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**Presentation for May 17, 2016, by Katrina Mansell
“Opening Deaf Windows”**

Katrina Mansell comes from Southwest Virginia to share with us the “Deaf Experience.” She will provide strategies for communicating with deaf people, information about the deaf culture and myths that some people hold about those who are deaf. She will share what it is like to be deaf. Interpretation for the presentation will be by Barbara Luther.

President’s Notes

So the big news for this month is that we’re having a Midsummer Barbecue party for our June meeting at 6:00 pm on June 21, 2016. It will be a picnic-style buffet served on the Crossroads patio, weather permitting (and we’ll find an alternative space if weather is not kind to us). The fare will include burgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken and tuna salad as well as side dishes, iced tea, lemonade, sodas, etc. Watermelon or fruit salad for dessert! We are still negotiating the price, but there will be a special announcement when all the details are set.

There is no planned speaker or other entertainment, but if anyone has any ideas for something appropriate to the time or season (or anything else), please let me know (michael.leavitt@gmail.com).

Final note: this is a members-only event but the good news is that since it’s the end of the year, an application for membership and the \$10.00 fee would be ample qualification to attend, with the annual dues to be paid next fall. Check with Dave Thomas (datmat@aol.com) if you’re interested.

Reservations and Cancellations

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

If you need 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

The Region 3 annual Torch meeting was held on April 11 in Chambersburg. It was a huge success; they even had to turn reservations away. Page and Murray Bradley, Janet Taliaferro and Anne Thomas represented our club. Board members met beforehand and discussed club growth and the 2024 Century Plan.

IATC annual convention this year will be in Columbus, Ohio, June 23-26, 2016. Page and Murray Bradley will represent our club as delegates. Everyone is invited. Details are in the recent *Torch* magazine or on line torch.org.

The next Torch Travel will be to the Panama Canal and Costa Rica, "Rainforest to Canal," March 9-21, 2017. It promises to be a fabulous trip.

Anne H. Thomas, IATC, Director

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