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Presentation by David Hammond on January 9 **“Places to Go Around the World”**

David and Sandra Hammond two years ago spent nearly five months on a cruise ship traveling west around the world. Dave will share that experience with insight and advice, leavened with humor, during his presentation to the Torch Club on Thursday, January 9. The title of his paper is “Places to Go Around the World.”

“When you travel around the world, visiting five continents and 35 countries in 141 days on a luxury cruise ship, you want to share your experiences and especially some of your favorite ‘places to go,’” Dave says. “We truly didn’t want to come home. It changed our lives in so many ways in that we learned many valuable lessons, such as how the world sees us, things that we criticize that actually work and coming home surprises. It was a voyage of a lifetime!”

Dave and Sandra’s cruise left Miami, Fla., on Dec. 15, 2017, and traveled west along the coast of Mexico, through the Panama Canal. After a stop in Los Angeles, the ship visited Tahiti, Bora Bora, New Zealand, Australia, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Portugal and England. The cruise concluded May 5, 2018.

Biography of David Hammond

David A. Hammond is a retired senior executive with JPMorgan Chase and with Bank One before it merged with Chase. During his 47-year career, he was part of the credit card implementation team that convinced Bank of America to franchise their credit card operation and was the branch manager where the very first ATM machine was installed in the United States. Over his career, he ran the branch network, as well as the treasury management and large corporate divisions. Prior to retirement, he joined the bank’s Private Bank Group responsible for some of the bank’s most affluent clients and earned the “J. P. Morgan Director’s Award” as the top private banker in the seven-state central region. He has since been inducted into the bank’s “Hall of Fame.”



David Hammond

Serving in the community on boards of all kinds has afforded him a lifetime of experience that he hopes to continue to share in helping organizations and businesses stay connected to sound business practices, so that others can succeed in reaching their specific goals. David has been chairman and/or president of

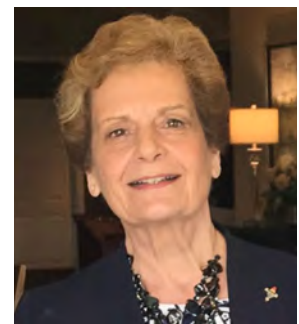
the Ohio Economic Development Council, Ohio Bankers Association Group V, Columbus Compact Development Corporation, First Community Village, Rotary Club of Upper Arlington, Upper Arlington Civic Association, and the Homeless Families Foundation. He was president of the Torch Club of Columbus in 2011-12. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Torch Foundation.

Dave has been a member of First Community Church for more than 40 years. From 2000 to 2015, he was an outside director for Alco Industries, Inc. He currently serves on the Finance Committee of Scioto Country Club. He is chair of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club's Sergeant-At-Arms Committee and is one of only 14 members who have received the "Rotarian of the Year Award" since its establishment in 1975.

Dave received his B.S. degree in finance from The Ohio State University in 1965 and his master's degree in banking from the Stonier Graduate School at Rutgers University in 1974. He has been married to Sandra for 54 years and has three daughters, seven grandchildren and a metal dog named Rusty.

President's Message: Talking with civility

One of the few Torch presidential perks is that I am able to speak for the whole club in wishing you each a happy new year. A strength of our Torch Club is that we are a group who can talk civilly with each other about interesting and even controversial topics. Few things are as much fun as a genteel academic argument on a rainy afternoon, followed by the beverage of one's choice. So thank you all for making our club a place where ideas can flow as they will. Long may it be so.



Violet Meek

Of course, it is possible that our civility is aided by the fact that we have our beverage of choice before rather than after the talks – which brings us to the drink of the month. Dave Hammond will be telling us about his round-the-world trip. That leads me to thinking about Raffles – that is to say about the famous hotel, Raffles, in Singapore – a required stop for world travelers at the beginning of the last century. The hotel is still in existence, although it and Singapore itself have changed much since the days when Somerset Maugham cooled and refreshed himself at the hotel's Long Bar and had, no doubt civil, conversations with other traveling *literati*.

Somerset Maugham actually was a prolific travel writer. Most of us know about Raffles because he made it popular. He became known for writing about life in the British Empire between the world wars. Many of us remember reading at least one of his more literary works sometime in our high school or college years. We remember titles like *The Moon and Six Pence*, *Rain*, *The Razor's Edge*, or *Of Human Bondage*. Personally, I slogged through *Of Human Bondage* in high school when I was old enough to read all the words and much too young to really understand the emotional undercurrents. I suspect I was not alone.

I was then also too young to drink it, but the famous beverage of choice at Raffles was the Singapore Sling, our drink-of-the-month. Perhaps, the only thing on which most writers about cocktails agree is the drink was developed by Ngiam Tong Boon, the bartender at the Long Bar at Raffles. It was first served sometime before 1915. "Slings" were North American cocktails generally made with some form of alcohol, water, a sweetener and flavoring, often fruit. It is usually made with gin but, like the Collinses to which it is related, other spirits can be substituted. There really is no standard recipe, but a common one has gin, a cherry liqueur or cherry brandy, lemon juice and soda water. It will be interesting, but undoubtedly refreshing, to see what our friends at the Faculty Club come up with. Enjoy!

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 January 9. 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) 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 meeting and dinner is \$30. A potential member may attend one meeting without charge.

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 Warrenner 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.

Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2019-20

President – Violet Meek

President-elect – Susan Warrenner Smith

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