



### President's Message

Man is it HOT out there. While I do not have to remind you to be careful in the heat, I am anyway. Hydrate, sunscreen and bug spray should be the summer mantra as you visit and recreate in the IWLAR woods and lake area. Just because it is hot does not mean you cannot get out, just be smart about it.

As you are reading this, Leslie and I will be on the Upper Rio Grande River in Colorado for a trout fishing adventure. We are looking forward to getting to an elevation where the water is always cold. If you are thinking of a local good time, consider the IWLAR National Convention in Cambridge Maryland on July 14-17. It would be a great time to make some new friends and the convention is at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, and Marina. I hear the place is really nice and if you attend the convention the room rates are significantly discounted. You might want to vacation on the Eastern Shore. We will have a convention report in the August Newsletter.

We have had a case of improper use of IWLAR badges and access cards recently. A family membership is for two adults living in the same household. You cannot loan your badge and access to your uncle (or anyone else in your family) in town for the week. Please be aware of this issue.

I would like to give a special thank you to Lester Rodriguez, an IWLAR member of only a few months, who arranged with his employer for IWLAR to be included in the firm's gifting program. We just received our first contribution! Thanks, Lester, for thinking of us. (Does your firm have a similar program?)

There are plenty of activities ongoing this summer. Check the calendar for the full list. As a reminder the calendar is in the top menu (above the logo) on the website <https://iwlar.org/>. The current month's calendar is on p. 3 of this newsletter. Check out the many options.

Get out and enjoy the summer and stay cool and hydrated!

Tight Lines  
Noel Gollehon

### July Speaker Focus

The July GMM Speaker will be Maren Hill from the Montgomery County Planning Department. She will give an overview of Great Seneca Plan, then discuss any changes to Clopper and Waring Station Roads in the vicinity of the Chapter's property, and prospects of any future changes to areas outside of these environs as might/may impact Chapter Members who reside in these areas.



Maren is an experienced planner and communications professional. Before becoming a Senior Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Department, Maren served as the Safe Routes to School Outreach Manager for Vermont and the Planner for the Town of St. Albans, Vermont, where she focused on walking and biking projects, zoning regulations and stormwater management. She holds a master's degree in city and Regional Planning from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree in American studies from Barnard College.

Note: Due to our nation's Independence holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the July General Membership Meeting will be the *second* Friday of the month, on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## First Watersports event of 2024

Fourteen Ikes and family members kicked off the first trip of the year on June 15. Six participants from the Chapter's June 1 kayak training also tried their newly learned skill by participating. A few were so impressed by our Chapter and all our activities that they are planning to join.

On the way to the put in site, the group made a brief detour to the Rocky Ridge Slide, which according to Watersports Coordinator Fred Snead has been around since his childhood. The Slide was in pretty good shape for being nearly a century old and most of the participants gave it a whirl.



*Fred Snead going down the slide (Fred asked that I not run a less flattering photo of him going down the slide).*

After that, the paddlers put in at Rocky Ridge Rd bridge and then traversed 6.5 miles on the Upper Monocacy until disembarking at Creagerstown Park.



*IWLA paddlers on the Monocacy*

The trip lasted a little over 3 hours and the group was blessed with perfect weather in the low 80s. The next Watersports event will take place on July 20. The group will put in at Devil's Backbone Park and then paddle Antietam Creek to Route 34.

## Do Not Lend Your Access Card

Every member of the Rockville Chapter has his/her own access card. This card provides the ability to access the Chapter House and the Lake Gate off of Clopper Road. ROs also have access to the Pistol Range Gate, and some members have access to the two-story shed. If it is discovered that you gave unescorted access to a non-member (including family members) by giving them your card, you have put your own access privileges at risk. You could have your access privileges suspended or revoked. Keep your good standing as a Rockville member and do not lend out your access card.

## Save Our Streams!

Save Our Streams (SOS) Water Quality Testing Event will be held at the lake on Sunday, July 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. Watch IWLA google group for signup link announcement. The event is geared toward ages 10+. Youth must be accompanied by a parent (no drop-offs). IWLAR volunteer hours and MCPS Students Service Learning (SSL) hours are available. Questions? Contact Phillip Mariscal.



The May 26th SOS test results (pictured above) showed that Seneca Creek is maintaining a healthy water quality. A special shout out to everyone that volunteered at the May 26th event. Your assistance at the event was appreciated.

*~Jeri Crist~*

## The Rockville Email Group

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters. You will be added to [iwlar@googlegroups.com](mailto:iwlar@googlegroups.com) automatically when you become a member unless you request not to be added.

You can remove your address from the list anytime, but we are hopeful that you will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

### Annual First Responders Picnic



*Rockville Ikes engaging with first responders at the May 29 picnic. Many thanks to all who helped out.*

### New Members Recently Inducted

David Brennan Kensington  
Al Goldberg Rockville  
Frank Howard Rockville  
Todd Huber Gaithersburg  
Tim O'Brien & Janet Davis Potomac  
Patrick Walsh Damascus  
A warm welcome to all!

### New IWLA Swag

You can fit the League symbol on more than just signs and newsletter letterhead.



If you would like your very own pair of custom IWLAR earrings (perfect to wear to the upcoming convention) contact Jeri Crist.

### Ike's Want Ads

**To place a non-commercial ad**, write to the Chapter's PO Box 2255, Germantown, MD, 20875, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by the third Friday of the month.