         | Ed Seidewitz      |
| Co-webmaster         | Michael Procario  |
| 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](#).



## 2025-26 Program and Member Roster

The 2025-26 Program and the club's Member Roster are updated regularly. View, download or print [here](#).



## The Club Website

Upcoming and past presentations and more may be reached at the club website [here](#).



## Member Survey

Survey results may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).