

Sampling of Past Programs

"Evolution: A Victorian Idea"

While not trying to discredit Darwin's originality, I show how the culture of Victorian England shaped the pieces of his puzzle and so arranged them that he could fit them together.

David F. Goslee, Ph. D.
U.T.K. Professor and Associate Head
Department of English

"The Papers of Andrew Jackson"

The Papers of Andrew Jackson is a University of Tennessee project to collect and publish the seventh president's public and private papers in a 16-volume series. The project has unearthed material that casts Jackson and his presidency in a new and sometimes startling light.

Daniel M. Feller, Ph. D.
Professor of History
Editor/Director of The Papers of Andrew Jackson

"What Are Our Moral Obligations to Future Generations?"

Such long-term problems as national debt and global climate change raise the perplexing issue of duties to future generations. Distant future people are unknown to us, yet our decisions may affect their number and even their identities.

John Nolt, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy, President-Elect, Faculty Senate

"THE GRAND TOUR: Postcards and Travelers in Egypt"

The presentation will expound on a postcard collection in the McClung Museum tracing the travels of a little known Knoxville, Tennessee couple in Egypt in 1912-1913; the Golden Age of postcards.

Elaine Evans, Curator
McClung Museum

Torch Clubs operate in 70 locations in the United States and Canada, each drawing its membership from the local professional community.

The first Torch Club was organized in [1924](#). Originally, membership was restricted to "members of the learned professions". With the emergence of many new professions, the definition of eligibility has been widened to include those "members from other disciplines pursued by a person in a recognized professional manner". Torch offers fellowship in a congenial atmosphere with persons representing a broad range of professional life. There is NO championing of causes, no participation in civic projects; instead, there is talk...the best kind of talk.

Thousands of professionals in over 75 Torch Clubs throughout the United States and Canada participate in the Torch experience. If you are a professional person who enjoys talking - and listening - and are curious - and like associating with others in good fellowship, you will enjoy Torch.

The Knoxville Chapter of the Torch Club International meets once a month on the third Thursday for lunch followed by a presentation. The luncheon is held at the Orangery on Kingston Pike and you can choose from the luncheon menu. We begin at 12:00 noon and end at 1 p.m. At noon we order our lunches. Following the taking of lunch orders, we introduce our speaker and our speaker then presents his/her talk for half an hour. During the serving of lunch we have an open Q&A. Dues are \$60 per year which includes a Torch Club magazine published three times a year. The public is invited to attend.

More details on the meeting can be found on the Knoxville Torch Club website

<http://www.ktorch.org>

TORCH

Give Your Brain a Workout



Many of us visit the gym religiously three times a week or more. This is to keep our bodies fit fighting the effects of aging. But what about our brain? It needs a workout also.

Throughout life, your neural networks reorganize and reinforce themselves in response to new experiences. Body-mind interaction is what stimulates brain cells to grow and connect with each other in complex ways. The human brain can continue to grow and improve with exercise. Torch Club offers the mental stimulation you are seeking.

What Are Your Interests?

Here are Some Torch Examples from the Torch Magazine

A Middle East Solution *By Robert D. Osborne, Sr.*

Semantics and the Remarkable Human Brain: Why Computers Don't Translate Well

By An St. Clair Burwell Lesman, Ph.D.

General Lee's Forgotten Mapmaker: Major Albert H. Campbell And The Army Of Northern Virginia's Topographical Department

By Richard W. Stephenson

PR: The Engineering of Consent

By Barbara M. Allen

The Forgotten Freedom

By Edward A. Lottick, M.D.

The Puzzle Of Time

By Richard G. Teske, Ph.D.

Toward A New Feudal Society

By Robert G. Neuhauser

Alleviating Global Poverty Through Micro-Finance: Fact or Fiction?

By Richard L. Meyer, Ph.D.

Hybrid Electric Vehicles and the Advantages of Improved Environment and Reduced Oil Imports

By Edward N. Clarke, Ph.D.

IMPORTANT !!

We meet every month on the third Thursday for lunch except for the summer months of June, July, August and December

The Meeting Location is the Orangery



**5412 Kingston Pike, Knoxville,
TN 37919
(865) 588-2964**

**Lunches cost from \$9 to \$17 plus
Gratuity**

Lunch Menu Web Site:

<http://orangeryknoxville.com/content/le-menu-lunch-dinner>



The Orangery Main Dining Room

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- A truly unique and beneficial experience
- Interaction with persons from other professions
- Lively discussions on subjects of current interests
- Invigorating inter-professional exchanges
- Congeniality in monthly meetings
- Association with persons from other spheres of interest and experience
- A badge of professional recognition and merit
- Enjoyment of free inquiry and expression

Stephen Levy President, Local Chapter
Retired, former Director of local EPRI Center

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