

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg
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**Presentation for March 15, 2016, by Dolores Rothwell
“The Many Faces of Autism”**

Dolores will talk about the many misconceptions about autism. What are the signs of autism? What causes autism? Can it be cured? These are puzzling aspects of ASD (Autism Syndrome Disorder) with no easy answers. Dolores became interested in autism after her grandson was diagnosed with the syndrome.

President’s Notes

The big news for this month, in addition to Dolores's exceptional talk on autism, is that the club now has a Facebook page. Thanks to Ray Beery who set it up, we'll be posting announcements, comments, photos, etc. to the page. We're calling it a "closed group." In Facebook-speak, that means that you need to request permission to join it. Just search for "Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg, Virginia" and click on the request to join button.

Criteria for joining are extremely strict: you need to be a member of the Club, a guest, have an interest in becoming a member or guest, or be curious about what we're up to. If you're reading this, the odds are pretty great that you qualify! Oh, yes, you do need to have a Facebook account. Never fear: if you're not a Facebook fan, we're still distributing newsletters and menus the way we always have been doing it; this just adds a new medium.

Reservations and Cancellations

Gini Laughlin receives reservations by phone or email: 703-729-2647 or gininix.laughlin@gmail.com

If you want a change in the listed entrée, you should let Gini know when you make your reservation. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Gini at least a day in advance of the scheduled event. Please do not call the restaurant to cancel.

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Region 3 News

Region 3 All Clubs Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016, at Chambersburg, PA. Sign-in at 5:00, cocktails and social gathering at 5:30, dinner at 6:00. Everyone is welcome. Norine Haas, President of IATC, and Jim Coppinger, Executive Secretary of IATC, will be there. The talk is ISIS/ISIL by John Ricca, President of the Chambersburg Torch and an expert in the field. Do come - a great way to meet fellow Torchers from other clubs. More details will be sent in a separate email.

IATC National Convention: June 23-27, 2016, Columbus, Ohio. Torch Conventions are a lot of fun and very stimulating. Details are in the recent *Torch* magazine or on line torch.org.

Anne Thomas, IATC, Director Region 3