

President’s Message

The August GM meeting was packed with lots of activity. We welcomed 8 new members, awarded the Thomas W. Fisher Conservation and Environmental Studies Scholarship to six exceptional students, Executive Board Chair Jim Piateski presented IWLA National Awards to deserving Chapter members, and we held our elections for the 2022-2023 terms. Thank you to all who attended in person and on-line to cast your votes for the new Board.

During 2021-22 term, the COVID pandemic continued, and we still had to be flexible in the ways we worked to keep the Chapter running. I would like to thank the outgoing Officers and Directors for their service to the Chapter: 1st Vice President Greg Underhill, 2nd Vice President Rich Clement, Recording Secretary Victoria Underhill and Directors Noel Gollehon, Byron Holston, Ricardo Rodriques, and Cindy Stevens.

Finally, I would like to thank the members on the Board who have committed to another year of service as well as the incoming officers and directors for their commitment to running the Chapter.

Some of The Newly Elected (or Re-elected)



From left to right (back row): Bill Jackson, Chris Holler, Kent Shaw, Jay Copsy, Noel Gollehon. (Front row): Frank Markus, Cindy Stevens, Judy Danish and Susan Casell. (ed. see the August edition for a the list of new officers and Directors).

Regards,
Susan Cassell

MD Wear and Carry Permit Training

The Rockville Chapter conducted its first MD Wear and Carry Permit Training class on August 12, 2022, attended by Jacob Song, David Baker, Jake Soffronoff, Jun Lu, and Pete Lee with volunteer NRA Certified and MD State Police Qualified Handgun Instructors Jose Cabrera and Rich Clement.



MD Wear and Carry Permit Training consists of 16 hours of instruction for an original application and includes instruction on MD Firearms Law, home firearm safety, handgun mechanisms and operation, and a component that requires the applicant to demonstrate gun safety and shooting qualification proficiency with a minimum score of 70% accuracy. MD Wear and Carry Permit Training is offered after successful completion of the Chapter's NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course with the MD Handgun Qualification License Supplement to satisfy the balance of prerequisite instruction and shooting qualification required to apply for the MD Wear and Carry Permit. For additional information contact Rich Clement.

Doin’ the Fair

As in years past, the surrounding Chapters manned a booth for the League at the Montgomery County Fair, held from August 12 to 20.

The most popular item at the booth by far was the chance for younger kids to “fish” for sharks and frogs. Many thanks to Bill Leaman for arranging the booth and ensuring it was staffed.

2023 Calendar Request are OPEN

Updating the calendar is an ongoing task, but if you have activities that you want to get on the Chapter calendar for 2023, please send them to Susan Cassell (if there are a lot of events) or use the Calendar Request button on the website for just a few or single dates.

Scholarship winners and Awardees

The Chapter awards the Thomas W. Fisher Conservation and Environmental Student Scholarships to college students majoring in issues related to the environment. The following awardees were presented their scholarships at the August GMM.

Katherine Adah - University of North Carolina Asheville/Environmental Studies

Elizabeth Cassell - Dickinson College/Environmental Science and Earth Science

Julia Crews - Coastal Carolina University/Coastal Marine and Wetlands Studies

Samuel Leaman - St. Mary's College of Maryland/Environmental Studies

Lukas Lightcap - University of Maryland College Park/Environmental Science and Policy

Alison Trackman - Carleton College/Environmental Science

Jim Piatieski, Chair of the Executive Board of IWLA National presented the following awards:

Defender's Award to the Rockville Chapter (he didn't actually present this one, we have won it so many times and it is just a year sticker to put on an existing plaque, but we did receive it). It recognizes chapter commitment to membership, support of the League's mission, local youth scholarships, on-the-ground conservation, effective communication, and youth engagement.

James Lawton Childs Award to the Rockville Chapter in recognition of outstanding chapter conservation activities during the past year. This also includes a check for \$250.00 from the IWLA Endowment.

Conservation Award to Cindy Stevens in recognition of individual accomplishments in conservation.

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54 Founders Award to Miles Greenbaum. This is the League's highest honor, given to one person each year who has made outstanding contributions in conservation. Miles was nominated for the Hall of Fame award, but the National Awards Committee decided that he had earned this award for his long commitment to IWLA at all levels Chapter, MD Division, National, and the Endowment.

Updates from the August 19 BOD meeting

The following decisions were made by the Board of Directors.

