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**Torch Club Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6 p.m.**

Club House Community Room

Cash Bar

Dinner: Catered by Joe's Restaurant, Entrée: Lasagna

For reservations, contact Charlotte Fedders, (301) 351-8672  
or [blueridgetorchclub@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgetorchclub@gmail.com). Dinner is \$35 and you must make a  
reservation to attend. Pay by cash or check at the door.

Speaker: Michael Leavitt

Topic: In Honor of a Black History Month: A Public Intellectual, Dr.  
Thomas Sowell



Dr. Thomas Sowell, at age 91, is one of the most important and least-known public intellectuals in the United States today. Mike Leavitt will present a program describing some of Dr. Sowell's most essential ideas in honor of Black History Month.

Dr. Sowell's contributions have been significant in philosophy, history, economics, and political science. This presentation will focus on two of Dr. Sowell's earlier works: *A Conflict of Visions: Ideological Origins of Political Struggles* (1987) and *Migrations and Cultures: A World View* (1996).

*A Conflict of Visions* describes conflicts that endure for generations or centuries and show a remarkably consistent pattern. Dr. Sowell

presents the two competing visions that shape our debates about the nature of reason, justice, equality, and power as the “constrained” vision, which sees human nature as unchanging and selfish, and the “unconstrained” vision, in which human nature is malleable and perfectible.

In *Migrations and Cultures*, he shows the persistence of cultural traits, racial and ethnic groups, and the role these groups’ relocations play in redistributing skills, knowledge, and other forms of “human capital.” He explores the effects of disseminating the patterns of a set of skills, attitudes, and lifestyles each ethnic group has carried forth — both for the immigrants and for the host countries, in social and economic terms.

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