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Presentation by Lucy Caswell on May 5 **“Celebrating Sparky – Charles Schulz and Peanuts”**

Lucy Shelton Caswell will recall the life and influence of cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in her presentation to the Columbus Torch Club on Thursday, May 5.

As the founding curator of Ohio State’s Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, Lucy will bring extensive knowledge and personal experience to her presentation on Schulz, the creator of Peanuts. This year marks the centennial of Schulz’s birth. He died in 2000.

Known as Sparky to his family and friends, Schulz single-handedly created 17,897 Peanuts comic strips during a span of almost 50 years. At the time of his retirement in 1999, Peanuts ran in more than 26,000 newspapers and was translated into 21 languages in 75 countries with a daily readership estimated to be 355 million. Peanuts was a worldwide cultural phenomenon in the last half of the 20th century.



A self-caricature by Charles Schulz

The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, in partnership with the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, will celebrate Schulz’s centennial with an exhibition that highlights his life and work. Lucy served as the exhibition’s curator. The exhibition will run from May 21-October 23. The Ireland museum is located in Sullivant Hall, 1813 N. High St.

Biography of Lucy Shelton Caswell

Lucy Shelton Caswell is the founding curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum and professor emerita at The Ohio State University. She is the author of numerous articles, and her most recent book is the second edition of *Billy Ireland*. She has served as curator for more than 80 exhibitions.

Lucy also is a founder and current vice president of Cartoon Crossroads Columbus, the annual festival presenting multiple events celebrating cartoon art at venues across the city each fall. She is married to Jeff Caswell, a Torch member since 2009 and president of the Torch Club in 2016-17.

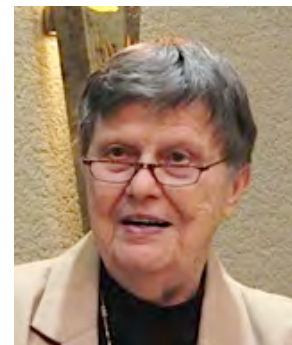
The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum houses the world’s most comprehensive collection of materials related to cartoons and comics, as well as museum galleries featuring exhibitions that are free and open to the public. Billy Ireland was a popular cartoonist with *The Columbus Dispatch* in the first half of the 20th century.

President’s message: Suddenly spring!

I hope you are enjoying this sudden spring! Finally, everything is catching up with the daffodils that were everywhere!

It was wonderful to see more faces at our March meeting. Professor Rattan Lal put before us thought-provoking, important issues that resonated with many of the articles around Earth Day 2022.

Our Torch season is winding down! Do call folks you haven’t seen yet – and invite friends and colleagues who may be interested in joining our “cross-community” group!



Nancy Wardwell

Member’s Moment – David Lenz

Presented by Elizabeth Lenz on April 7

I’m very pleased to introduce my husband David Lenz. Dave is a city boy. Born in Chicago, he moved with his parents to New York City (Queens) when he was six weeks old, then back to Chicago’s South Shore neighborhood when he was eight.

That said, it’s rather surprising that he chose a college that was in the very small town of Gambier, Ohio. While just about to commit to another college, he visited Kenyon on a glorious spring day and was hooked. After four fun-filled years, he graduated with a degree in chemistry and many fond memories. But he intended never to return to live in central Ohio. He said all he remembered about Columbus was the bars on High Street.

He went on to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, for his master’s degree. It was there, in the chemistry library, that he met his wife-to-be who later convinced him that a Ph.D. would be something worth striving for. And so, on to Boston University for his doctorate in chemistry and then to Georgetown for a post-doc.

Those of you who attended David’s Torch presentation may remember that he had a nearly 45-year career as a research scientist working as civilian for the U. S. Army’s medical research division in Maryland. He worked to develop antidotes to protect against and treat chemical warfare poisoning, primarily by nerve agents.



Elizabeth and David Lenz at the Torch meeting on April 7.

With over 90 publications, his expertise is recognized internationally. For example, he chaired the NATO Task Group on Prophylaxis and Therapy of Chemical Agents for five years. He also served on a National Academy of Sciences Expert Committee on Animal Models for Testing Interventions Against Aerosolized Bioterrorism Agents. He retired from full-time employment in 2011 and came to join me in Columbus. He continues to serve as a consultant on federally-funded research grants.

That's David as a professional. Now for David as a person. First, he's a very nice guy. He is an only child who continued to visit his mother at least weekly until her death at 104. We have been married for nearly 59 years, which says a lot about his patience and perseverance. He's a proud father and grandpa with two children and four grandchildren. Our daughter and her family live near Atlanta where she works for a company that provides high-level medical personnel for hospitals nationally. Her two sons are students at Georgia public universities. They love to help grandpa cook thanksgiving dinner. Our son is a neurologist with a Ph.D. in pharmacology. He is the senior vice president for global development at Amgen Pharmaceuticals in Thousand Oaks, California. He has a son 19 and a daughter 14.

David loves to travel. He spent the summer between his junior and senior years in college traveling on his own in Europe, primarily bicycling around what was then West Germany. Later, when his work took him abroad, we would try whenever possible to add some personal touring. Memorable examples are many wonderful times in Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands, a week driving around Portugal, and an incredible trip to China where he was a guest of the People's Liberation Army. We also made two trips to Australia.

