



President’s Message

November is a time of thanks. I want to thank all our members who have volunteered their time to support the Chapter throughout the year. The Chapter would not be able to operate without their efforts.

The Finance committee has collected the budget information for all the activity chairs to produce a budget that was presented to the BOD and recommended to be voted on at the November 4th, GM meeting. We will need a quorum to pass the budget (45+ members present). If we do not have a quorum, the budget will be tabled and voted on by the members present at the December GM meeting. The GM meeting will be in person and via ZOOM, so please try to make it.

It's beautiful this time of year at the Chapter, I hope you get a chance to get outdoors and enjoy it!

Susan Cassell

Germantown Historical Society Hike to Viaduct

Have you ever been to the Viaduct/Railroad Bridge that is on our property? It’s a small hike down the stream behind the pavilion, and it is quite impressive. The Germantown Historical Society requested permission to have their fall hike on our property to view the Viaduct. They’ll be meeting at the Lake Pavilion on Sunday, November 20th at 1:00 pm. Chapter members are welcome to join the hike. Susan Soderberg, President of the Germantown Historical Society, will be our guest speaker for our Nov. GM meeting.

It’s Renewal Time!

You should have received your annual membership information in the mail by now. You have until 12/31/2022 to complete your six hours of Chapter volunteer time. Your volunteer hours and dues must be postmarked by 12/31/2022 to avoid the late fee. So watch the Newsletter and the iwlar Google group emails now for volunteer opportunities.

If you haven’t received your renewal information or have other questions, contact Judy

November Speaker Focus

A passionate seeker of truth about the past, Susan Soderberg has been active for the past 40+ years writing, lecturing, testifying and leading tours of historic sites. She has a BA in Art History from the College of William and Mary and an MA in American Studies from George Washington University. She is retired as a historian with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and has written several books on state and local history, as well as numerous scholarly articles.



Susan was a researcher and consultant for the Emmy Award winning documentary, “Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County in the Civil War,” produced by Heritage Montgomery. Currently, Susan is president of the Germantown Historical Society, an advisor for the King Barn Dairy Mooseum, a member of MPI, a Commissioner on the Maryland Military Monuments Commission. She will soon have published a biography of Josiah Henson, a man who grew up enslaved in Montgomery County and now has a road and a park named for him in the County.

Clopper’s Mill Steam Cleanup with SCSP

On November 13th, we will be having a joint activity with Seneca Creek State Park to clean up along Seneca Creek from our property to the Clopper’s Mill ruin in the park. Meet at the Lake Pavilion at 10 am to get your trash bags. This is a good opportunity to get in those last few volunteer hours. Afterwards, we’ll grill up some burgers for lunch at the pavilion.

Pistol League Awards Dinner at Lake

The outdoor pistol league concluded its season with an awards dinner at the Lake. Congratulations to the Rimfire Champion Team, the Hot Shots (Isaac Booth, Steve Brady, Frank Markus, Arnie Nygaard, and Maureen Williams) and the Centerfire Champion Team, the Round Shots (Isaac Booth, Steve Brady, Susan Cassell, Doug Smith, Jacob Song, and James Zuback). A good time was had by all. The Pistol League season will begin again in April 2023.



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.

Individuals will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when they become a member unless they request not to be added. Members can remove their address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that they will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

Autumn Hike and Marshmallow Roast

Enjoy the beautiful autumn colors with a hike through the woods and around the IWLAR's private lake on Sunday, November 13 from 1 - 4 p.m. Look for animal tracks, birds, nests and wildlife. Enjoy roasting marshmallows over a campfire and apple cider. Wear comfortable shoes for hiking and dress for the chilly November weather. Limited to 30 participants. Questions? Contact Jeri Crist.

Update to Fishing Rules at Lake

The IWLA-R Lake Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved a change in policy concerning fishing in the Lake after stocking. Fishing for any species will not be allowed for 24 hours after stocking the Lake. This policy will go into effect beginning with the fall trout stocking on November 8th, 2022 and will continue thereafter. This is to allow the fish time to acclimate after 3 days of no food before a 4 hour drive before being released into the Lake.

Water Sports Wraps Up for 2022

Ten Ikes paddled from Fletcher's Cove to the Columbia Island Marina on the Potomac for the last water sports event of 2022.



Photo courtesy of Paolo Amodeo

The group was blessed with exceptionally pleasant weather and abundant sunshine. The trip lasted a little over four hours, including stops and detours. During one stop, paddler April Marrone helped a fisherman free a duck that was caught in his line.

Some chapter seasonal activities end with a formal Awards Banquet. The water sports "banquet" was a bit more improvised and emphasized beverages rather than food. No awards were presented although several were in the running for the "highly coveted" designation of most capsizes in 2022!



Meeting Night Meals

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

Channing & Ingrid Jonker Germantown
Pete Lee & MJ Ross-Lee Poolesville
A warm welcome to all!

Chapter Police Support Event Attracts 50

At the Lake on September 27, from 11 am - 5 pm, we hosted about 50 police officers from local agencies including Montgomery County Police Districts 5 and 6, Rockville Police, Park Police and the Sheriff's office, as well as Chapter members Pat Sands, and retired officers Frank Markus and Jack Toomey. Officers were greeted warmly and offered a delicious meal of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, chili, bean salad, potato salad, chips, and lots of desserts. They also had the opportunity to fish, play horseshoes and ladder ball, and just enjoy the beautiful day at the Lake. Some remembered the Chapter from their Scouting days, others had driven by many times but never stopped by, others knew the Chapter house, but didn't know we had the Lake area in the back. One officer even brought his 4 year old son.



I think both the officers and the volunteers all enjoyed the day. I know I did.

I can't thank enough all the volunteers that we had to put this day together.

Chapter Police Support Event Attracts 50(cont.)



~Susan Casell~

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