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Club’s holiday program to feature “An Irregular Christmas”

Nate Terry, owner of Major 7 Publishing and director of music ministry at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, will offer an unusual musical program titled “An Irregular Christmas” at the Columbus Torch Club’s annual holiday meeting and dinner on Thursday, December 1.

Mr. Terry explains the idea for “An Irregular Christmas” emerged in the winter of 2020. He takes well-known melodies and hymns and modernizes them with irregular time signatures and alternative modes and compositional techniques. “I hope these arrangements will breathe new life into melodies we all know and love,” he says.

Mr. Terry is a graduate of Capital University. In addition to his work in music ministry and publishing, he accompanies various ensembles and organizations, including Capriccio Choir of Dublin and Temple Beth Shalom of New Albany.



Nate Terry

Torch Club’s holiday meeting features special dinner

The Faculty Club is planning a special menu for the Torch Club’s annual holiday meeting. As a result, it is particularly important to RSVP to Thom Seelbach’s Evite or email message. In your RSVP, please indicate if you want the prime rib, salmon or vegetarian entre. You are welcome to bring guests to this meeting. The cost for each guest will be \$42. The meeting will be black-tie optional.

Here is a preview of the menu:

- Sour dough rolls
- Leek & potato soup
- Prime rib with au jus (cooked medium rare to medium) -or- maple-glazed salmon
- Mashed potatoes – club style
- Roasted broccoli florets with bacon and balsamic
- English trifle – pound cake, pastry cream, fresh berries and whipped cream
- Wine – merlot and chardonnay

President's message: Our Torch meeting will kick off the holiday season

The next time I see you we will be gathering for our annual holiday celebration. This is my favorite Torch meeting of the year. Everyone looks festive in their holiday attire, and there is a happy and joyful atmosphere. What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

Each year I remind myself not to get swept up in the flurry of too many things to do and not enough time to do them. Letting go of some of those things and taking time to appreciate what is most meaningful brings true enjoyment during the holiday season. Torch Club is part of that appreciation and enjoyment, especially at our December meeting. I look forward to fellowship, food and music as we celebrate together, and wish you peace and joy all through the season.



Susan Tilgner

Submit Torch Club dues for 2022-2023 program year

The annual dues for the Torch Club of Columbus for the 2022-23 program year remain at the pre-pandemic level of \$300 per year for an individual member and \$550 per year for a couple.

To pay your dues, make your check payable to *Torch Club of Columbus*. Mail your check to the club's treasurer, David Lenz, at 1926 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, OH 43204. Or bring your check to the Torch Club meeting on December 1 at The Ohio State University Faculty Club.

Fellowship Committee will arrange rides for members to Torch meetings

If any Torch Club member needs a ride to a monthly Torch meeting, or if you are willing to provide transportation for a member, please contact the club's Fellowship Committee. You may reach the Fellowship Committee through its chair, Diane Selby, at (614) 571-4226 and Dianeselby@gmail.com.

Member's Moment – Jerry Rampelt

Presented by John O'Meara on November 3

When Jerry Rampelt was introduced as a new Torch Club member, he sat next to Gene Gilliam and had to remind Gene that he was his graduate advisor 52 years ago.

After graduating from Ohio State University in 1968, Jerry taught secondary social studies in middle and high school for 10 years and then in 1978 he began working with the Ohio Education Association as a union organizer and labor contract negotiator. His role at the OEA changed over the years and when he took early retirement in 1998, he was the director of organizational development and along with director of research.

Along with his MA in education in 1970, Jerry earned a master's degree from the Fisher College of Business in 1998. He was always the oldest person in the classroom at Fisher.

In 1998 he opened his own performance improvement consulting practice and served clients such as

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Harley Davidson, public school districts, non-profit organizations, Ohio State University, and the State of Ohio.

Side story: Jerry was contracted by OSU in 2013 to be a facilitator for the Discovery Themes initiative and his first meeting was in the administration building. The last time he was in the administration building was to sit in all night in May 1965 with 250 others as part of the free speech movement.

He was a seven-time national examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Baldrige Award is considered the Nobel Prize for an organization.

In 2009 Jerry created Support Ohio Schools with the purpose of assisting public school district levy committees with their campaigns. He assisted just over 300 levy campaigns, wrote *The Levy Book*, and was a campaign trainer for countless school levy volunteers. He still works part-time with Support Ohio Schools.

In recognition of his work with school districts and non-profit volunteering, Jerry was one of four people to be inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizen Hall of Fame for 2022. The ceremony was September 13 in the Rotunda of the Statehouse. He was also one of 37 people nationwide to be named a Purpose Prize Fellow in 2010 by Encore.org. Encore.org recognized people over age 60 who are making a contribution. The name Encore.org was recently changed to CoGenerate.



John O'Meara (left) presented Jerry Rampelt for the Member's Moment on November 3.

Jerry loves the outdoors and physical activity. In 2012 and 2015, he summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He and his wife Toby climbed Mt. Whitney in 2015, which at 14,508 feet is the highest peak in the lower 48 states. He ran 28 marathons, including four Boston Marathons. In August he cycled in the Rockies and in September he rode the Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV), but it was just the short version of 100 miles over a two-day weekend.

He serves on several charitable boards and chairs the board of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and just ended his chairmanship of the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center Board.

He is married to Toby, and they just celebrated 30 years of marriage and have five children in their blended family along with 12 grandchildren. He and Toby honeymooned on the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure with three of their children in 1992.

He and Toby almost moved to Colorado this past summer and decided to remain in Columbus.

Responding to the Evite from Secretary Seelbach

Club secretary Thom Seelbach has sent you via electronic mail an Evite to attend the Torch Club meeting on December 1. Respond promptly to the Evite so he will have an accurate count of meals needed. You also may respond to him at tseelbach@gmail.com or (614) 499-3090.

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. For the holiday dinner meeting, the cost for a guest is \$42.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2022-23

October 6, 2022: **“Walking the Way: El Camino de Santiago de Compostela”** by the Rev. Dr. Susan Warren Smith

November 3, 2022: **“Climate Change in Ohio”** by Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health

December 1, 2022: **“An Irregular Christmas,”** a holiday gala with Nate Terry, composer and publisher, Major 7 Publishing

January 5, 2023: **“OSU’s Most Famous Murderer: Professor James Howard Snook”** by Raimund Goerler

February 2, 2023: **“Recent Advances in Medicine”** by Dr. Gary Hinzman

March 2, 2023: **“The Columbus Economy”** by Bill Lafayette

April 6, 2023: **“The Sort-of-Great Columbus Trivia Quiz”** by Joe Blundo

May 4, 2023: **“The Challenge of Consensus on a Humane, Pragmatic Policy on Drug Abuse”** presented by Steve Sterrett

Torch Club’s monthly meeting agenda

No Board of Directors meeting in December
5:30-6:15 p.m. Cocktails and conversation
6:15-6:35 p.m. Business matters
6:35-7:30 p.m. Musical program
7:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner and table discussion

Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2022-23

President – Susan Tilgner

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Secretary – Thom Seelbach

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