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### **Presentation by Gary W. Hinzman on February 1** **“Recent Advances in Medicine, Part II”**

Gary Hinzman, a physician for more than half a century, will deliver the second part of his informative Torch paper, “Recent Advances in Medicine,” at the Torch Club meeting on Thursday, February 1, at The Ohio State University Faculty Club.

Gary presented the first part of his paper at the Torch Club meeting in February 2023. He reports that the second part “includes new therapies for hepatitis C, HIV, strokes, heart attacks, heart failure, interdisciplinary care, disease management, minimally invasive surgery, peptic ulcer disease.”



**Gary Hinzman**

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 in a variety of positions in South Korea, New Jersey, Ohio, California and Texas. After 30 years, he retired from the military as a “full-bird” colonel. His primary specialties are nuclear medicine and radiology.

In civilian life, he became the medical director for a peer review company located in Westerville with Medicare and Medicaid contracts embracing quality assessment (QA) and quality improvement (QI) concepts. He currently works reviewing medical records for Social Security disability applications. His main hobby is riding passenger trains.

Gary joined the Columbus Torch Club in 2022. He is married to Dorothy Driskell, long-time membership chair and a past president of the Columbus Torch Club and a past president of the International Association of Torch Clubs.

### **News from the International Association of Torch Clubs**

The Columbus Torch Club and a second Torch Club have nominated Rich Davis to serve as IATC vice president. He is running unopposed for this position, which will be voted on at the IATC annual convention in June in Richmond, Virginia. Rich has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2011. He served as president of the club in 2017-18. He subsequently served IATC as treasurer and

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convention director. He received the Gold Torch Award, IATC's highest honor, in 2021. He currently serves on the IATC Centennial History Committee.

IATC will host a mid-winter, all-member Fireside Chat over Zoom on Sunday, February 18, at 3 p.m. Eastern time. Among the topics for discussion are an upcoming all-member survey, announcements of Silver Torch Awards for outstanding club members, results of the recent membership recruiting contest and club recruiting best practices, an interactive discussion of what makes Torch unique, a report of IATC President Sue Breen-Held's recent club travels, and information about the Centennial IATC Convention in Richmond June 20-23. A link to the Zoom meeting was in an email distributed to Columbus Torch Club members by Rai Goerler on January 17. The Zoom meeting ID is 878 3572 4380; the passcode is 612215.

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 of the founding of Torch, IATC has created the Centennial Club as part of the Torch Foundation. You may join the Centennial Club with a donation of as little as \$100 to the Torch Foundation. All donations will be dedicated to increasing membership in existing clubs and to developing new clubs. IATC hopes to raise \$100,000 to help ensure the future of Torch. You can find more information on the IATC website at <https://www.torch.org/centennial-club.html>.

### **President's message: Let our Torch meeting brighten your February**

February is a particularly gloomy — dark and dreary — month, for me anyway. Weather can be a challenge in driving or going for a walk. The sun appears only rarely. (Having experienced for many years the number of cloudy days in Columbus, I understand why half of OSU's colors are gray.) Usually, I visit a warm and sunny place. One year, I went to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Last year, I had planned to go to Australia and New Zealand until other matters intervened. This year, I hope to be in Egypt for two weeks, beginning in mid-February.

Still, I look forward to seeing you on February 1. Dr. Gary Hinzman will present the second part of his Torch paper, "Recent Advances in Medicine," with a focus on specific diseases and treatments. As a senior, topics of health are of special interest to me, and Gary is so well qualified to speak.



**Rai Goerler**

I am happy to report that several of you offered to present during the 2024-25 program year. This has enabled the program committee — Don Larson (chair), Sandy Cornett, Rai Goerler, Constance Oulanoff, and Susan Tilgner — to finish the program for next year in record time. (Other years have been more challenging!)

Please keep thinking of programs you would like to present or to hear. Also, think about joining the program committee in the future. Members are from the board and the general membership, who typically meet only once or twice. This is a great way to shape the program and to get to know others in Torch.

See you soon.

## 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 February 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. The cost for a guest is \$35. A potential member may attend one dinner meeting without charge.

If you need a ride to a Torch meeting or are willing to provide transportation, please contact the club's Fellowship Committee through its chair, Diane Selby, at (614) 571-4226 and Dianeselby@gmail.com.

## Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2023-24

October 5, 2023: **"Morocco: Expectations and Surprises"** by Mary Beth Wise, associate professor emeritus, Department of Internal Medicine, Ohio State

November 2, 2023: **"Land Grant Contributions to Foreign Policy"** by David Hansen, professor emeritus, International Program in Agriculture, Ohio State

December 7, 2023: **Holiday Music** with The Grandview Singers

January 4, 2024: Meeting postponed to June 6.

February 1, 2024: **"Recent Advances in Medicine Part II - Focused on Selected Specific Disease Treatments"** by Gary Hinzman, M.D.

March 7, 2024: **"Buckeye Tailgate Party"** by Trevor Zahara, author of *Buckeye Tailgate* and *Confessions of an OSU Usher*

April 4, 2024: **"Walking Each Other Home: Ram Dass, Psychedelics and the Trip of a Lifetime"** by the Rev. Dr. Susan Warrener Smith, PCUSA clergy (retired), and Ann Wallingford

May 2, 2024: **"How does Psychotherapy Work? Clearing the Way for Success"** by Anne Croskey, Ph.D. and LCDC-III

June 6, 2024: **"Cemeteries, Genealogy...Gone but not Forgotten"** by Kent Bermingham, CPA

### **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.

## Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2023-24

President – Rai Goerler

President-elect – Donald Larson

Immediate Past President – Susan Tilgner

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Diane Selby

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Director-at-Large – Paul Niswander (2025)

Director-at-Large – Dorothy Driskell (2025)