

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg  
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## **President's Greeting**

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday season and throughout the New Year. Our Vice President, Nancy Downey has arranged exciting and interesting speaker for our New Year and is busily arranging speakers for next year. In January, Maggie Weaver will tell us all about puppeteering.

If you would like to do or arrange a Torch program, please contact Nancy.

In January we will also be introducing our newest members: Chris and Penny Blake, Bonnie and Stan Olenn, and Barbara Leon.

The International Association of Torch Clubs has undergone some changes in procedures now that it is under new management. Instead of receiving a new member packet folder, each new member will be sent a digital packet. Our local club leadership has decided to purchase Torch pins to be given out during the new member introductions.

## **Torch Club Tuesday, December 19, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m Monroe Auditorium**

December is the time for annual book swap. Bring a WRAPPED book you LIKE (not one you want to get rid of). The swap will be done in the style of a Chinese gift exchange. (Does anyone know why it is called a Chinese gift exchange?) The swap goes as follows: everyone draws a number and person who draws number 1 chooses a book from the pile, and the donor of the book gives a brief explanation of why they have donated the book. The person with next number can either "steal" the book from the previous person or select a book from the pile. Each newly selected book must be introduced. A book can to pick a book.

There will be a cash bar beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30.

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person, payable by cash or check at the door. Reservations are due by Friday, December 15. If you must cancel your reservation, please do so by calling Gini Laughlin ([703-729-2647](tel:703-729-2647)) at least one day in advance of the scheduled event. Please do not call the restaurant.

### **Blue Ridge Torch Club Officers for 2017-2018**

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### **Blue Ridge Torch Club Members**

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