Our most recent travels have been on oceans and European rivers. Ocean voyages to South America and across the Atlantic on Cunard's Queen Mary 2 (QM2) top the list, as do river cruises from Budapest to Amsterdam and in France, including Bordeaux and Normandy. We hope to travel to the Douro River in Portugal in May and to Norway on the QM2 in August.

David loves to cook and is an excellent chef. He shocked his parents on their first visit to Boston when he made them a dinner of beef stew. After he retired in 2011 and came to join me full-time in Columbus, he pretty much took over the cooking. He loves seeking out new and interesting dishes, but is a devotee of Pierre Franey and his 60-minute gourmet recipes.

In addition to travel and cooking (and of course eating and drinking good wine), David's other interests include cars, Lionel trains, art and architecture, music, playing the guitar, learning about history, and doing daily crossword puzzles and now the *New York Times'* Wordle. Finally, he's very happy to be expanding his horizons and his friendships through Torch.

Torch Club briefs

To replace the February meeting cancelled due to a winter storm, the Torch Club Board of Directors has scheduled a Torch meeting on Thursday, June 2, at the Faculty Club. Susan Tilgner will deliver her Torch paper, "Talkin' Trash: From Waste to Resources."

Effective March 11, The Ohio State University made mask-wearing optional in most indoor spaces on its campuses, including the Faculty Club.

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.

Nominating Committee recommends Rai Goerler as president-elect

The Columbus Torch Club’s Nominating Committee – composed of Susan Warrener Smith , Nancy Wardwell and Susan Tilgner – has submitted its report recommending officers for the 2022-23 program year. The election of officers will take place at the club’s May meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The Nominating Committee is nominating Rai Goerler as president-elect. His name and position are marked in **blue** in the table below. Rai has been a Torch Club member since 2014. He currently is one of the club’s four directors-at-large. He also is the club’s website editor.

The committee also is nominating Christine Atzberger and David Hansen as director-at-large for two-year terms ending in 2024. Christina has been a Torch Club member since 2015 and is completing her first two-year term as director-at-large. David has been a Torch Club member since 2014. Their names and positions are listed below in **red**.

As is the club’s custom, the person holding the title president-elect in one year automatically moves to the position of president in the next year. Thus, Susan Tilgner will be the president for the Torch year of 2022-23. No further action is required.

The proposed slate of the Torch Board of Directors for the next year is as follows. The only positions for which the club members will vote are for president-elect and the two directors-at-large whose terms end in 2024. Other officers serve at the pleasure of the board.

Title in 21/22	Name	Term Ends
Past President	Nancy Wardwell	2023
President	Susan Tilgner	2023
President-Elect	Rai Goerler	2023
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Not set
Treasurer	David Lenz	Not set
Assistant Secretary	Diane Selby (Fellowship)	Not set
Assistant Treasurer	vacant	Not set
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Not set
Region 5 Director	Violet Meek	Not set
Director-at-Large	Dorothy Driskell (Membership)	2023
Director-at-Large	Paul Niswander	2023
Director-at-Large	Christina Atzberger	2024
Director-at-Large	David Hansen	2024

IATC elects Violet Meek as Region 5 director

The Board of Directors of the International Association of Torch Clubs on April 1 elected Violet Meek as Region 5 director for a one-year term. She succeeds Elizabeth Short, who stepped down before the expiration of her term for health reasons. The Torch clubs in Region 5 are Akron, Columbus, Lima, Toledo and Youngstown.

Violet has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2014 and was president in 2019-20. Liz has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 1999. We thank Liz for her service, and we express our support to Violet in her new positions as regional director.

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 May 5. 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 \$30. A potential member may attend one dinner meeting without charge.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2021-22

October 7, 2021: **“It’s Not Your Grandmother’s Nursing”** by Elizabeth Lenz

November 4, 2021: **“The Harlan Brothers in Black and White: Justice John Marshall Harlan, U.S. Supreme Court and Rep. Robert James Harlan, Ohio House of Representatives”** by Violet Meek

December 2, 2021: **The Ohio State University Men’s Glee Club**, Robert Ward, Director

January 6, 2022: **“How Do Women and Men Differ in Their Work and Careers?”** by Francille Firebaugh

February 3, 2022: Weather-related cancelation

March 3, 2022: **“Considering Racism and How It Shaped Central Ohio Neighborhoods”** by

Michael Wilkos

April 7, 2022: **“Agriculture as a Source and Solution to Climate Change”** by Rattan Lal

May 5, 2022: **“Celebrating Sparky – Charles Schulz and Peanuts”** by Lucy Caswell

June 2, 2022: **“Talkin’ Trash: From Waste to Resources”** by Susan Tilgner

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

Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2021-22

President – Nancy S. Wardwell

President-elect – Susan Tilgner

Immediate Past President – Susan W. Smith

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Diane Selby

Treasurer – Howard Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer – David Lenz

Fellowship Chair – Diane Selby

Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

Nominating Chair – Susan W. Smith

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Website Editor – Rai Goerler

Director-at-Large – Christina Atzberger (2022)

Director-at-Large – Rai Goerler (2022)

Director-at-Large – Paul Niswander (2023)

Director-at-Large – Dorothy Driskell (2023)

IATC Region 5 Director – Violet Meek