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Presentation by David E. Lenz on November 1 **“A Century of Chemical Warfare: Trenches, Treaties, Therapy”**

This November will mark the centennial of the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I. Among the horrors unleashed by that conflict was chemical warfare. David Lenz, an authority on antidotes to chemical warfare poisoning, will present his Torch paper on November 1 on the topic of chemical agents, efforts to restrict their use, and therapy following exposure.

“Chemical agents are chemicals, whether gaseous, liquid, or solid, employed because of their direct toxic effects on humans, animals and, on occasion, plants,” David says. “They inflict toxicity in mammals when inhaled, absorbed through the skin, or ingested in food or drink. Chemical agents become weapons when they are placed into artillery shells, land mines, aerial bombs, missile warheads, mortar shells, grenades, spray tanks, or any other means of delivering the agents to designated targets.

“During and following World War I, several types of chemical agents were developed into weapons,” he notes. “These include choking, blister, blood, and nerve agents, incapacitants, riot-control agents and herbicides.” David’s paper will focus on choking, blister, and nerve agents. He will explore: 1) what we remember about the use of chemical weapons in WW I, particularly the trenches and poison gas, 2) the history and implementation of chemical warfare treaties, and 3) what we know with respect to therapy following exposure to chemical warfare materials.



David E. Lenz

Biography of David Lenz

David E. Lenz earned his A.B degree in chemistry from Kenyon College in 1961, his M.A. degree in
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chemistry from DePauw University in 1963 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Boston University in 1968. Subsequently, he held a postdoctoral appointment in protein physical chemistry at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

In 1969, he joined the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. His entire scientific career has been spent carrying out research in the area of development of antidotes for protection against chemical warfare poisoning with a particular emphasis on therapy against nerve agent poisoning.

Since his retirement in 2011, he has consulted with academic and industrial clients on projects that could lead to products that are currently in development for clinical trials prior to seeking approval from the FDA.

David has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2016. He is married to Elizabeth R. Lenz, a member of the Torch Club since 2014.

President's Message: Happy fall!

Wow! What a paper to kick off the 2018-19 season of Torch. Diane, thank you again for an amazing, passionate and exciting presentation. Little did we all know that Diane had a secret just like the Kelton House – Mary Oellermann. A very special thanks to Mary for her tremendously moving soliloquy as Sophia Kelton.

As a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, we are privileged to have David Lenz, present *A Century of Chemical Warfare – Trenches, Treaties & Therapy*. David is internationally recognized as an expert in chemical and biological defense. He has tried to retire several times; however, due to his critical knowledge and background, the United State military, as well as private firms, continue to call on him for his expertise. His presentation is sure to be absolutely fascinating on this very historical occasion. Thank you in advance, David. I'm really looking forward to your paper.

What an exciting time to be part of Torch. Keep sharing your great ideas with me and the other board members. We have several new committee members, which is great for the club. Again, the board is inviting you to please let us know if you are interested in joining any of our outstanding committees or the board.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Be ready to enjoy a festive signature drink to celebrate David's paper at cocktail hour.

Dorothy Driskell elected vice president of IATC

The International Association of Torch Clubs announced in early October that Dorothy Driskell has agreed to serve as its vice president, succeeding Gerald Stulc, who resigned for personal reasons. Dorothy is membership chair of the Columbus Torch Club and was president in 2013-14. To serve in the new position, she stepped down as IATC district director for region 5. Congratulations, Dorothy!



Tom Costantiello

Club inducts four members at October meeting

Cecelia Barbieri Costantiello

Originally from New Mexico, Cecelia calls both St. Louis and Columbus home. She is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Business and Administration. She has a career leading marketing strategies and campaigns across a variety of companies. She has had significant success in both business-to-business and direct-to-consumer marketing. Her expertise includes digital, direct mail, event, radio, television, print media, telemarketing, and e-marketing campaigns.

Cecelia was a member of the CitiMortgage 2007 and 2008 Komen "Race for the Cure" planning committee and a two-time recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Medal of Honor. She is married to Tom Costantiello, president of the Torch Club and a member since 2009.



Tom Costantiello, Dorothy Driskell and Cecelia Costantiello.

Phyllis N. Doelker

An art teacher, Phyllis earned her associate of arts degree in 1966 and her bachelor of fine arts degree in 1970 from Christian College, which that same year changed its name to Columbia College in Columbia, Mo. Her major was ceramics.

Phyllis has been an adult leader for Camp Fire, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She also volunteers for the Red Cross and Worthington Pantry. She is publicity chair for Block O. She enjoys travel, geography, geology, nature in landscape, and animals. She lives in Westerville.



Phyllis Doelker and her sponsor, Scott Doellinger

Dianne Ellinor McKenzie

Born in Boston, Dianne has had a varied career in teaching and sales and as a volunteer. As a child and young woman, she assisted her widowed mother in operating a 24-room guest house, Victoria Park Manor. She graduated from a teachers college in Canada and taught for three years in London, Ont. She also has taught alternative lifestyle treatments, such as natural foods, yoga, massage, chiropractic, reflexology, and stress reduction.

Dianne worked for 13 years in the sales department of Highlights for Children. While living in Washington, D.C., she worked at National Policy Advocates and catered from home. She is married to Garry McKenzie, a member of the Torch Club since 2012.



