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“Misleading With Statistics” by Mike Leavitt

When scientific studies are reported in the media, it is nearly impossible to evaluate whether the findings are justified. Correlations are often confused with causality, “statistical significance” is frequently grossly misused, and the randomness needed to perform some experiments is entirely misunderstood. Mike Leavitt will identify some key questions to ask to determine whether you should believe those findings.

President’s Note

We really had a great meeting last month, didn't we? George and Anne set a high standard for this year's presentations. We were also served a fine dinner from the people at Crossroads. If you have any thoughts about our dinners, please let me know (michael.leavitt@gmail.com) so that I can pass them on to the restaurant staff, who have been very eager to get our feedback.

We're still making plans for the winter and spring, so if you are thinking about a talk, please call or email Bert or me. The Torch International website has some good advice for presenters as well (<http://www.torch.org/how-to-present-a-torch-paper/>).

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 20.
Mike Leavitt

From the Treasurer

I thank the many members who have already made payment for their annual dues and fall dinners. Others please bring a check to the October meeting or mail, if you prefer. (Mail to: 19375 Cypress Ridge Terrace, #601, Leesburg, VA 20176.) If you missed September's meeting, you may deduct \$32.00 from the original billing.

Questions: datmatdat@gmail.com, or [703-723-6492](tel:703-723-6492)

Dave Thomas

Book Exchange

Don't forget the book exchange! Torch Club members have wide interests and read many books. Are you ready to part with one of them? Bring a book with you to the next Torch Club meeting and put it on the table at the rear of the room. Feel free to take home a book with an intriguing title that someone else brought in. If the book you brought is not taken, take it home with you or leave it to be given to a library.

Upcoming Talks and Events

With the exception of the holiday party in December, everyone is welcome at Torch Club meetings. Guests, as well as members, must let Anne Miller know you plan to come because she has to inform both Crossroads Restaurant and clubhouse staff how many are coming to the dinner and lecture by the Friday before each meeting. She can be reached at 703-858-3917 or millerda52@gmail.com

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Greetings to Torch of Region 3

Region 3 is planning our annual get together. This year we will be hosted by the club at Chambersburg, PA, on Monday, April 11, 2016. All Torchers from Region 3 are invited. Our club hosted the event two years ago and we had a wonderful time.

Other news: We will have a new Torch Club in Fredericksburg which is being chartered in November.

Upcoming events:

Annual Convention June, 2016, Columbus, Ohio

Cuba Trip, Road Scholar, special Torch tour, Feb 12-21, 2016

Anne Thomas, IATC, Director Region 3