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Presentation by Gary W. Hinzman on February 2 **“Recent Advances in Medicine”**

Gary Hinzman will bring his 57-year career in medicine and his multiple degrees and specialties to bear on the topic of his Torch paper, “Recent Advances in Medicine.” He will deliver his presentation at the Torch Club meeting on Thursday, February 2.

Gary’s Torch paper will encompass medical advances in six general categories: health care delivery, diagnostic and therapeutic tools and techniques, disease-specific management, new classes of medications, “silver bullet” medications, and successful immunizations to prevent disease versus medications to treat disease.

Among the advances he will explain include the still-evolving revolution in urgent care, the rapid diagnosis and treatment of heart attack and stroke, immunotherapy, voice recognition technology, and much more.

A native of Ohio, Gary earned his undergraduate degree from Oberlin College and then his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1966. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served for 30 years in a variety of positions in Korea, New Jersey, Ohio, California and Texas. His primary specialties are nuclear medicine and radiology. In civilian life, he shows no sign of retiring, as he continues to review medical records for Social Security disability claims.

Gary joined the Columbus Torch Club in 2022. His membership may have been a requirement of his marriage last May to Dorothy Driskell, our club’s long-time membership chair and immediate past president of the International Association of Torch Clubs. For more on Gary’s life and accomplishments read Dorothy’s Member’s Moment for Gary delivered in January.



Gary Hinzman was presented for the Member’s Moment by his wife, Dorothy Driskell.

Member's Moment – Gary W. Hinzman

Presented by Dorothy Driskell on January 12

Gary was raised in Bay Village, Ohio, in a working class, but very loving, family. His was room was in the attic which was not insulated.

He started working at 9, already realizing the way to improve his life was to go to school, and he would have to pay for that himself. He did any and every odd job he could find to do. At 9 he delivered newspapers to 110 homes, getting up at 4:30 a.m. to do so. (Old habits are hard to die as he still gets up at 4:30 a.m., six days a week, to go to work.)

After graduating high school, he worked in the post office while attending Oberlin College. He worked every summer and any vacation, averaging 60 hours per week. While at Oberlin, he majored in a pre-med program of chemistry and biology. He was then accepted and completed medical school at the University of Pittsburgh.

He knew he would be drafted so he joined the Air Force before going to his Internship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He was known as the flying Intern as he went to work on his bicycle with his white coat flying in the wind.

Then came full-time in the U.S. Air Force for the next 30 years. He volunteered for Vietnam, but he was sent to Korea, where he was in general practice for full-time service personal. He then was transferred to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey where he attended flight medical school, followed by a three-year residency in diagnostic radiology back at the University of Pittsburgh. He returned to Ohio and was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton as a radiologist. He also served as a flight surgeon for two years.

Gary then did a fellowship at Duke University in nuclear medicine, which remains his love in medicine. His next move was to Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, where he ran the radiology department and taught the residency in nuclear medicine.

He then headed to San Antonio for five years, serving as director of medical education for the entire Air Force, chief of the radiology department and consultant to the Air Force surgeon general. He also became involved in "Quality Assurance," having learned, practiced and taught the principles of QA. Having nothing else to do, Gary and went back to school at the University of Texas Health Science Center and received a master's degree in public health.

After 30 years, he retired from the Air Force as a "full-bird" colonel.

In civilian life, he became the medical director for a peer review company located in Westerville with Medicare and Medicaid contracts embracing QA and QI concepts. He currently works reviewing medical records for Social Security disability applications.

His main hobby is riding passenger trains. He knows every type of train, where they go and each and every schedule. So, if you want to ride a train, just ask Gary.

As you can see, Gary is a man of many accomplishments, but I hope he considers his marriage to me last May 4th to be his greatest! I am very humbled that he chose me to be his bride.

President's message: Torch chases the winter blues

Our Torch year seems to be flying by! For many of us, the winter blues settle in by February, so I am thankful we have our Torch meeting coming up to chase those blues away.

As you know, Rai Goerler is our president-elect, and one of his duties is to plan the programs for next year. He assembled an able committee that includes Paul Niswander, Chris Atzberger, Don Larson, and Bob Stevenson. They are working on some great ideas for papers, but feel free to reach out to one of them if you would like to be a presenter next year. In the meantime, we still have an interesting line-up of papers for the rest of this year. See you in February!



Susan Tilgner

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 February 2. 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 guest count is the actual number of attendees. If only you are attending, the count will be 1. The cost for a guest is \$30. A potential member may attend one dinner meeting without charge.

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 12, 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

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