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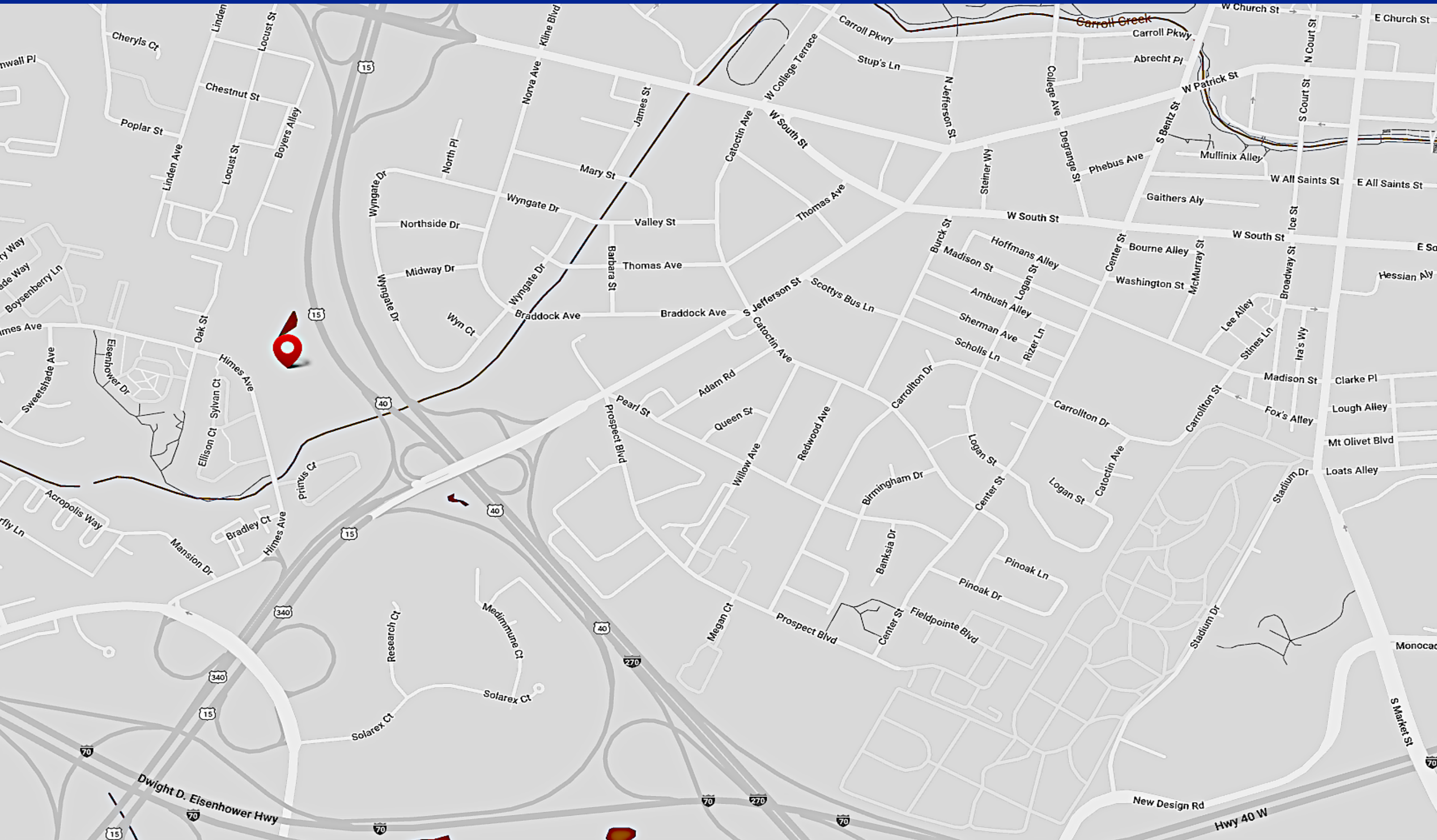


Frederick Torch Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

As ordinary consideration of others, dinner 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

March 27, 2023

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

Guest speaker Archer O'Brien will trace the political and philosophical history of the American Left from the first campaign of William Jennings Bryan in 1896 to the present. The lecture will contextualize the Farmer/Labor Movement, trade unionism, localism, and other counter-cultural movements in a broader history of the Left. The lecture will pay particular attention to the fact that the Democratic Party did not emerge from the Trade Union Movement as did many of its sister parties on the Left.

This is a historical presentation that does not touch on current political divisions or controversies. Club members of all political persuasions will be comfortable with the topic and its presentation.

This Month's Presenter

Archer O'Brien

Mr. O'Brien is a wheelchair-bound doctoral student whose main interests are equality of access for the disabled, public service, and expansion of human rights. His goals are to obtain his law degree and have a career in public service, specializing in entitlement reform and human capital investment.

He is currently pursuing a doctorate in leadership studies with a concentration in social and behavioral conduct of research. He holds an MA in history from Hood College where he was awarded two research grants and Hood's President's Medal for Adaptability, Flexibility, and Ingenuity.

Mr. O'Brien took his BA in international relations and history from Mount Saint Mary's University where he completed a year of mock trial experience and foreign study in Belgium.

His interests include art, sports, politics, the history of modern literature, European cultures, and comparative religion. His avocations are acrylic painting, color palates, still life forms, and cooking French cuisine.

Most Recent Presentation

Lois Jarman on "The Injustice of Incarceration"

Dr. Jarman's presentation was an articulate, hard-hitting account of an ongoing and long-standing national scandal.

She stressed the fact that the United States spends an average of \$35,000 per year incarcerating a poor person who can't make bail for a petty crime, and that as a nation we must find a way to “stop pulling people out of the river but instead go upstream to find out why they are falling in.”

She related her own experience of being jailed for several weeks after causing a traffic accident and witnessing first-hand the psychopathic behaviour of jail personnel toward her and other prisoners she got to know.

She vividly related that the United States jails a higher proportion of its citizens by far than any other industrialized country and that a widespread for-profit US prison industry thrives on a steady flow of unnecessarily jailed people including innocents wrongly convicted of crimes.

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.

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 dinner, be sure to welcome new club members **Tes Kifle, 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 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- To be announced

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 Chairs	Norine Haas
Presentation Support	John Clarke
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Toni Clarke
Transportation Chair	Frank Sledge
Website Editor	Meg Menke

Club Archives

Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin*

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](#).