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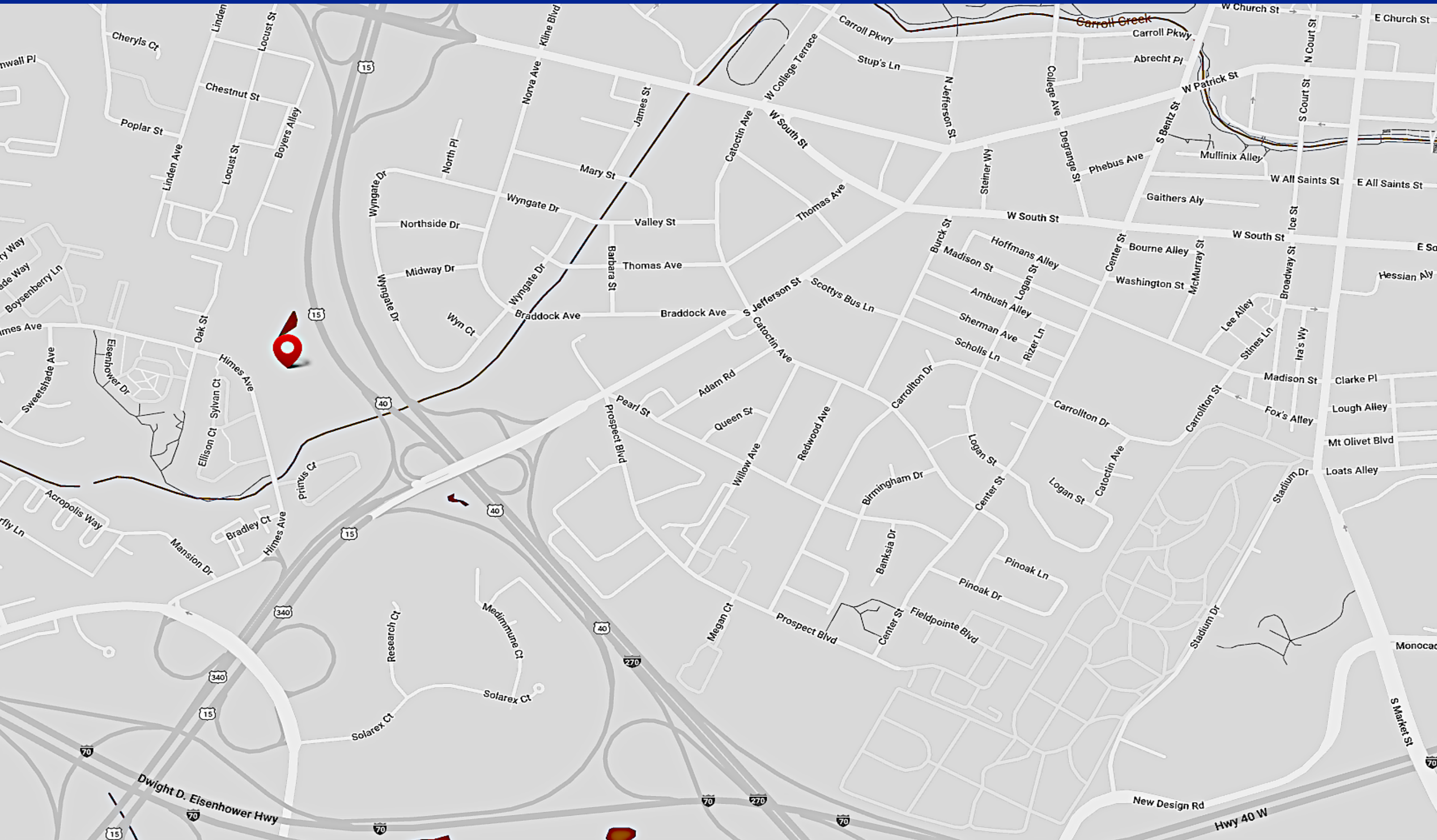


Frederick Torch Club Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

As expected consideration of others, lunch 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
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Next Presentation

