



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Well, here we are, in 2018, having made it through the season of giving. From that day in November when we show appreciation for all our blessings as a nation, to Black Friday when we scramble for deals on gifts we'll give later, to Giving Tuesday when we're asked to support financially many worthwhile organizations, including the League, (you did, right?). Now here's a gift that needs no season: giving "the gift of life," through blood donation. To me, there's no more "personalized" way to do the most amount of good than donating your own blood to help someone you'll never meet. And as you probably know, there's never not a need for blood.

So, here's a thought: As a chapter with about 640 members (and many more in our extended families), should we sponsor a blood drive? We have the facilities to do it and the Red Cross is eager to partner with us. They are very flexible as to timing (weekday vs. weekend; daytime vs. evening) and we could even open it up to the public.

To do it right, we need a Chapter member (or two or three) willing to head it up (but with a lot of support from me, other Members, and the Red Cross). So, let me know what you think. Shoot a message to me and answer two questions: If we host it, would you donate? And, Would you be willing to head it up?

Remember, this is a gift that needs no season; it just needs us.

Your thoughts, please. Thanks.

Ryck Lydecker

Important Reminders!!!

Mags for Vets drop off deadline is noon on January 7, 2018. Please leave materials just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House. See the November or December editions of the newsletter for more details.

Last chance to renew your membership without incurring a late fee is January 16, 2018.

Wood duck box upkeep kicks off in January, see p. 2 of this edition for more details.

January Speaker Spotlight

You've probably seen Jeri Crist around the IWLA Rockville Chapter, especially behind the bar after the general membership meetings. Jeri's been an active member for over 6 years and is actively involved in the Jr. Youth Conservation Education team and with the IWLA Paddle sports. She helps keep the Chapter's Face Book page updated and can often be found at the lake and running along the Chapter's many trails with her faithful beagle mix, Trixie.



Jeri grew up in small mid-western towns, climbing trees and exploring the woods, creek and river near her home. She's always enjoyed being outside and many childhood vacations were spent camping. Jeri moved to the Metro DC area 28 years ago falling in love with the diverse region. She became an avid runner 4 years ago challenging herself with trail, mud and obstacle course races. Always up for adventure, Jeri jumped at the opportunity to join fellow IWLAR member, Ellison Withers on a 4-day 3-night hike along the famed Appalachian Trail. This was her first overnight backpacking adventure ever! Turned out, she was hooked! She has since been on another weekend hike and has one planned for the spring.

Jeri has been awarded the "2016 National Conservation Award", the "2013-14 Member of the Year" award, the "2016 Conservation Award" and the "2015 National Izaak Walton League, Thelma "Pete" Reed Award.

Jeri is married to Duval Crist, they have one teenage daughter, Erica and reside in Germantown. She currently works for MCPS as a middle school educator.

Explore Archery This Summer!

If you or your kids ever wanted to learn the fundamentals of archery or improve your skills, IWLAR's Summer Archery is the program for you! You'll learn proper shooting form and fundamentals in a safe and family-friendly environment from our USAA-trained instructors.

Children 8-10 years old are taught in a small group with fun, learning activities--like shooting watermelons and 3D alligators.

Older children and adults are coached at the regular archery range, and then later you'll be able to shoot from the tower and go out on the 3D archery range.

As an IWLAR member in good standing, registration opens March 1. Members can register their children ages 8-18 and member adults. The general public registration opens April 1 and is only available for children 8-18. The program runs on Sundays from June-August and all equipment is provided.

Stay tuned for more details in the IWLAR newsletter and Yahoo group. If you have questions, please contact Martha Patterson.

Wood duck work commences in January

Every Sunday in January the Chapter will hold work outings to tend to our 75 Wood Duck nest boxes. Most of the boxes are in McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area along River Road, west of Poolesville. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be announced via the Chapter's Yahoo email group. Each workday, teams check the boxes, make repairs, log nesting data from last spring and prep each box for the nesting season, which starts in late March. The work is finished in the early afternoon.

The boxes are in wooded swamps and that requires wading in shallow water so chest waders or hip boots are ideal. The Chapter has some loaners as well as any tools and repair materials that will be needed. To sign up for any Sunday in January – or all of them – contact Ryck Lydecker.

Marketing skills wanted

We have started a new Firearms Training Committee chaired by Rick Albert. The first task of this committee is getting our NRA Pistol classes running again in the spring. The committee will look at offering other classes such as the NRA Rifle class, an abbreviated HQL class, a Shotgun Accuracy clinic, and other areas of interest.

At this point all the positions on the committee are filled except for one. Rick is having a hard time identifying a Chapter member to fill the marketing position. This person would be responsible for developing flyers, promoting the class, getting free or discounted advertising, and in general filling each class ahead of time. This person would not need any instructor certifications to fulfil the responsibilities of this position.

If you are interested in discussing the position or know someone that would be good at this please contact Rick Albert.

Over 30 participants for Autumn Hike



We had a great turn out for the Autumn Hike and S'more campfire. Over 30 kids and adults enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at IWLAR. Weather was a little chilly, but it was cozy by the fire and made the hot chocolate even better. The kids made water bottle bird feeders, pine cone mobiles and played Thanksgiving tag game. Special thanks goes out to the best fire builders ever, Jay Copsey and Tom Vegella and to Marion Lindenbaum for taking photos, helping with registration and crafts. Check out the IWLAR FaceBook page for more photos.

Jeri Crist~



Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Girl Scout Troop 3577 for providing a wonderful Turkey and "fixins" dinner at the December meeting.

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.

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.

To sign up, send an email identifying yourself to iwlarowner@yahoo.com. This is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancelations. Don't get left out of the loop – sign-up for the email group now!

New Members Recently Inducted

Phil Hines	Germantown
Eric Javelosa	Germantown
Gary Nolder	Kensington
Kelon Wang and Han Chen	N. Potomac

A warm welcome to all and we hope to get to know you better throughout the year. The best advice we can give you: Get involved and enjoy all we have to offer!

Chapter Newsletter Via Yahoo Group Mail

The Rockville Chapter Newsletter is available in PDF format sent to your email account. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email only contact David Schwartzman, and include your name so that we can confirm your membership.

Ike's Want Ads

For Sale!

1. Ruger Flattops; 50thAnniv.(357&44); S/N Matched Pair/Display Case \$1,150
2. Ruger Super Bearcat, 50th Anniv. (2008) (.22lr), New, \$ 700
3. S&W, Model 53, 6", .22 Jet; NEW (unfired, new) in box \$1,650
4. S&W, Model 38 Hammerless; 3.25" Nickel; LNIB; 110 yrs. old; 1907 \$ 975
5. Colt 1911 Custom Shop Commemorative 2011, New in Box \$1,300

Contact Terry Popkin.

Celestron 10-30X50 spotting scope. Brand new, never used, with tripod and case. No box or papers. Sold for \$69.95 will sell for \$40.00 with P/U at Chapter house. Mel Swerdloff.

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