- Kent Shaw will look into the purchase of a new dishwasher for the Chapter House.
- Chapter Members are encouraged to help out with a project being coordinated by Barry Fleming at the Wildlife Achievement Chapter to remove tree guards at the Hoyles Mill Conservation Park. Stay tuned for more information.
- We'll be looking for 2 people to chair our 90th anniversary year activities during the upcoming year. Contact Susan Cassell if you are interested.

Jr. Air Rifle and Jr. BB Gun training starts in Sept.

The Jr. BB gun class is open to children ages 8 – 15. It meets most Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 pm and continues until May. The orientation for NEW BB gun students will be Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 pm. Parents should plan to attend the first meeting. The fee is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. The first regular practice will be October 4th.

The Jr. Air Rifle class is open to children ages 12 – 18. It meets most Saturday mornings from 9 – 11 am and continues until May. The orientation for NEW students will be Saturday, Sept. 17th at 9 am. The fee for members is \$50 and for non-members is \$55. The first regular practice will be on Oct. 1st.

For both classes, the Chapter provides all the equipment. Students need only bring eye protection (ear protection optional)

Group sizes will be limited. Priority will be to current participants, members and then non-members. Please contact Susan Cassell if you are interested.

Also, if you have experience in rifle coaching, I could use some help with the Saturday morning air rifle practices.

~Susan Cassell~

2023 Budget Request due Oct. 1st

The budget will be assembled by the Finance Committee, reviewed by the Board, and then approved by the General Membership at the Nov. GM meeting. In the event that we do not have a quorum in the November meeting, approval will take place at the December GMM.

Committee Chairs should send in their budgets for 2023 by October 1. Please email them to the Finance Committee Chair Rob McClelland and copy Susan Cassell at president@iwlar.org.

If you do not submit anything, your budget will most likely be the same.

Police Appreciation Event – September 27th

Joyce Buttrey and Susan Cassell are working with Community Services Officer Kimberly Jones in the 6th District for the Chapter to host a Police Appreciation Event on Tuesday, September 27th, 11 am – 4 pm at the Lake. We are hoping to provide a nice lunch, some activities (fishing, horseshoes, cornhole) and a welcoming environment to show the Officers that they are appreciated by the community.

Please contact Joyce if you are interested in volunteering with food, activities, or participating in welcoming the Officers. If you can't be there, we would like to collect notes of appreciation to give the officers. Thank you for your support in this effort.

EMS

The Chapter's Environmental Management Systems (EMS) committee will hold its fall meeting on Monday September 19th beginning at 7:00 pm in the upper level of the Chapter House. The fall meeting is the annual environmental assessment to review the Chapter's environmental objectives and to establish the Chapter's objectives for the upcoming year. The EMS Committee consists of the Chapter President, or their representative, and the chairs of each standing Committee: capital improvements (facilities), Chapter grounds, conservation activities, EMS, lake, range safety. Other Chapter members provide their input and feedback as well, particularly the range managers. Input from Chapter members is welcome.

Meeting Night Meals

Many thanks to Erik Tavenner for preparing a meal for the August general membership night. The menu included delicious hamburgers, portobello burgers, potato salad, chips and salsa, and watermelon.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

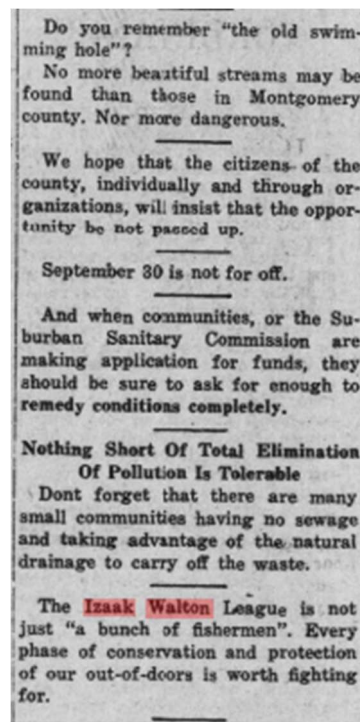
New Members Recently Inducted

Adam Anderson	Gaithersburg
Nuno Cardoso	Clarksville
Craig Jones & Sam Olson	Washington, DC
Cameron Locke & William Chen	Rockville
Jun Lu	Potomac
Joe Mathew	Gaithersburg

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Time Machine

An interesting find in the Aug 11 1938 "Izaak Walton Notes" in the *Montgomery Sentinel* provided our President's name for that year, Reuben Riggs. There's also information relating to actions being taken to address polluted conditions from raw sewage of the streams in the county.



Trivia Question: Do you know how many Presidents the Rockville Chapter has had? See the answer in a future edition of Newsletter and on the Chapter website.