Monday, March 25, 2024

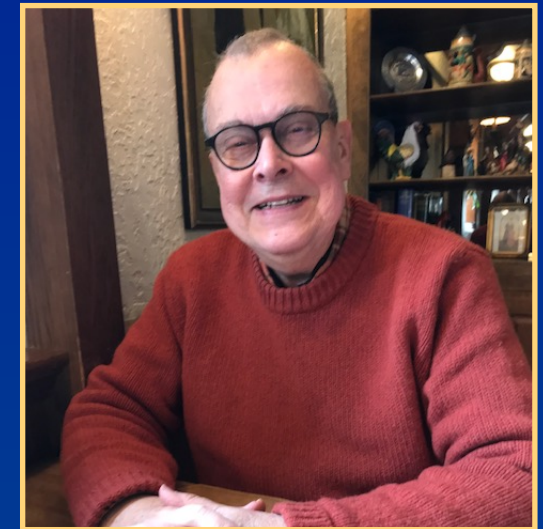
John George on "Hans Christian Andersen: Life and Legacy"

Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born on the Danish island of Funen to a 22-year-old cobbler and his washerwoman wife. At the age of 14, He precipitously left for Copenhagen in search of Signor Siboni, singing master of the Royal Copenhagen Theatre. His encounter with Siboni also attracted patrons, including the king. After some formal education, he began publishing evocative poetry and fantastic stories, which when translated into French and German, established him in the romantic literary movement. Hans Christian Andersen's original approach to fairytales propelled him to both social and artistic heights. His legacy endures in the forms of an international prize, movies, music, dance, and continued publication.

This Month's Presenter

John George

Dr. John George was raised on a sheep farm north of Libertytown and graduated from Frederick High School. He served 47 years in both private and public education, founding the annual High School Academic Tournament in 1982. As a Torch Club member, John has given numerous presentations on “butterflies” of Maryland, France, China, and Brazil, along with topics on medieval mystic poets, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Punch and Judy, and The Great Frederick Fair (where he volunteers annually).



Since 1989, John has coordinated a middle school essay contest for the local Sons of the American Revolution (Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter), reminding us that Frederick City this year observes the 200th anniversary of the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette. John also enjoys gardening, reading, listening to music, and walking through Baker Park. He learned to cook during Covid.

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

Margaret Procaro on "What You Don't Know About Arguments Could Fool You"

In her presentation Margaret, explained that argumentation is essential to the functioning of a free, pluralistic society because it enables us to arrive at the best possible solutions to problems and allows false claims and faulty reasoning to be exposed.

But, she went on to point out, people are increasingly being persuaded by deceptive arguments to believe consequential claims that are simply not true and, despite all the fact checks and arguments that have been made to counter these misconceptions, many of these them have persisted and even increased over long periods.

Margaret concluded by explaining why these misconceptions can be seductive and offered explanations for their persistence and resistance to counter-arguments.

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 lunches. Reach Frank [here](#) or at 301.980.2019.

New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Avis Anderson, Alexandra Stone, Gail Osburn, Fanny Johnson, RoseAnn Lester, Jean Thompson, Peg Denton, Jim Gordon, Sharron Smith, Lois Jarman, Annette Breiling, Richard Jones, Rita Molleur, Steve Stoyke, Phil Hoagland** and **Ellen West**.

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

2023-24 Presentations

September - December

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Norine Haas for lining up the following presentations for the 2023-24 Torch year.

September 25– John Fieseler on "From Dilapidated Cannery Warehouse to Visitor Center"

October 23– Jo Butler on "Trenton Makes, The World Takes"

November 27– Former State Senator Ron Young on "Reimagining Frederick Then and Now"

December 18– Mark Gaffigan on "What is the U.S. Government Accountability Office?"

2023-24 Presentations

January - May

January 22— John Menke on "Now you see it, now you don't: the upcoming solar eclipse April 8, 2024"

February 26— Margaret Procaro on "What You Don't Know About Arguments Could Fool You"

March 25— John George on "Hans Christian Andersen: His Life and Legacy"

April 22— Lynn Bernard on "Surprises and Coincidences: A Survey of Religious Architecture"

May 27— Claire Kondig on "Eisenhower, the Boy From Kansas"

2023-24 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 2023-24 directors and committee chairs.

Elected Officers

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

Committee Chairs

Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Program Chair	Norine Haas
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Toni Clarke
Transportation Chair	Frank Sledge
Webmaster	Ed Seidewitz
Presentation Support	Jeff Wilson

Club Archives

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



2023-24 Program and Member Roster

The *2023-24 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](#).