

THE TORCH CLUB OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND

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Frederick Torch Dinner Meetings

Welcome back.

In-person meetings have been resumed with the September meeting one of our best ever.

After careful consideration, your club board decided to resume in-person meetings for the 2021-22 Torch year while continuing to stay abreast of the national and local Covid situations including the Covid delta variant outbreak now subsiding. The board also verified that Ceresville Mansion's pandemic policies and practices are safe.

Dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated. Please bring your proof of vaccination with you to dinner meetings and consider getting your Covid booster shot now available.

2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome

President Tom Gill and the other members of the Torch Club of Frederick's board of directors trust that you will enjoy the coming Torch year's interesting programs. The following members are serving as your 2021-22 board of directors.

President	Thomas Gill
Vice President	Mary Redington
Secretary	Peter Michael
Treasurer	Claire Kondig
Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Presentation Support Chair	John Menke
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Frank Sledge
Program Chair	Vacant
Website Editor	Meg Menke

NOW RECRUITING

The position of **Frederick Torch Club Program Chair** is open and recruitment is now underway. This is an enjoyable, low-pressure role offering a very useful club contribution. The Program Chair recruits speakers for the nine presentations of the following Torch year, 2022-23 in this case. Speakers may be club members or guests. Typically, lining up speakers occurs early in the preceding Torch year, the job is done, and the new crop of speakers is announced in June. For example, the 2022-23 line-up will be announced in June 2022.

Interested? Get in touch with club President Tom Gill at 301-694-5263 or thomasgillesq@comcast.net.



Remember to pay your annual dues if you haven't yet.

Send your check for \$60 per plus \$30 for each other household member to Claire Kondig at 416 Fairview Avenue, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

NEED A LIFT?



Membership 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 as we again meet at Ceresville Mansion.

You can reach Frank at f.sledge@comcast.net or at 301.980.2019.

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 soon at torchreservations@gmail.com (preferably) with “Torch” in the subject line of your email, or call him at 301.663.8130.

~ No click-through? Paste the email address into the “To” line of an email.~

Sign-up Deadline— Preferably five days 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.

Book Exchange— To enjoy this pleasant club offering, put books you bring on the book table. You may take the same number as you brought. Before leaving, you may take any remaining books and must take yours.

NEXT PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Syl Schieber on “Need for Police Reform Regarding Sex Crime Investigations and Responses”

The considerable public discussion about the need for police reform in recent years has primarily focused on undue use of force especially in police interactions with individuals in the minority community. Another area of policing area deserving of public and policymakers’ attention is their mishandling of sexual assault crime reports and investigations. The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network estimates liberally that out of every 1000 assaults, 310 are reported to police, 50 reports lead to an arrest, 37 are prosecuted, and 25 result in incarceration. Police mishandling of cases is pervasive and persistent resulting in unnecessary injury and death.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTER

Sylvester Schieber

Syl and his wife, Vicki, are the parents of Shannon Schieber who was murdered by a serial rapist.

Syl's distinguished career included service as Chairman of the United States Social Security Advisory Board, member of the Social Security Advisory Council, and member of the Commission on Retirement Security and Personal Saving. With Watson Wyatt, he consulted on retirement and health benefits with many Fortune 1000 companies.



His *The Predictable Surprise: The Unraveling of the U.S. Retirement System* was awarded the 2012 TIAA-CREF Paul A. Samuelson Award, and his article "U.S. Retirement Policy Considerations for the 21st Century" won the 2016 Institutional Investor's Peter L. Bernstein Award.

Syl took his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame.

MOST RECENT PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Dorothy Bonett on “China’s First Female Architect: Lin Huiyin”

We got off off to a great start for 2021-22. For its first in-person meeting after its 18-month Zoom quarantine, the club couldn't have asked for more in a welcome back presentation than what Dorothy, long one of the club's star presenters, delivered in her superbly researched and delivered talk.

Dorothy discussed how Lin Huiyin's short life illumines not just changes in women's status in China and the US, but also the tremendous changes in China itself as it moved from traditional empire, to Republic, to People's Republic. We learned that Lin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Fine Arts because the School of Architecture did not admit women. We heard that she became China's first female architect, transformed the profession there, fell out of favor under Mao, and has experienced a resurgence of interest in her and her work in recent years.

Brava to the presentation, meeting again, and a Ceresville dinner that went beyond itself in welcoming us back.

2021-22 PRESENTATIONS

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Ed Montgomery for lining up the following presentations for the 2021-22 Torch year.

September 27, 2021

Dorothy Bonett on “China’s First Female Architect: Lin Huiyin”

October 18, 2021-

Syl Schieber on “Need for Police Reform Regarding Sex Crime Investigations and Responses”

November 15, 2021

Pete Michael on “1707: Western Maryland’s First Explorer Arrives”

December 20, 2021

Tom Gill on “The Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights”

2021-2022 PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY - MAY

January 24, 2022

Richard Potter on "Local Continuing Education Courses: Torch Members' Good Experiences"

February 28, 2022

Roser Caminals-Heath on "The American Seduction"

March 28, 2022

Bill Heath in a reading from his new book of poetry

April 25, 2022

Ed Seidewitz on "Einstein's Greatest Equation (No, it isn't $E = mc^2$!)"

May 16, 2022

John Clarke on "An Absurdly Short History on the 'Art' of Solving Equations"

NEW MEMBERS



At our next dinner, be sure to welcome newest members **Dedra and John Salitrik, Roser and Bill Heath, Angeline Gaffigan and Ed Seidewitz.**

As the largest of Torch International's more than 60 clubs, our success has relied in large part on strong recruiting. **We are always recruiting** so please do invite any of your acquaintances who enjoy stimulating company and fascinating presentations to attend a club dinner or two and then to join.

Club Membership Chair Frank Sledge is here to help. You can reach Frank at f.sledge@comcast.net or at 301.980.2019. For additional information and to download the club membership application, visit the club website at fredtorch.org.

CLUB ARCHIVES

Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin*

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



2021-22 Program and Member Roster

The *2021-22 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](#).