



President’s Message

The August GM meeting was a lot of fun. It was wonderful to see so many members for dinner before the meeting. We welcomed new members and awarded scholarships to five exceptional students who are going on into conservation and environmental studies. We also presented the MD Division and National IWLA awards. There were quite a few for the Chapter as well as some special individuals, Lee Hays, Rich Clement, Judy Danish, Tom Vegella and Noel Gollehon. The meeting concluded with the annual elections. Thank you to everyone who attended, in-person and on-line, to cast your vote. It has been a pleasure working with the members of the Board this past year and I look forward to working with the new Board for the next year. Many thanks to them all for volunteering their time to keep our Chapter running. I hope you’ll join us for the September 10th GM, to welcome the new board after their installment.

Susan Cassell

September GMM Speaker

Silvia Brown will discuss her experience at the Natural Resource Career Camp. Silvia loves nature and everything about it. She has gone to outdoor Girl Scout Summer camps many weeks in a row for 5 years and counting. Silvia lives in Gaithersburg and will be attending Northwest High School in the fall.

Hunting & Fishing Day Open House 9/25/21

Mark your calendars! Our Hunting & Fishing Day Open House is back this year. Earn your volunteer hours and try out all of our Chapter’s great activities on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 8am to 6pm EDT.



Saturday, September 25, 2021

Confirmed exhibitors include Friends of Seneca Creek & Patuxent River State Parks, Second Chance Wildlife, Seneca Creek Watershed Partners, Anacostia Watershed Society, and Maryland Bluebird Society.

- Volunteer check-in and Set up will begin at 8am.
- Lunch, snacks, & water will be provided for our volunteers & exhibitors at 12pm.
- We're open to the public from 1pm to 5pm.
- After 5pm we clean up and relax.

Tell your friends and neighbors, because this is their chance to come and see what you’ve been raving about.

If you haven't already, visit the SignUpGenius form online to reserve your volunteer slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545AFA62DA6F94-iwlar>.

Newly Elected Officers and Directors	
President	Susan Cassell
1st VP	Greg Underhill
2nd VP	Rich Clement
Treasurer	Rich Wilkinson
Membership Sec.	Judy Danish
Recording Sec.	Victoria Underhill
Corresponding Sec.	Kent Shaw
Past President Director	Lee Hays
Director (2022)	Noel Gollehon
Director (2022)	Ricardo Rodrigues
Director (2022)	Byron Holston
Director (2022)	Cindy Stevens
Director (2023)	Channing Mahatan
Director (2023)	Joeffrey Eclarin
Director (2023)	Mike Oxenford
Director (2023)	Chris Wilson
Director (2024)	Tom Selle
Director (2024)	Jose Cabrita
Director (2024)	Joyce Buttrey
Director (2024)	Martin Field

October 9 Range Officer Training Class

Spaces remain in the Range Officer Training Class scheduled for Saturday, October 9, to train new range officers and re-certify existing RO's. The class will run from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM with lunch provided.

For new Range Officers, class prerequisites are that you must be Range Approved for at least six months, have a Range Officer Certification Card signed by three Duty Range Officers while using the pistol range on separate occasions before the class, and successfully complete a test on the Range Rules prior to the class.

Range Officer qualified members are granted the privilege of using the rifle and pistol ranges when a Duty Range Officer is not present on weekends. With the privilege of greater range access comes a responsibility – you must serve as a Duty Range Officer approximately twice each year.

For more information and to register for the class, contact Duval Crist.

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 BB gun will be Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7:00 pm. Parents should plan to attend the first meeting. The fee is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members.

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 will be Saturday, Sept. 18th at 9 am. The fee for member is \$50 and for non-member is \$55.

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.

Recent Awards Summary

IWLA MD Division Awards (August GMM)

President's (youth) - Rockville Chapter
Elizabeth Weih (conservation) - Rockville Chapter
Ed Turner - Lee Hays
Conservation - Tom Vegella

IWLA National Awards (August GMM)

Defenders Award, Rockville Chapter
Robert C. O'Hair (children's programs)- Rockville
Tobin - Rich Clement
Hall of Fame (long and hard work) - Lee Hays
Conservation - Tom Vegella
Conservation - Noel Gollehon
Thelma "Pete" Reed (volunteered many hours) - Judy Danish

Awards (Continued)

Blue Ribbon winners (for 4-H at the Fair)

Kayleigh Morris (Junior Champion in Citizenship)
Jordon Lee (Senior Champion in Citizenship)
Peter Chen (Junior Reserve Champion in Citizenship and 1st Place Junior Nature Collections)
Aidan Douglas (Senior Reserve Champion in Citizenship)
Tihun Oler (Junior first place nature poster)
Andres Guerra (Senior first place nature poster)
Awardees received \$25.

Rockville Chapter helps students pay for College

The July edition listed the five students who received \$2,000 Warren Fisher Conservation scholarships from the IWLA Rockville Chapter for the upcoming academic year. Several appeared on Zoom at the August Chapter General Membership Meeting and several appeared in person, one of whom was Sara Simmons, seen here with Chapter President Susan Cassell.



Sara will be attending Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia this fall majoring in Biology with a focus on Natural History and Conservation.



Another in-person recipient was Connor Ransom, who will attend Colby College in Maine majoring in Environmental Policy

September Road Cleanup

Need to get in those volunteer hours before the end of the year? You can get 2 hours on Sunday, September 12th from 1-3 pm during the Waring Station Road cleanup. You don't need to bring anything, just meet at the Chapter House. We have gloves, vests, garbage bags and grabbers. We even have plenty of trash for you to pick up. Maybe you will find the most unusual item!

July 31 Water Sports

Chapter watersports events continue to be blessed with excellent conditions for kayaking. The July 31 excursion was on the Lower Monocacy River. There was a mix of clouds and sun and temperatures in the low 80s. About 10 Ikes and family members participated, including 13 year old Zane Marrone (raising his hat in the picture) on his inflatable kayak.



The excursion began at the landing in Buckeystown Park and the group initially paddled upstream to experience the rapids just north of the Park. The trip lasted a little less than 3 ½ hours and the group traveled more than 6.5 miles and finished at the landing below Park Mills Road bridge.

There will be three more water sports events this year. Interested participants should keep their eye out for notice via the Google Group.

Chapter Newsletter Distribution

The Chapter has recently changed the Newsletter distribution options. Going forward, electronic distribution of the IWLA-Rockville Chapter Newsletter will be the default. Chapter members may still receive a hard copy but will be required to “opt in” to do so. To receive a hard copy only, contact Judy Danish.

If you do not receive the Newsletter in your email and wish to do so, contact David Schwartzman.

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. You will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when you become a member unless you request not to be added.

You can remove your address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that you will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

New Members Recently Inducted

Bo & Khandra Ayorinde, Rockville
Nick Carone, Bethesda,
Ellie Hitt & Lou Rivera, Gaithersburg
Kurt Kline, North Potomac
Jon Pfeffer, North Potomac
Rico Rivera, Clarksburg
Dietrich Ruehlmann, Germantown
Tosha Soghomonian, Montgomery Village

New members from scholarships:
Mercedes Horn
Connor Ransom
Cate Schultz
Sara Simmons
Audrey Gendenning (2nd year)

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

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.