

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg
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Torch Club Tuesday May 15, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monroe Auditorium

Special Guest: Lynn Bernard, IATC Region 3 Director

Speakers: Ann Gratz and Audrey Tennant

Topic: Cyprus – geography, culture and political dynamics

Ann Gratz and Audrey Tennant will talk about the colorful history, geography, culture and political dynamics of the Mediterranean Island of Cyprus. They will share some of their experiences in that country: Ann as a Police Officer in 1958 and 1959 and Audrey as a current trainer and counselor for international teams that are being equipped to serve in the refugee camps in Syria, Kurdistan and Iraq.

Ann Gratz grew up in the County of Devon in the Southwest of England. From 1954 to 1959 she served with the Devon Constabulary on various assignments throughout the County. In 1958 she volunteered to serve with the Cyprus Police partly to introduce the concept of women police and partly to help with peacekeeping. At that time, as a British possession, the island country was experiencing the turmoil of Greece wanting to reclaim possession, Greek Cypriots wanting to get rid of Turkish Cypriots, and both factions wanting to get rid of the British--an interesting time!

From her early days in living in multicultural Milwaukee and devouring the wide world view from the school's WEEKLY Reader magazines, Audrey Tennant has been drawn to foreign lands and cultures. At 26 she sailed off to spend 11 years emerged in Brazilian lands and culture. As an Associate Dean at Richland Collage in Dallas, she became emerged

in Middle Eastern student lives. As a result she has worked in Turkey and Jordan and visited Israel and Egypt. She worked the past 5 years in Northern Cyprus with both Turkish youth and international teams serving in Refugee Camps in the Middle East. She just returned from Cypress in March of this year.

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, gininix.laughlin@gmail.com or 703-729- 2647 no later than Friday, May 11

June 19 Meeting:

Members-only picnic on the Crossroads patio. It will be held in the restaurant if we have rain. Our club is subsidizing the picnic and the cost will be \$15.

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