Dorothy Driskell (left) and Dianne McKenzie

Paul Miller

Paul earned his B.S. degree in education with majors in history and English from Bowling Green State University in 1977 and his M.A. degree in education with a focus on workforce development from The Ohio State University in 1988. The Life Insurance Office Management Association in 2001 awarded him the Associate of Annuity Programs & Administration.

He taught high school English, history and civics at Lorain County Joint Vocation School. For 35 years, he designed, developed and delivered training for many organizations, including Bank One, Ohio Health, DPMG and Nationwide Insurance. He is married and has one daughter. He is the son of Aaron Miller, a Torch Club member since 2002.



Paul Miller (left) and his father, Aaron Miller.

Member's Moment – Walter C. Buchsieb

Presented by Robert Stevenson on October 4, 2018

It is an honor to introduce our Member's Moment member this evening. May I please call your attention to this book, I am holding? Can everyone see the book? The proper pronunciation of Walter's last name is BOOK-seeb. Book-seeb. German spelling can be misleading.

Walter was the first dentist interviewed for the Ohio State Knowledge Bank. A 45-minute audio biography is available online. Just enter his name. It's free!

Walter's great-grandparents left Germany and came to Ohio in 1842. His great-grandfather Ludwig was born in the Rhine River harbor town of 'Noy-Vee' (Neuvied), located in the northeastern corner of southern West Germany, or just about in the middle.

Columbus was small back then, and Ludwig opened the first tanning parlor in the city, located at Hoster and Front Street in German Village. It was very successful with the farmer's wives who had been going to Florida in the winter to get a suntan. Business was slow in summers, so Buchsieb & Sons expanded into tanning leather hides and also selling feed and fertilizer for farmers. Walter's father decided to leave the family business and moved out of Columbus. He settled down in a house clear over in Bexley.

Walter was born in Bexley and has his B.S., D.D.S. and M.S. degrees from The Ohio State University. He married Betty Risch, a nurse, on June 19, 1955. He served for three years in the Army Dental Corps, first in San Francisco and for two years in Zwiebrucken, Germany, which by coincidence was the original home of his great-grandmother. He headed the 539th Dental Dispensary stationed there.

Following his military career, he entered the orthodontic program at Ohio State and in 1960 moved to Dayton as an orthodontist. Subsequently, he became involved in organized dentistry. He became president of the Dayton Dental Society and in 1981 was named president of the Ohio Dental Association.

During his practice in Dayton, Walter began teaching in Ohio State's orthodontic program, which in 1993 led to full-time teaching and resident lecturer to the Dayton Veterans Hospital dental residents. He

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served as a consultant to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton during his years there. He retired from active teaching in 2004.

Walter became speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Association of Orthodontists. That organization in 1985 presented him with its highest award, the James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award. As a board-certified orthodontist, he also was named president of the Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics at its meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif.

He has served the American Dental Association's Council on Annual Sessions for six years and as a delegate to the annual session of the American Dental Association for more than 20 years.

Walter and Betty have been married for 63 years and have a son, W. Charles Buchsieb II, a daughter, Christine Bardon, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.



Walter Buchsieb

The couple has traveled, largely as a result of dental meetings, to Germany, Italy, Spain, Russia, China, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Cambodia and Japan. In 1982, he organized a dental lecture group, lecturing in several cities in China. He also lectured on the orthodontic treatment of cleft palate children at the II Children's Dental Congress in Siena, Italy.

Walter's hobbies include antique cars. He is a recognized classic car judge for automobiles of the 1930s and 1940s.

Gary Stamm, retired school superintendent, died October 12

Gary W. Stamm, a Torch Club member since 2010, died October 12 at The Pickering House, a hospice, following an extended illness. He was 80. His funeral service was held October 17 at Trinity United Church of Christ in Baltimore, Ohio. He had been baptized and married in this church. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara, and by a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.



Gary W. Stamm

Gary graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. degree in music education. He was proud of having been a member of the Best Damn Band in the Land, as well as the university's concert bands. He was an instrumental music teacher, assistant principal and principal for Mariemont City Schools. He earned a master's degree in school administration and a doctorate in education from the University of Cincinnati.

He went on to serve as superintendent of Lockland Local Schools, Belpre City Schools and Fairless Local Schools, all in Ohio. He concluded his career in his hometown of Baltimore as principal of Liberty Union High School.

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 November 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) 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.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2018-19

October 4, 2018: **“Kelton House Shares Sophia’s Secret”** by Diane Selby and Mary Oellermann

November 1, 2018: **“A Century of Chemical Warfare: Trenches, Treaties, Therapy”** by David Lenz

December 6, 2018: **Shiloh Baptist Men’s Chorus**

January 3, 2019: **“Advancements in Ohio Law and How They Affect the Estate Planning Process”** by Eric Gamble

February 7, 2019: **“Time Changes Everything”** by Jeff Baker

March 7, 2019: **“China – Off the Beaten Path”** by Gene Gilliom

April 4, 2019: **“A Journey through Time and Space”** by Sally Willson

May 2, 2019: **“Monarch or Madman? Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico”** by Dick Hill



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 presents Torch paper
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 of Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2018-19

President – Tom Costantiello

President-elect – Violet Meek

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Director-at-Large Richard Meyer (2019)

Director-at-Large Tom Davison (2020)

Director-at-Large Deborah Stevens (2020)