

Blue Ridge Torch Club of Leesburg
October 8, 2020



Presentation for October 20, 2020

Speaker: Ray Berry, “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute”

Presentation will be via Zoom. You will be sent the Zoom link two days before the meeting. The link will also be posted in Building Link.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University offers intellectual and cultural experiences in a welcoming atmosphere to Northern Virginia residents in their retirement years. We offer daytime courses, lectures, special events, and other activities during eight-week terms in the spring and fall, a four-week winter term, and a six-week summer term. There are no exams, no credits, no college degree required or offered, and no age threshold. Course leaders are members of OLLI, Mason faculty, or others who enjoy sharing their knowledge. OLLI is particularly proud of its volunteer teachers and speakers, many of whom are well-known experts in their fields. The views expressed are those of the instructors and do not reflect the official policy or position of OLLI or George Mason University.

Ray Beery, a Blue Ridge Torch Club founding member, has been with OLLI for 28 years. He is a teacher and has been a Board Member and past president. He is a retired Air Force officer, and lives in Blue Ridge. Many residents have joined his independent Lansdowne Woods Facebook page, where lively discussions take place. His interests are local and national political issues, history, and the internet.

November's talk (Nov 17.):

In My Father's Words
The World War II Letters of an Army Doctor
by Laura Cantor Zelman

Dated from 1941 to 1945, this collection of over five hundred letters details the daily life of a Jewish American, fluent in German, who served as a doctor in the U.S. Army. The letters shed light on the condition of the soldiers' medical care, and his first-hand account of censorship, the Nazis, German POWs, and army life. These letters are a testament to the work of military doctors in war time and the many sacrifices they make for our country. www.inmyfatherswords.com