



President’s Message

The August GM meeting will be a busy one. First, we will be awarding the Thomas W. Fisher Conservation and Environmental Studies Scholarships to six exceptional students. Afterwards, we will be having our annual elections. At the July meeting, a nominations report was presented with a slate of candidates. The candidates will introduce themselves to the membership at the August GMM. Then, additional nominations can be made from the floor. We will need a quorum for the elections, so please try to attend in person or via the ZOOM link.

It has been my honor to work with the Board over the past year. I would like to thank all the outgoing Officers and Directors for their past year of service to the Chapter, as well as the new candidates for their volunteer commitment to the Chapter in the coming year. Our Chapter is fortunate to have members who are willing to volunteer their time, skills, and effort to keep the Chapter running.

Susan Cassell

IWLA at the Montgomery County Fair

There are still a few openings left for League representatives at the fair. August 11 through 19 are the dates for this year. The Rockville Chapter provides the tent, and coordinates with local Chapters and others to "make it happen". Volunteers are needed (approx. 40+) for set up, "duty" and tear down. Each shift is 6 hours (one shift can satisfy your voluntary work requirement!), 10am-4pm or 4pm-10pm. Tickets plus parking are provided by the Chapter, no experience necessary. Contact Bill Leaman for questions or to volunteer.

September date changes

At the July GM meeting on Friday, July 7th, the membership made a motion and approved moving the September GM meeting to Friday, September 8th due to the Labor Day weekend starting on Friday, September 1st.

This will also move the New Member Range Safety Class scheduled from 6 - 8 pm prior to the GM meeting. The New Member Range Safety practical will now be on Saturday, September 9th.

Candidates for 2023-24 Positions

The following list of candidates was approved by the Nominations Committee

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
President	Noel Gollehon
1st Vice President	Tom Vegella
2nd Vice President	Jay Copsy
Treasurer	*
Membership Secretary	Judy Danish
Recording Secretary	Cindy Stevens
Corresponding Secretary	Kent Shaw
Past President Director	Susan Cassell
Director	Ethan Snider (2025)
Director	Ken Kee (2026)
Director	Dan Reggia (2026)
Director	Ilene Altman (2026)
Director	Philip Mariscal (2026)

*Nomination can be submitted from the floor

The following are not up for election this year

Director	Tom Selle (2024)
Director	Joyce Buttrey (2024)
Director	Jose Cabrita (2024)
Director	Martin Field (2024)
Director	Chris Holler (2025)
Director	Bill Jackson (2025)
Director	Frank Markus (2025)

Elections will be held in August and those elected will assume their positions in September.

Many celebrants for the League’s 90th birthday event!



Join us for the Night of the Living Bugs on August 5

With the use of a Black Light, a Mercury bulb and specially crafted bait to attract and lure night insects and moths, we will enjoy getting a glimpse of bug nightlife! See and learn about the wondrous, beautiful and strange insects that come out at night, like the Luna Moth and a Zombie Bug. This event is geared toward people that like bugs and want to learn more about them. It will run from 7 to 10pm.

Registration is required at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A6229-night>

A dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 6 pm for volunteers assisting with set up. Please indicate if you plan to arrive for set up and dinner (5:30 pm) and/or earning SSL hour hours space is limited.

The event will be held behind the Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter House on the back patio, located at 18301 Waring Station Rd. Germantown, MD 20874.

Please call/text Jeri Crist for any questions.

Upcoming Drone classes

August 8, 2023—How to Get Your Drone License

A Part 107 Drone License is needed anytime you want to fly your drone for non-recreational purposes or for compensation. To obtain a license you need to be at least 16 years old, able to speak and understand English, be physically and mentally capable of safely flying drones, and pass the aeronautical knowledge exam: “Unmanned Aircraft General – Small (UAG).” You do not have to demonstrate your skills as a drone pilot. We will cover the procedures for signing up for the test, what’s covered on the exam, test taking strategies, and how to prepare for the exam using a commercial training course or self-study. We will discuss recommended apps and publications to use in your studies. Our Chapter has negotiated a 30-percent discount on test-preparation training from MZeroA. Bring your iPads or android tablets.

