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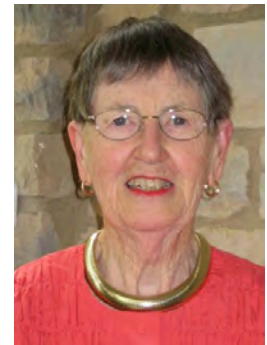
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### **Presentation by Francille Firebaugh on April 1** **“How Do Women and Men Differ in Their Work”**

Francille Firebaugh will present her Torch paper, “How Do Women and Men Differ in Their Work,” to the Columbus Torch Club at its meeting on Thursday, April 1. The club meeting will not be in person, but Francille will deliver her paper over Zoom at 7 p.m.

The careers of men and women with similar educational backgrounds differ. Francille’s paper will delineate the factors contributing to those differences.

“Differences in the outcomes for men and women include representation in high-paying jobs and leadership roles,” she reports. “Another difference is the rate of moving up the career ladder to the executive level and earnings. Fewer women make it to an executive level than men, and highly educated women earn less than highly educated men.”



**Francille  
Firebaugh**

### **Biography of Francille Firebaugh**

A native of Arkansas, Francille Firebaugh has had a long association with The Ohio State University, joining the School of Home Economics as an assistant professor in 1962. She was director of the School of Home Economics from 1973 to 1982 before moving to the Office of Academic Affairs. She was vice provost for international affairs from 1984 to 1988. She was appointed professor and dean of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University in 1988. She served in that position until 1999 when she was appointed vice provost for land-grant affairs and special assistant to the president of Cornell. She retired in 2005. Francille and her husband John moved back to Columbus in 2008.

Francille has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2009 and was president in 2012-13. John has been a member since 2015. Francille and John are residents of First Community Village.

### **Zoom link to Columbus Torch Club’s meeting on April 1**

The Zoom link to the Columbus Torch Club’s meeting on April 1 is the same one each month. The meeting will begin on Zoom at 7 p.m. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89961138689?pwd=alBrcEtrYVFrSUNNTXp1VTFabnhKdz09>

## **President's message: Fellowship and learning are central to Torch**

I just checked to see exactly what year I joined Torch and was shocked to realize it was 2003. Can I really have been a member for 18 years? Where did the time go? That question goes along with the nightly question in my home, which is, "Where did the day go?"

When I think of 18 years of Torch, I think of good fellowship and conversation over a plate of snacks before our meeting or getting to know the interesting people who make up this organization while sharing a delicious Faculty Club meal. The centerpiece of our life together is nonetheless the monthly presentation.

Our bylaws say that one of the main purposes of our club is encouraging communication among members who are from a variety of learned professions in order to exchange knowledge and understanding. When I look back over 18 years, I am reminded of the richness that has been shared through the many presentations offered during that time. The first talk I ever heard was "Bungee Jumping and the Eternal Question: Why do they do it?" by Dick Hill. I have to say that after that, I was hooked. Since then, I have heard so many, many talks that have expanded my own knowledge and understanding – everything from art, music, war, race, politics, education, literature, medicine, dentistry, economics, architecture, travel, and so on. Even having to rely on the virtual realm this past year, I have been so impressed with the presentations that have been offered and want to extend to these speakers a special thank-you for your graciousness under less than ideal circumstances.

As I write this, the board is beginning to consider the program line-up for next year. If you have a topic you would like to share with the club, please contact Nancy Wardwell at wardwell.2@osu.edu.

Meanwhile, I send my best to all of you and look forward to seeing you on April 1.

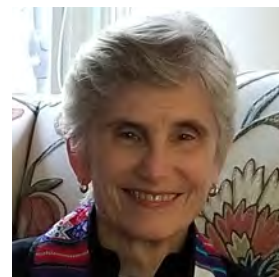
## **Send ideas for Torch papers in 2021-22 to Nancy Wardwell**

As president-elect of the Columbus Torch Club, Nancy Wardwell is responsible for overseeing the organization of Torch papers to be presented during the 2021-22 program year, which will begin in October.

If you have an idea for a Torch paper that you might like to present or you have a suggestion for a potential paper from another club member, please contact Nancy at home at (614) 885-4687 or wardwell.2@osu.edu.

## **Interesting points from Torch history**

- The Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, was the 10<sup>th</sup> club to be chartered by IATC. The Akron and Canton clubs were the eighth and ninth, respectively.
- John W. Bricker of Columbus delivered an address, "Political Trends," to the 1938 Torch convention in Toledo. He was a candidate for Ohio governor at the time. He won that election.



**Susan Warrener  
Smith**

## **Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2020-21**

October 1, 2020: **“Lofty Aspirations, Humble Beginnings: The Early Years at OSU”** by Rai Goerler

November 5, 2020: **“I’m Available: The Life and Career of a Free Lance Illustrator”** by Roy Lewicki

December 3, 2020: **Social gathering** over Zoom.

January 7, 2021: **“What Columbus Invented and What It Didn’t”** by Joe Blundo

February 4, 2021: **“Islamic Spirituality: the Qu’ran, the Symbolism of Jesus, and the Poetry of Rumi”** by Fazeel Khan

March 4, 2021: **“The All-Volunteer Military: The Pros, the Cons, and the Alternatives”** by Greg Travalio

April 1, 2021: **“How Do Women and Men Differ in Their Work”** by Francille Firebaugh

May 6, 2021: **“The Man Behind Warren Buffett’s Curtain”** by Tom Costantiello

## **Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2020-21**

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