



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Let's all keep running

On the back of one of my running shirts is this quote from Maya Angelou: "Nothing will work unless you do." In that context it's meant to spur me on and maybe inspire the runner reading it behind me (yes, occasionally there are one or two) and around our Chapter you could certainly make the case that it applies to the volunteer "work" we rely upon to keep our programs, facilities, leagues, social functions and partnerships operating.

But there is another take on the quote that I'd ask you to consider as we near Chapter election season. It's that "work," meaning taking an interest, getting involved and following through in the management arena, is what keeps us "running" as a Chapter. And that should translate to every Chapter member getting informed about the upcoming elections to the Board of Governors (officers and directors) and then taking part.

At the General Membership meeting this month (July 6) the Nominating Committee will present a slate of names to fill seven officer positions for the next Chapter year (Sept. 2018-Aug. 2019) as well as four Board positions to fill three-year terms. That officially starts the process by giving you 30 days to get to know the nominees and even propose others. As always, nominations from the floor are welcome. So please, do your part to make this Chapter "work" by attending this month's meeting and, especially, by turning out to vote in August.

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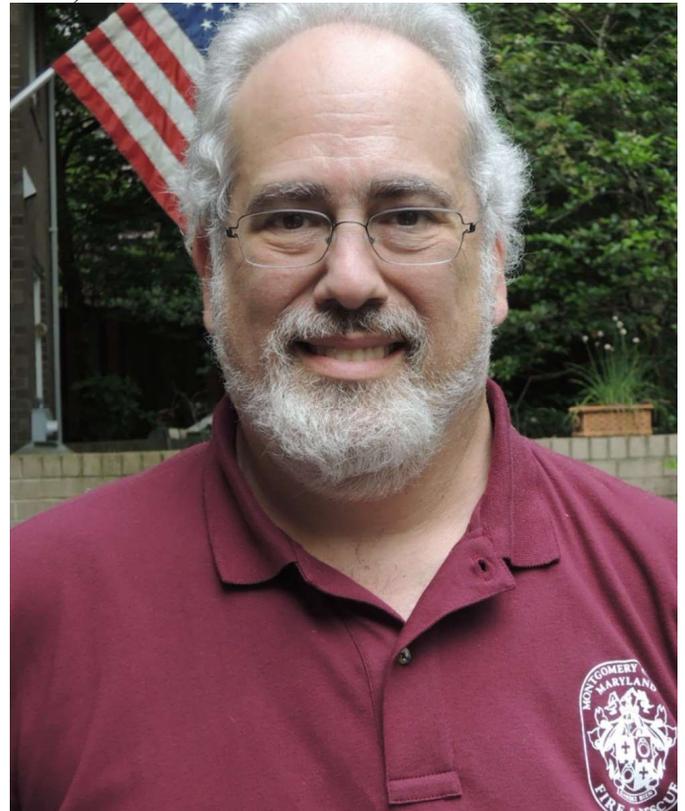
Reminder – Pistol Class on July 21

The one-day course costs \$175 (\$150 for Chapter members). The classes are for both first-time shooters and those who want to improve their accuracy or are out of practice. The training will include both indoor classroom and 50 rounds of live-fire instruction at our outdoor range. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. Instructors have a broad range of shooting and teaching experience, with great attention to individual needs. Advanced registration is required and students under 18 must enroll with a parent or guardian (pre-approval required). For more info contact Rick Albert.

July Speaker Spotlight

David Schwartzman is a lifelong Montgomery County resident currently living in Rockville, a third generation Marylander, and the proud papa of Lycisca, his 11-year-old Siberian Husky. He is a member of the IWLAR Board of Directors, the Range Officer Scheduler, Chapter Historian and Awards Committee Chair.

David is also a member of the Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) where he serves as a member of its Steering Committee, a deployable Go-Team member, Go-Team Dispatcher, and is part of their Training group where he helps MCCERT teach residents how to be prepared for disasters (great and small).



