

THE TORCH CLUB OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND

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Frederick Torch Dinner Meetings

They're back. In person. Maybe.

Your board has verified that Ceresville Mansion's pandemic policies and practices are safe, and is keeping a close eye on the Covid delta variant outbreak. The board will meet at the end of the month to decide if the September meeting will be in person or via Zoom and will let you know.

All along, being able to resume our dinner meetings depended on members getting vaccinated. The Mayo Clinic says 94% of Marylanders ages 65+ are now fully vaccinated. Taking everything into account, the board booked us into Ceresville for the 2021-22 Torch year. How nice it will be to again meet in person as soon as it is safe. As was the practice at the club picnic, dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated.

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.

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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 at least five days before the dinner

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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

The daughter of a concubine, Lin Huiyin “Phyllis” Lin (1904-1955) was born in China when footbinding was common and polygamy the custom among the upper classes. Yet this woman who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Fine Arts (because the School of Architecture did not admit women) not only became China’s first female architect but helped to transform the profession in that country.

Lin was also a preservationist of important historical buildings; a professor; a writer whose short stories and poems are important in 20th century Chinese literature, and a mother. Maya Lin, the American architect who designed the Vietnam Memorial, is her great-niece. In Dorothy's talk, she will discuss how Lin’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.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTER

Dorothy Bonett

Dorothy's Torch presentation, *China's First Great Modern Poet* on March 24, 2014, became the book *Broad Sea and Empty Sky: China's First Great Modern Poet, Xu Zhimo*, which won the Silver Willow Leaf Translation Award at the 6th Annual Xu Zhimo Poetry and Arts Festival at King's College, Cambridge, UK in 2021. She also wrote the first English language translation of Alexandre Dumas pere's *Charles VII at the Homes of His Great Vassals* and *Repairing the Sky: Tales of Myth and Magic from Old China*.



Dorothy received her B.A. in history and M.A. in East Asian studies from Yale University. She served on the boards of the Yale-China Association and Yale Alumni Board of Governors, and has taught at Mount St. Mary's University, Hood College and Chinese Culture University in Taiwan. She lives in Mount Airy with husband, Michael Bonett, and has three sons and two grandchildren.

MOST RECENT PRESENTATION

MAY 24, 2021

Itsuro Uchino on "How Did Japan's War Crimes Evolve?"

Dr. Uchino's very well researched and presented presentation traced how the trajectory of Japanese history led to the country's aggressive colonial policy beginning in the early twentieth century, and how determined expansionism then turned into "cruel and often grotesque war crimes" during the Second Sino-Japanese War and World War II.

Ever since the end of World War II and the Tokyo War Crime Trials, the issue of war crimes has been controversial and divisive in Japan. Dr. Uchino explored why, in his words, "the Japanese as a whole deny war crimes in the face of international condemnation."

2020-21 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”

2020-2021 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 first dinner, be sure to welcome newest members **Dedra and John Salitrik, Roser and Bill Heath, Angeline Gaffigan and Tom Morgan.**

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](#).



Club Website

Board meeting minutes, past presentations and more may be reached at the club website [here](#).



2020 Member Survey

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