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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

DECEMBER 16, 2019

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

Amy McDougal on "The Changing Legal Landscape of Cannabis"

Decriminalization and legalization of cannabis have been a high-speed train over the past eight years. Ms. McDougal will share her perspective as an attorney in the cannabis industry on the impact of legalization thus far, how legalization of cannabis impacts corporate operations and compliance, how the friction in federal and state law is unprecedented, and what we can learn from the dichotomy and how it may be resolved to increase patient access to medical marijuana. She will cover the current legal landscape of medical marijuana, projected changes in the months and years to come, impact of the legalization of hemp, and how we can expect to see the marketplace morph due to introduction of cannabis-based products.

The speaker is the daughter of club member Penny McDougal.

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

Attorney **Amy McDougal** is licensed in Virginia, DC, Georgia and Tennessee, and is certified by the Society of Corporate Compliance & Ethics as a Corporate Compliance and Ethics Professional. In 2013, she founded CLEAResources, LLC, a corporate resource for mitigation of legal and compliance risks. Ms. McDougal is a Director of the International Association of Independent Corporate Monitors and of the International Cannabis Bar Association whose Ethics Committee she chairs.



Previously Ms. McDougal served as Special Assistant United States Attorney and Judge Advocate General in the United States Air Force. She served during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, attaining the rank of Major. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University Peabody Conservatory of Music with a bachelor's degree in flute performance and received her doctor of jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt Law School.

MOST RECENT PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

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

In a well-put-together infographical presentation, Jeff detailed the status of damage the climate crisis is already causing globally, and how it is likely to trend in the near future. He explained concepts of carbon sequestration, the tipping point, adaptation and mitigation, and concluded by discussing what can be done from the national level down to practical actions that club members can take.



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 Torch 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**

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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 economist **Mark Pickens** who was introduced as Zakir Bengali's guest at our November dinner. Please be sure to welcome Mark at the December dinner. His 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](#).