

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg  
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**Torch Club Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m  
Monroe Auditorium**

**Torch Club: Speaker Maggie Weaver “Puppet Talk”. Don’t miss this exciting and entertaining event!**

Maggie was born in Cincinnati in 1929 a few weeks after the great stock market crash, and has spent a lifetime pursuing her dream to entertain. Taking drama and tap in high school helped to shape her future in a variety of ways. After marrying her high school sweetheart, Maggie settled down to raise three children in Ohio, Texas and Virginia. Staying involved in church allowed her creative side to come out in musicals, singing groups and puppets. After losing her husband to cancer, she relocated to Lansdowne Woods, where she was able to continue to bring her gifts for entertainment. Maggie’s love for the people of Lansdowne Woods inspires her to continue to this day. Maggie is going to share her journey as a puppeteer with us. In 1980, when she saw her first puppets up close, she was hooked. She and her husband started a puppet ministry with three puppets in tow. They used their puppet skills in church, and also with special needs kids in the Woodbridge, Virginia area. She continues to use her puppet abilities at Lansdowne Woods, in various shows with the Blue River singers as well as Morningstar ministries. Cocktails, dinner, and the meeting will be held in the Clubhouse starting at 6 p.m.

Non-members are very welcome.

Reservations (\$32) should be made with Gini Laughlin,  
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January 12.

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