David also was a lecturer on the subject of "Handling Pets during an Evacuation" at CERTCON 2018 - National Capitol Region Community Emergency Response Team Conference held on June 23-24 at Montgomery College Germantown Campus and the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy. He was also lead photographer/videographer and print team lead for the conference.

Nominees for August Elections

The nominating committee has submitted the following individuals to seek election to Chapter positions in the August General Membership Meeting.

Nominees for Officer Positions - Term ends 2019

President	Lee Hays
1st VP	Tom Vegella
2nd VP	Rick Albert
Treasurer	Tom Perazella
Membership Sec	Judy Danish
Recording Sec	Miles Greenbaum
Corresponding Sec	Kent Shaw

Nominees for Director Positions – Term ends 2021

John Shea
Susan Cassell
Mike Brolly
Robert McClelland

Rockville Gives \$12,000 in Scholarships

This year, the Rockville Chapter handed out six \$2,000 Warren Fisher Conservation Scholarships to students from Montgomery County.



Above, left to right, the winners were Robert Haslett, Mercedes Horn, Elisabeth Warren and Julia Crews. Not pictured were Elizabeth Cassell and Emerson Sirk. The scholarships are being presented by scholarship chairman Lee Hays.

The criteria for the chapter's scholarship award is that they be residents of Montgomery County and that they are enrolling in a course of study concerned with conservation, ecology and/or the environment.

Just as a point of interest, since the Conservation Scholarship was initiated in 1999, the chapter has awarded \$134,500 to eighty-three Montgomery County students. Two of those awardees, Trevor Michaels and Emerson Sirk, have gone on to win the IWLA National Scholarship Award.

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.

IWLA Rockville Needs Volunteers for the MC Fair

The 2018 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair runs August 10 through 18. Our Chapter needs volunteers for staffing our IWLA booth.

You don't have to be an expert to work your shift – you will have at least one other Ike with you and there are also well-prepared reference materials in the booth that provide enough information to answer most if not all of the questions asked by visitors. The shifts run from 10 am to 4 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm. This is a great way to get in your required six hours for 2018. We provide information from National, State, and local Chapters and have a good time doing it.

There are other possible work hour opportunities because help may be needed for booth setup and take down, too. Contact Bill Leaman to volunteer.

Woodmont Open House

Sunday, Sept. 9th - 11am-4pm - 1:00 guided tours. For more information, contact Fort Frederick State Park at (301) 842-2155.

The Izaak Walton League has a chapter at Woodmont. The use of the facilities and grounds is shared between the Maryland Wildlife & Heritage Service and the IWLA.



This historic building and grounds (3,400 acres) have hosted presidents (FDR and others) and sports celebrities (Babe Ruth and others). It is opened to the public on the above noted date. Go See It... It is impressive.

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 iwlar-owner@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!

Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program

This is the 6th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Items to Donate:

1. Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes, sports of all types, etc.
2. CDs: any and all types of music, including 'books on tape'
3. DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc.
4. Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order with all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge.
5. Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery:

1. All magazines must be clean and current, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements
2. All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – no boxes or paper bags
3. No items may be dropped off prior to the designated time and location

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday July 1, 2018 (12 noon at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House.

Douglas Smith

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.

Support the League Through AmazonSmile

Amazon.com is the online store that has it all, and most of us use it from time to time. Next time you shop online, use the League's new AmazonSmile page and Amazon will make a donation to the Izaak Walton League -- at no cost to you.

The premise is simple: You shop. Amazon gives. The AmazonSmile web site is the same Amazon you already know. It has the same products, same prices, and same service. The big difference is that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Izaak Walton League. Prices are not marked up to cover this donation. Amazon is sharing a portion of its profits with groups such as the League.

It really works and it really is simple. Just log on to smile.amazon.com and take it from there. Any and all donations will be much appreciated.

New Members Recently Inducted

AJ Akridge	Clarksburg
Alec Baker & Mydanh Tran	N. Potomac
Carla Morelli	Gaithersburg
Blaise & Kelly Rhodes	Silver Spring

A warm welcome to all!