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Performance by the Synchronicity Trio on December 5 "Music for a Midwinter Night"

The Synchronicity Trio, which has performed regularly for more than 15 years, will present a musical program at the holiday meeting of the Columbus Torch Club on Thursday, December 5.

The trio is composed of:

Bruce Posey (cello) who received a bachelor's degree in music performance and music history from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in music performance from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He was assistant principal cellist of the Dayton Philharmonic for six years. His cello was crafted by the French maker Moitessier in 1785, and his bow by the contemporary German Richard Grönke.

Dick Reuning (violin) who is professor emeritus in Ohio State's College of Pharmacy. He studied violin under Adelbert Purga, Mischa Mischacoff, and Laurel Butler at Ohio State and has played in several community orchestras. Dick has served on the board of directors of Faith Mission Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Social Services, and the Jefferson Academy of Music. Dick performs on an 1860 violin by the American George Gemunder with a bow by the German Albert Nürnburger.

Sharon Reich Walton (piano) who is a professional music educator. She has taught general music in public schools and has taught in her private piano studio for over 40 years. She has a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Valparaiso University and a Master of Music Education degree from the University of Illinois. Sharon performs frequently as soloist, ensemble performer and accompanist.

Fellowship Committee will arrange rides for members to Torch meetings

The club's Fellowship Committee will assist members who need a ride to a Torch Club meeting. A dozen club members have volunteered to provide rides. The Fellowship Committee will match drivers with members from their own neighborhoods.

The Fellowship Committee asks that members who need a ride should indicate that when they RSVP for the club's monthly meeting. If there is a late request for a ride, please contact Tom Davison directly at (614) 581-4341. He will try to match the member with a volunteer driver. If other club members are willing to serve as volunteer drivers, contact Tom at tcbdavison@gmail.com or Fellowship Committee Chair Nancy Wardwell at wardwell.2@osu.edu. You also may speak to a Fellowship Committee member at a club meeting.

President's Message: Memories of Lutefisk

I hope this holiday season is a time of joy and contentment for all of you. We come to this time with different experiences from different backgrounds and cultures. No matter what this time of year means to you I hope that each of us can do our own part in making this a time of peace, as well sharing in a time to remember our common humanity.

For those of us who grew up in this country's northern tier of states, this time of year brings memories of Lutefisk*, pickled herring and Glogg. Lutefisk and herring are acquired tastes. Glogg probably is, too, but it is the only one of the three that I am willing to try to introduce to you. Glogg is spelled variously depending what part of Scandinavia reigns in the local culture – and whether your system supports an umlaut.

In honor of the season, our drink of the month in December is Glogg, Faculty Club-style. Traditionally, it is mulled wine with any of various types of spirits (bourbon, rum, maybe even vodka) mixed in. The name comes from an old word meaning “ember.” It is certainly warming for a cold northern night. Skaal!

* According to Wikipedia, **Lutefisk** or lutefisk is a traditional dish of some Nordic countries.... The Wisconsin Employees' Right to Know Law specifically exempts **lutefisk** in defining “toxic substances.” According to many northerners, Lutefisk smells just about the way you would expect.

Former Torch Club member Burton Cantrell dies at 84

The Rev. Burton N. Cantrell, 84, a member of the Torch Club from 1972 until 2015, died October 24 in Columbus surrounded by his family. His funeral service was held November 2 at Worthington United Methodist Church.

Burt was a graduate of Lakewood (Ohio) High School, Ohio Wesleyan University and Yale Divinity School. He was a prolific writer and a lifelong supporter of civil rights, peace and anti-poverty efforts. In his long career, he was pastor of a Methodist church, protestant chaplain at

Youngstown State University, regional director of SANE, director of the Wesley Foundation at The Ohio State University, director of the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and director of the Metropolitan Area Council of Churches. He also taught at Ohio State and the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

While serving at the Wesley Foundation in the early 1970s, Burt was a co-founder of the annual Community Festival, known popularly as ComFest, which started on the Wesley Foundation lawn on East 16th Avenue.

Burt is survived by his wife Carol and four grown children.



Violet Meek



Member's Moment: Scott Doellinger (left) provided insights into Rich Davis' life and career at the club meeting in November.

Responding to the Evite from Secretary Seelbach

In mid-November, club secretary Thom Seelbach sent you an email message to elicit your attendance and menu selection for the December meeting. He needed an early count for the Faculty Club due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the special menu for this meeting.

The cost for each guest brought to the December meeting is \$40.

If you have questions about the dinner, you may contact Thom at tseelbach@gmail.com or (614) 457-5103.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2019-20

October 3, 2019: **“Drug Development to Counter Nerve Agent and Pesticide Poisoning”** by Christopher M. Hadad

November 7, 2019: **“Bernini At St. Peter’s: A 54-Year Collaboration”** by Susan Warrener Smith

December 5, 2019: **Music for a Midwinter Night** with the Synchronicity Trio

January 9, 2020: **“Places to Go Around the World”** by David A. Hammond

February 6, 2020: **“Milton A. Caniff Seen in the Magic Mirror”** by Robert H. Stevenson

March 5, 2020: Constance-Alexa Oulanoff shares **“Russia’s Cultural Revival of National Traditions”** by Helena Gosilo

April 2, 2020: **“Lofty Aspirations, Humble**

Beginnings: The Early Years of OSU” by Raimund E. Goerler

May 7, 2020: **“What Columbus Invented – And What It Didn’t”** by Joe Blundo

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
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.

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