

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 January at 6:00 p.m., in the Club House Community Room.



BLUE RIDGE TORCH CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2020

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JANUARY PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSAL HISTORY OF NUMBERS

SPEAKER: ANNE THOMAS

The talk is based on Georges Ifrah's book: "The Universal History of Numbers." How did various counting systems originate and how do they impact us today.

About the Speaker:

Anne A Thomas lives in Potomac Ridge. As a young girl, Anne was interested in 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.

TORCH CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY BOOK EXCHANGE LIST

DECEMBER 2019

4 Books by John Grisham

The Guardians

The Rainmaker

The Rooster Bar

The Testament

Wolves at the Door: The True Story of America's Greatest Female Spy (Virginia Hall) by Judith Pearson

The Vineyard Victims: A Wine Country Mystery by Ellen Crosby

Me Elton John – autobiography

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger (a 16-year old coming of age boy)

Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital

By David Oshinsky

The Irishman: Frank Sheeran's True Crime Story by Daniel Brand

The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

The Point of It All: A Lifetime of Great Loves and Endeavors by Charles Krauthammer

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

The River God by Wilbur Smith (1700 BC – Ancient Egypt)

The Life She Was Given by Ellen Marie Wiseman (story of story sisters, one an Albino)

The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera (translated from Czech)

The Night Manager by John leCarre (espionage)

Life East & West by William S. Hart – autobiography - early days of the film industry and a silent film actor

The World Without Us by Alan Weisman (a penetrating page-turning tour of a post-human earth)

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People – Stephen Covey

The Bone Setter's Daughter by Amy Tam (historical fiction – China / San Francisco)

Weather Permitting and Other Stories – autobiography of new immigrants

The Dutch House – Ann Patchett (story of a family growing up)

Testaments by Margaret Atwood – (sequel to the Handmaids' Tale)

Breaking the Faith – 3rd book of the Breaking Trilogy by M. Mabie

The Good Neighborhood: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas

FEBRUARY 18TH PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION IN VIRGINIA

Speaker: Page Bradley

Blue Ridge Torch Club Members

Ray Beery, Fred Bishopp, Chris Blake, Penny Blake, Murray Bradley, Page Bradley, Brenda Brohard, Kay Curley, John Downey, Nancy Downey, Marge Eales, Thomas Eales, Audrey Emley, Joe Gibson, Rosa Gibson, Steve Gross, Trudy Gross, Kenton Hamaker, Peggy Hamaker, Peggy King, Shirley Laing, Gini Laughlin, Eva Leavitt, Mike Leavitt, Barbara Leone, Dan Lyons, Sue Merk, Mena McGrosky, Anne Miller, Jack Miller, Joyce Mitchell, Pat Monahan, Bill Muncy, Memory Porter, Ann Robinson, Bert Schlabach, Beth Schlabach, Lili Schmid, Marilyn Schwing, Catherine Shepard, Marbeth Spreyer, Janet Taliaferro, Anne A. Thomas, Anne H. Thomas, Bill Thomas, Dave Thomas, George Viener, Ursula Wagman, Victoria Wagner,

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Reservations Chair, Anne A Thomas,