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**Torch Club Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**  
[zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) --Meeting ID: 874 9070 7037 Passcode: 441448

**Topic: Mother of Sociology**  
**Speaker: Janet Taliaferro (pronounced Toliver)**



Janet Taliaferro has been a resident of Magnolia South since 2004. She retired from running a family business and has spent her time writing, publishing two novels, a collection of short stories and poetry in small magazines. She has an historical novel scheduled for publication sometime this year.

While doing research for her next historical novel, Ms. Taliaferro discovered Mrs. Harriet Martineau's History of England During the Thirty Years Peace - 1816-1846. Mrs. Martineau is one of the many 19th Century women important to science and the arts who are overlooked by history.

Supporting herself and her family, Harriet Martineau's writings were widely published during her life. She was an activist as well as a writer, supporting women's education, abolition of slavery and broadening suffrage. Mrs. Martineau was highly quotable and a "character," so much so, she has found a cameo role in the sequel to Ms. Taliaferro's upcoming book.

**Next Month:**

Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Speaker: Warren Grossman, Esq.

Topic: Elder Planning and Nursing Home Care

Warren Grossman will discuss how to plan for the cost of long-term care and what steps you can take to protect your assets. He will also talk about how to plan for your care if you have no one available to assist you once you require care.

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