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### **Presentation by Shiloh Baptist Men’s Chorus on December 6** **“Take Me Back: Excerpts from Traditional Gospel & Holiday Music”**

The Men’s Chorus of Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus will offer a musical program, “Take Me Back: Excerpts from Traditional Gospel & Holiday Music,” at the Columbus Torch Club’s annual holiday meeting and special dinner on Thursday, December 6, at the Faculty Club.

Shiloh Baptist Church is one of the oldest African-American churches in Columbus, having been founded in the late 1860s. The congregation’s Gothic Revival building at 720 Mt. Vernon Avenue opened in 1923 and was one of the anchors of the city’s historic African-American neighborhood. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. The Rev. Otha Gilyard, senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist for more than 25 years, has been a member of the Torch Club since 1995.



**Shiloh Baptist Church**

### **RSVP by November 29 for Torch Club’s holiday meeting and dinner**

The Faculty Club is planning a special menu for the Torch Club’s annual holiday meeting and dinner on Thursday, December 6. As a result, please RSVP to Thom Seelbach’s Evite or email message by Thursday, November 29. In your RSVP, please indicate if you want the beef, salmon or vegetarian entre. You are welcome to bring guests to this meeting. The cost for each guest will be \$40.

Here is a preview of the menu:

**Salad:** Spinach and field greens salad with dried cranberries, nuts, orange segments, red onion and poppy seed dressing

**Entrée:** Seared 6-oz. beef tenderloin and jus with au gratin potatoes, asparagus, fizzled onions

**Alternatives:** Salmon or vegetarian

**Dessert:** Cheesecake with chocolate sauce and raspberry sauce drizzle

**Wine:** merlot and pinot grigio

## **President's Message: Support our veterans**

Don't you wish that David Lenz was your chemistry teacher? What a fascinating perspective on WWI and the history of the treaties that are in place today. Many of our members commented that they weren't sure they would have connected to the complexities around the topic; however, by the end they were thrilled to have learned so much. Thank you again, David. Your paper is a shining example of what makes Torch so great!

For myself, David's paper brought the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, my grandfather's reality serving in WWI and Veteran's Day closer to home. As I boarded the plane to my annual industry conference, I was searching for a way to say thank you or to do something more for those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. The guest speaker for our conference was the actor Gary Sinise. You know him as a decorated actor, but what you may not know is his mission to serve our veterans, first responders, their families and those in need. I was moved by his selflessness, commitment and what is now his life's passion. There are many worthy veterans' organizations; however, I encourage you to visit his website, [www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org), to learn more about his work and his first book, *Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service*. Thank you again to all of our Torch members who are veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

***With my new inspiration, I am committing that for each new Torch member who joins us during my term, I will personally donate \$100 to a veterans' organization designated by the sponsor and the new member in their honor. Come on, folks, let's get some more great people in our great club and help our veterans, too!***

Rounding out the 2018 portion of our program year, please welcome the Shiloh Baptist Men's Chorus at our next meeting! We are honored to have them as our guests and thrilled that so many guests – many of whom may become new Torch members – are already planning on attending the meeting.

My warmest thoughts and best wishes to all of you for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year.

## **Liz Short selected as director of IATC's region 5**

The Board of the International Association of Torch Clubs (IATC) in November appointed Elizabeth B. "Liz" Short as region 5 director. She succeeds Dorothy Driskell, who earlier this fall was appointed as IATC vice president due to the resignation of the previous vice president.

As regional director, Liz will serve on the IATC Board representing the six clubs in region 5: Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, Lima, Toledo and Youngstown. She has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 1999 and lives in Dayton.

With the appointment of Liz, the Columbus Torch Club now has three persons on the IATC Board, including Dorothy as vice president and Rich Davis as convention chair.



**Tom Costantiello**



**Liz Short**

## **Member's Moment – Don M. Dell**

*Presented by Joan Leitzel on November 1, 2018*

It is my pleasure to focus our thoughts for a few minutes on Torch member and former president, Don Dell. Don grew up in North Dakota in a family that included two boys and two girls. During World War II, Don's father painted warships in a shipyard near Seattle, then he worked for a railroad. Don remembers living in small-town North Dakota in a house without running water and also at his grandfather's small farm in a house with no electricity. He even attended a one-room school and had the benefits of learning at all grade levels at the same time.

Don went to North Dakota State University and received his baccalaureate and master's degrees there – both in mathematics. He also was a residential advisor and became very engaged with student services and advisement. After completing his master's degree, he was hired by the University of Minnesota as the residence hall advisor in its Student Activities Bureau. In that role, he worked with staff in the several residence halls on matters like educational programming, student government, and the review and approval of new programs.

Don continued his graduate education at Minnesota and in time earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology. He was now ready for a university faculty position, and he chose Ohio State. During the course of his career here, he was very active in research, in teaching, and in university service. He served in several key administrative roles: vice-chair of the Psychology Department, associate dean of the College of Social and Behavior Sciences, and university vice-provost. At the national level, he served as program chair and chair of the American Psychological Association Division 17 Committee on Scientific Affairs. In 2003, he received Ohio State's Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service. Don especially enjoyed teaching graduate students. Over the years he supervised the research and the dissertations of 45 Ph.D. students.

