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YOUR 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome

President John Menke and the other members of the Torch Club of Frederick's board of directors welcome you to this Torch year's interesting programs and dinners. We look forward to seeing each of you.

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NEED A LIFT TO DINNER?



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

NEXT PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Note that this month's dinner is on the third Monday rather than the customary fourth Monday of the month.

Jeff Wilson on “The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, Where We Are Going, and What Can Be Done”

In a well illustrated presentation, Jeff will detail the current status of the damage the climate crisis is already causing around the world, and how it is likely to progress in the near future. He will explain concepts like carbon sequestration, the tipping point, adaptation and mitigation. He will conclude by discussing what can be done from the national level down to individual actions.

DINNER SIGN-UP

Attending or not, please let Vice President 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— No later than five days before the dinner

Cost— \$30 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.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTER

Jeff Wilson is a founding member of the Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards, a faith-based education and advocacy group in Frederick County. As grandparents, Jeff and his wife Marguerite served as Peace Corps volunteers in Ecuador. A retired CPA and MBA whose professional career was largely spent working in Maryland hospitals, Jeff also holds a degree in music education and has taught high school music.



MOST RECENT PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 28, 2019

Jack Topchik on "The Effects of the Espionage Spy Trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on the American Jewish Community"

Jack spoke on the arrests for espionage in 1950 of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, avowed New York City communists, their trial by jury in 1951 and execution in 1953, and the effect this had on America's Jewish community, which at the time was still finding its place in the mainstream of American life.



No evidence was presented at trial that Ethel Rosenberg had ever had any active part in espionage.

Jack's presentation elicited many questions from the audience and several first-hand accounts of club members of their vivid memories and reactions to the episode.

2019-2020 PRESENTATIONS

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Jack Topchik for lining up the following presentations for the 2019-2020 year.

- **September 23, 2019**

Syl Schieber on "Healthcare USA: A Threat to Future Prosperity"

- **October 28, 2019**

Jack Topchik on "The Effects of the Espionage Spy Trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on the American Jewish Community"

- **November 18, 2019**

Jeff Wilson on "The Climate Crisis; Where We Are, Where We Are Going, and What Can Be Done"

- **December 16, 2019**

Amy McDougal on "Medical Marijuana"

The speaker is the daughter of club member Penny McDougal.

2019-2020 PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY - MAY

- **January 27, 2020**
Toni Clarke on "Foster Care in Maryland"
- **February 24, 2020**
John Menke on an intriguing astronomy-related topic
- **March 23, 2020**
John George on "Harvey Ladew: Man, House and Garden"
- **April 27, 2020**
Marguerite Wilson on "Two 19th Century Court Cases Involving Maryland Slave Owners"
- **May 18, 2020**
Clare Kondig on "The Impact of *The McGuffie Reader* on American Education"

NEW MEMBERS

Our newest member is retired architect and educator **Charles Szuberla** who transferred from a Torch club in New York state and was introduced at our October dinner. Please be sure to welcome Charles and his wife Marianne at the November dinner. Their contact information has been entered into the club roster (link on the following slide).



Do you have acquaintances who would enjoy stimulating company, lively conversation, and interesting exchanges of ideas over excellent dinners, all followed by fascinating presentations? Invite them to a Torch Club dinner or two and then to join Torch.

For additional information and the club membership application, visit the club website at fredtorch.org or contact Membership Chair Frank Sledge at f.sledge@comcast.net.

CLUB ARCHIVES

Be sure to bookmark the following links in your web browser.

Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin*

Past issues of the Torch Club of Frederick *Bulletin* beginning with the October 2017 issue have been archived and may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).



2019-2020 Program and Member Roster

The *2019-2020 Program* and the club's *Member Roster* are now available and updated regularly. View, download or print [here](#).



Club Website, Board Meeting Minutes and More

Minutes of meetings of the board of directors of the Torch Club of Frederick may be reached at the club website [here](#).