

The Frederick Torch *Bulletin*

— Volume 31, Number 9 —

May 2025

fredtorch.org

The Torch Club of Frederick, Maryland



Scroll



Go to Page Number for . . .

1. Face Page
2. This Page
3. Torch International
4. Dutch's Daughter
5. Map to Dutch's Daughter
6. Next Presentation
7. Presenter
8. Lunch Reservations
9. Most Recent Presentation
10. New Members
11. Fall Programs
12. Winter & Spring Programs
13. Club Leadership
14. Club Archives

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/>

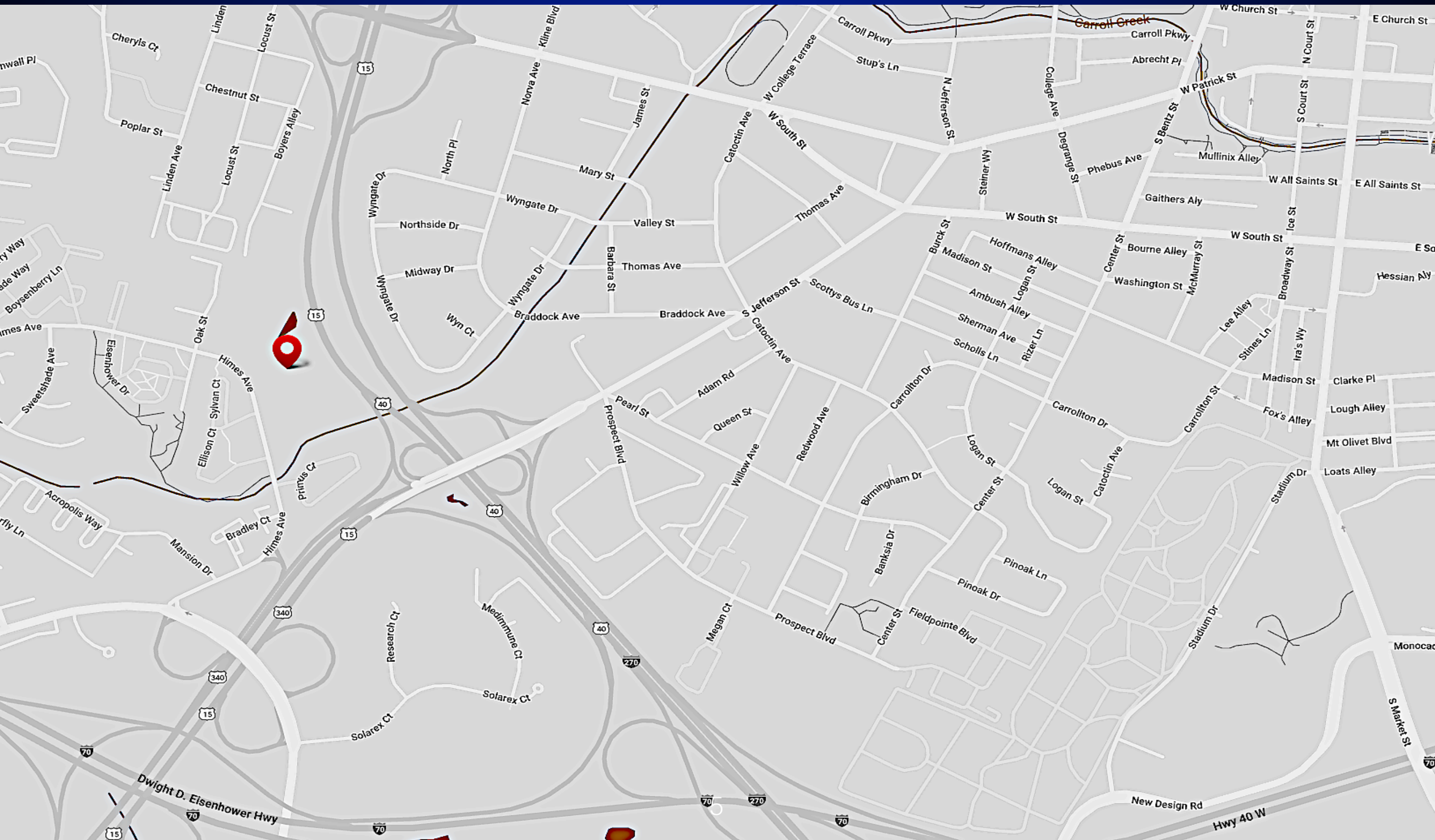


Frederick Torch Club Lunch Meetings at Dutch's Daughter

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, May 19, 2025

Joanne McCoy on "Walking the Camino Santiago: Lessons from Europe's Oldest Pilgrimage Route"

Since the Middle Ages, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago, the "Way of St. James." While some who walk focus on their destination—the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where the bones of Saint James the Apostle are said to rest—many walk for the sake of the journey itself, which they find to be a source of blessings, clarity and deepened spiritual understanding.

On May 19, Frederick resident Joanne McCoy will share her personal experience walking this ancient and storied path on her own in 2017, a trek of 780 kilometers, or roughly 500 miles.

This Month's Presenter

Joanne McCoy

Joanne McCoy is a lifelong Marylander, a proud graduate of the University of Maryland, a retired public relations executive, an inveterate traveler, avid reader, BritBox TV fan, and devoted word nerd.

After a 20-year career in the non-profit sector, she launched a marketing and communications firm, aptly named The McCoy Media Group, from which she retired as President & CEO in 2022.



She has been very active in community service, volunteering with the Community Foundation, the Religious Coalition, SOAR, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and others. She led The Rotary Club of Frederick as its “Pandemic President” in 2020 through 2021 during which time she oversaw a socially-distant celebration of the club’s 100th anniversary.

Joanne is currently a “pick and choose” communications consultant, assisting a few local clients with their social media and content development needs.

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

Lee Robinson on

"Quanah Parker: War Leader, Civil Leader, Religious Leader"

Our double Paxton Award winner gave a very well received presentation on Quanah Parker, last chief of the Comanche Indians, and religious leader who consoled his people through depression and repression. We also heard the unique account of Quanah Parker's representing Native Americans in Washington where he and with Theodore Roosevelt became friends. We were surprised to hear that late in life Parker became a successful cattleman and likely the wealthiest Native American.

This finely illustrated presentation also revealed the sorrowful biography of Parker's white mother, Cynthia Parker, raised from childhood in the Comanche Nation, who as an adult was kidnapped by her white relatives and died of despair.

New Members



At our next lunch, be sure to welcome new club members **Jan** and **John Gardner, Mary Kippen, Steve Stoyke, Pat** and **Tom Dorsz, Melanie Galloway, Diane Kantner, Deborah Ross** and **Ellen West**.

As one of the largest of the 60+ 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 Co-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 Chair	Toni Clarke
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](#).