August 22, 2023—Drone Safety Seminar

This seminar will cover IWLAR rules for flying drones on Chapter property, minimum weather requirements, FAA rules for flying drones, how to determine if it is legal to fly a drone in a specific area, and how to obtain a clearance to fly a drone in controlled airspace.

September 5, 2023--Introduction to Orthomosaic Mapping 101

This course will teach members how to develop terrain maps using drones. This technique is used for law enforcement (search and rescue and active shooter scenarios), firefighting, conservation, agriculture, forest management, real estate, and construction.

Drone classes (continued)

It involves using specialized software to identify a tract of land to map; the software then develops a lawnmower path which the drone will fly (about 200 feet AGL) and programs the drone to take high-resolution photographs at specified intervals as it flies. The drone uses its GPS to follow the path. Other software stitches the photos together to make the map. The maps are very similar to those on Google Earth but will have better resolution and more detail. During the first class, we will program the drone to fly over the selected area. During the second class, we will fly the program and process the photos to create the map.

For more information, contact Kent Shaw.

Scholarship Winners

Steve Brady and Maureen Williams are the Scholarship Chairs. Steve collects the applications and analyzes them to come up with the recommendations that are sent to Maureen and the President (currently Susan Cassell) for review and input. Then, Maureen puts together the selected names and sends them to Miles Greenbaum and Cindy Stevens. This year we had 7 applications for the 6 scholarships. All the scholarships are \$2K.

1. Christopher Li from North Potomac, MD, attending Yale University majoring in Environmental Engineering
2. Tsvi Margolis from Clarksburg, MD, attending Dartmouth University majoring in Environmental Science / Ecology
3. James Phillips from Kensington, MD, attending University of Vermont majoring in Animal Science
4. Aaron Siegle from Silver Spring, MD, attending Duke University majoring in Environmental Sciences and Policy
5. Ethan Udler from Bethesda, MD, attending University of Michigan majoring in Biology and Economics
6. Kason Willis from Damascus, MD, attending University of Kentucky majoring in Forestry

Montgomery County Smart Salt Applicator Training

Hosted by the Izaak Walton League of America, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Bolton and Menk, Inc will be held virtually on August 30 from 9am to 2pm. This event will teach contracted salt applicators how to save money and protect water resources by using less salt while keeping roads, parking lots, and sidewalks safe. The tons of salt used every year to manage snow and ice damages infrastructure and vegetation and pollutes our lakes, streams, and groundwater. Oversalting costs you money and can threaten the health of our ecosystems and drinking water. Participating organizations have been able to reduce their salt use by 30 to 70%! While this training is FREE, spaces are limited, so register soon! Please contact Izaak Walton League staff at saltwatch@iwla.org with any questions.

Save Our Streams

After much rain, our Chapter junior youth did a SOS (Save Our Streams) event. 16 people attended testing our water and categorizing invertebrates. It was found that even after all the rain, the Great Seneca Creek water was fairly healthy with a nice variety of invertebrate living. As a special bonus participants got to touch and hold a worm snake that was found on the property.



Special thanks to all our volunteers that made these events possible. Please watch the newsletter and Google group for upcoming events.

New Members Recently Inducted

Wil & Angie Bucarelo	Germantown
Seth Carson	Germantown
Torrie Cooke	Silver Spring
Bichoy Hanna	N. Potomac
Alfonso Huerta and Danny Huerta	Germantown
Carrie Palsson	Damascus
Zhaochuan Wang	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

Glock Model 43 subcompact handgun with two factory Glock magazines (one is factory extended to make a "longer" hand grip for the pinky finger and the other is modified to add an aftermarket extender that provides a bigger grip and hold up to 9 rounds) and one aftermarket extended magazine. It has OEM Glock sights. The gun is in excellent like-new condition and has less than 150 rounds shot through it. Sells for \$500 and up new. Asking \$400 in original box. Happy to meet at IWLR range to show it. Mark Lombard, email: pkdude2@verizon.net

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