

If you do not wish to use Eventbrite to make your reservation, you may contact Anne A Thomas at 571-291-3206 or email her at blueridgetorchclub@gmail.com. Meeting is on December 17 at 6:00 p.m., in the Club House Community Room.



BLUE RIDGE TORCH CLUB NEWSLETTER

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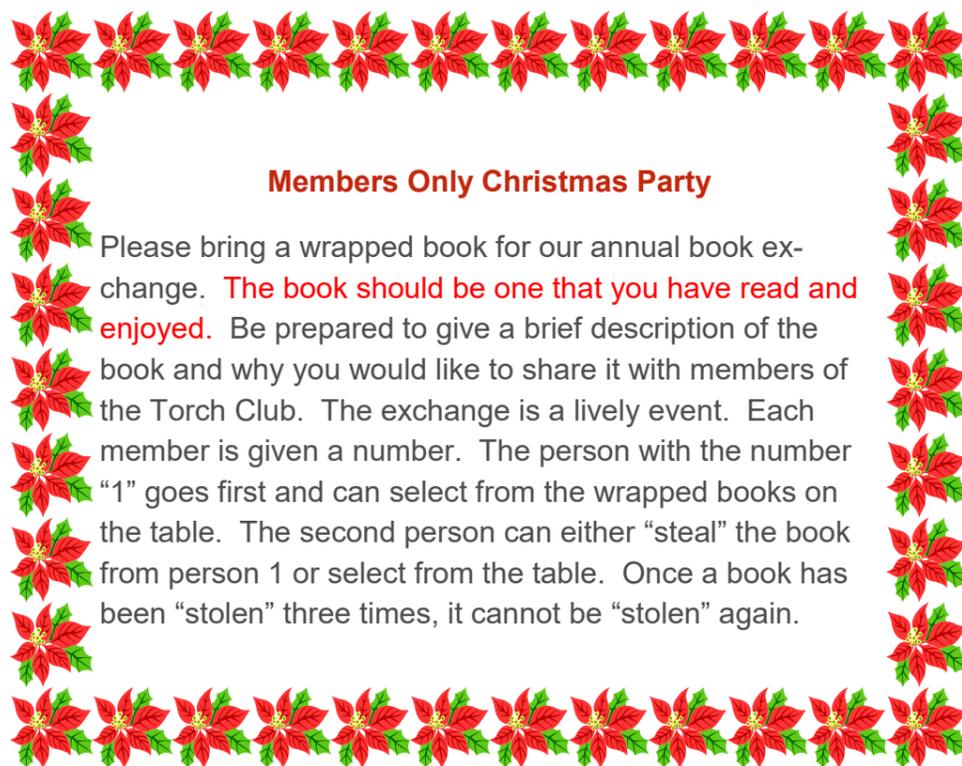
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Broiled Grouper

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Members Only Christmas Party

Please bring a wrapped book for our annual book exchange. **The book should be one that you have read and enjoyed.** Be prepared to give a brief description of the book and why you would like to share it with members of the Torch Club. The exchange is a lively event. Each member is given a number. The person with the number "1" goes first and can select from the wrapped books on the table. The second person can either "steal" the book from person 1 or select from the table. Once a book has been "stolen" three times, it cannot be "stolen" again.

JANUARY PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSAL HISTORY OF NUMBERS

SPEAKER: ANNE THOMAS

A French man named Georges Ifrah wrote a book "The Universal History of Numbers" after a student asked him: "Sir, where do numbers come from? Who invented zero?" and Ifrah did not know the answer. When Ifrah went looking for answers, he found that there was no comprehensive history of numbers. He quit teaching to pursue full-time research. He traveled the world to find answers and the result is a treatise of over six hundred pages. It is fascinating and incredibly detailed. Ifrah research is much like linguistic research on the origins of language. He examines cultural and religious influences on number systems as well as basic human aspects of numbering system across cultures and continents.

About the Speaker:

Anne A Thomas lives in Potomac Ridge. As a young girl, Anne was interested mathematics and science and obtained a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, and then a master's degree in Materials Engineering from Drexel University. She worked as a metallurgist for a few years and then switched to programming when the family moved to Virginia. She is married to Bill Thomas and the mother of two sons and three grandchildren.

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