

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg
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Holiday Party December 17, 2015

Our annual holiday party potluck dinner will be held in the Riverbend Party Room at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Please contact Ann Robinson at 571-217-7455 if you have questions about the party.

Don't forget the book exchange! Bring one of your favorite books wrapped and ready for this event. When your book is chosen, you will be asked to share what you liked about the book.

January Meeting

Our next regular meeting on January 19 promises to be most unusual. Page Bradley will present a mostly true story about an Alligator Lizard that hangs out at a mission in San Diego, in a most unusual style. Don't miss it.

Torch Club Open House

Monday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Clubhouse Library

Our club is hosting an open house at the Lansdowne Woods Library to acquaint everyone with Torch. There will be light refreshments. Please come by and chat with any potential new members.

President's Notes

An important misconception about our club is that all members must present papers. While we all really want to be educated and informed by our fellows, it really isn't a requirement of membership to promise to give a paper. There are many other ways to make your presence felt in the club: help Bert find great new speakers; help Beth distribute flyers; help with dinner reservations and reception of guests on meeting nights. In the near future we may need help editing material for our web page or (gasp) a Facebook page. In short, there's much that everyone can do to keep our club functioning at the high level we now

enjoy. A very merry Christmas, happy Chanukah, and a healthy and happy New Year to all. (Ho, ho, ho – right, Bert?)

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In memory:

Don Satsky died November 24, a day before his 77th birthday. He was a resident of Riverbend since 2010. He was a member of our Torch Club and recently gave a presentation on his experience in South Africa during apartheid. Many of you remember Don's enjoyment of intellectual conversation, his dedication to his cat, Cleopatra, and as a Washington Nationals fan.

Greetings to Torch of Region 3

The Century Project is well under way celebrating 100 years of Torch clubs. Invite your friends to a meeting. Got any ideas of a nearby area which could use a club?

All regional meetings are open to members. The Region 3 meeting is Monday, April 11, 2016, Chambersburg, PA. Come! It is lots of fun.

Upcoming events: **Annual Convention June, 2016, Columbus, Ohio**
Cuba Trip, Road Scholar, special Torch tour, Feb 12-21, 2016

Anne Thomas, IATC, Director Region 3