While serving on Ohio State's Institutional Research Board, Don had the good fortune of meeting chemist Violet Meek (another important Torch member). Violet and Don have five children and seven grandchildren, and they worked out whatever problems two careers posed for them. For example,

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**Joan Leitzel presented Don Dell's Member's Moment at the club's meeting on November 1.**

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during the years that Violet was dean of Ohio State's Lima campus, they had two homes: one in Lima and one in Columbus. In their retirements, they are back to one house, which is in the Beechwold area of Columbus. They are active members of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church where Don sings in the choir. Don was a foundation trustee at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and he continues to sing with the seminary's Evensong Celebration. Don and Violet like to take car trips that don't have a firm itinerary or timeline. You may want to talk with him about their recent trip of that type to Canada.

Don now can reflect a bit on the road he has travelled and what he has found most important. He thinks about the many people who helped him make key decisions, opened doors for him, and even pushed him through. He thinks about the importance of land grant education and land grant institutions in our country. I'm sure he would be happy to talk with you about these kinds of things. Or, if you talk with him about matters that trouble you, you'll be reminded that he is a psychologist – a counseling psychologist – who listens carefully, asks questions, and responds to your concerns. One other suggestion: if you start softly singing a familiar song, you may find that he quickly joins in. For now, let's compliment Don on his many achievements and thank him for being a member of Columbus Torch Club.

## **Torch Foundation president presents Gold Torch Award to Dorothy Driskell**

Anne Sterling, president of the Torch Foundation and a member of the Richmond, Va., Torch Club, came to the Columbus Torch Club meeting on November 1 to present Dorothy Driskell with the Gold Torch Award. Dorothy received the award for outstanding service to Torch at the local, regional and, most importantly, the international level.

The Gold Torch Award is prestigious in part because only a very limited number may be presented each year.

Dorothy, a member since 2008, was president of the Columbus Torch Club in 2013-14. She has served the club as an extremely effective recruiter as chair of the Membership Committee. She was co-chair of the club's convention committee when Columbus successfully hosted the IATC annual convention in 2016. She has been region 5 director for IATC until her appointment earlier this fall as IATC vice president. She is a previous recipient of the Silver Torch Award for outstanding service at the local club level.



**Anne Sterling (left) explains Dorothy Driskell's service to Torch.**

## **Correction**

The November edition of *The Torch Lighter* included incorrect biographical information on Phyllis Doelker, who was inducted as a new member at the October meeting. Phyllis earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in ceramics from The Ohio State University in 1970. She received her Associate of Arts degree with honors from Christian College (now Columbia College) in 1966.

## Responding to the Evite from Secretary Seelbach

Club secretary Thom Seelbach will send you via electronic mail an Evite to attend the Torch Club meeting on December 6. Respond by November 29 to the Evite so he will have an accurate count of meals needed. You also may respond to him at tselbach@gmail.com or (614) 457-5103.

The directions for responding to the Evite are:

1. After you click on the email from Evite, it will bring up a new window on the Evite website. You must click your response in this new window for Evite to register your response.
2. The guest count is the actual number of attendees. If only you are attending, the count will be 1. The cost for a guest to attend the December meeting with its special dinner is \$40.

## Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2018-19

October 4, 2018: **“Kelton House Shares Sophia’s Secret”** by Diane Selby and Mary Oellermann

November 1, 2018: **“A Century of Chemical Warfare: Trenches, Treaties, Therapy”** by David Lenz

December 6, 2018: **Shiloh Baptist Men’s Chorus**

January 3, 2019: **“Advancements in Ohio Law and How They Affect the Estate Planning Process”** by Eric Gamble

February 7, 2019: **“Time Changes Everything”** by Jeff Baker

March 7, 2019: **“China – Off the Beaten Path”** by Gene Gilliom

April 4, 2019: **“A Journey through Time and Space”** by Sally Willson

May 2, 2019: **“Super Flow in the Universe”** by Will Saam



### **Torch Club’s monthly meeting agenda**

4:30-5:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting  
5:30-6:15 p.m. Cocktails and conversation  
6:15-6:35 p.m. Business matters  
6:35-7:30 p.m. Speaker presents Torch paper  
7:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner and table discussion

Meetings are conducted in The Ohio State University Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Drive; (614) 292-2262.

## Board of Directors of Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2018-19

President – Tom Costantiello

President-elect – Violet Meek

Immediate Past President – Rich Davis

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Susan W. Smith

Treasurer – Howard Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer – Susan Tilgner

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Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

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Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Director-at-Large Dorothy Driskell (2019)

Director-at-Large Richard Meyer (2019)

Director-at-Large Jeff Caswell (2020)

Director-at-Large Deborah Stevens (2020)