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Presentation by Jennie McAdams on November 3 **“Climate Change in Ohio”**

Climate change is affecting the entire world. In her Torch paper on November 3, Jennie McAdams, supervisor of sustainability with Franklin County Public Health, will explain its impact on Ohio and the preparation to deal with the changes.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 2021 report found “changes in the Earth’s climate in every region and across the whole climate system. Many changes are unprecedented in thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of years. Some, such as continued sea-level rise, are irreversible over hundreds to thousands of years.”

Ms. McAdams notes the report clearly states the role of human influence on the climate system is undisputed. The report also shows human actions still have the potential to determine the future course of climate, pointing to strong and sustained reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to limit climate change.

“This is true across the world and visible and evidenced here locally in Ohio,” Ms. McAdams says. “The effects of climate change and extreme weather events are and will impact virtually all areas of day-to-day life, including the realm of public health. In my presentation, I will share some of the work that is being done through the Ohio Public Health Association, as well as how others are addressing health and climate change. I also will focus on data and impacts that are occurring now.”

As supervisor of sustainability, Ms. McAdams oversees the solid and infectious waste programs, nuisance issues, tobacco compliance and lead poisoning prevention, as well as sustainability and climate efforts. She is a founding member of the Ohio Public Health Association's Climate Resilience Coalition and works with many state and local partners on climate efforts and awareness.



Jennie McAdams

Torch information available on club’s website

Our Torch Club has a website that is updated regularly by Rai Goerler. The website includes information on the upcoming Torch presentation and much more. Visit the website at www.columbustorch.org.

President's message: Our affiliation with IATC serves us well

I hope everyone is enjoying the especially vibrant colors of fall this year! We started our Torch year in October with a thoughtful and inspiring presentation by Susan Warrener Smith.

As we head into November, I would like to take this opportunity to share a little background with you about our affiliation with the International Association of Torch Clubs (IATC). The IATC was formed in 1924 by William Bullock in Minneapolis, Minn. He had the vision of forming an association of clubs across North America with a purpose of broadening intellectual and social horizons.

Almost 100 years later, that vision is still being realized. There are approximately 50 clubs across the country, and our own Columbus club members have held many leadership positions on the IATC Board of Directors over the years. Currently, Dorothy Driskell serves as the immediate past president of IATC, and Rich Davis is the treasurer and director-at-large for conventions.

Local Torch clubs pay membership dues to IATC of \$50 per person or \$25 for a second member living in the same household. Our Columbus Torch club receives great value for this membership. You may be most familiar with IATC through *The Torch*, a peer-reviewed magazine publication that we receive with our membership. In 2021, the magazine won the prestigious MarCom Award for marketing and programming excellence. And IATC provides resources and technical assistance. Most notably, IATC provided Zoom technology so we could continue meeting through the COVID-19 pandemic.

I know we can all be proud of our collaboration with IATC and happy for the support it gives us. I look forward to seeing everyone in November when our presenter will be a former colleague of mine who will share what Ohio is doing to address climate change.



Susan Tilgner

Submit Torch Club dues for 2022-2023 program year

The annual dues for the Torch Club of Columbus for the 2022-23 program year remain at the pre-pandemic level of \$300 per year for an individual member and \$550 per year for a couple.

To pay your dues, make your check payable to *Torch Club of Columbus*. Mail your check to the club's treasurer, David Lenz, at 1926 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, OH 43204. Or bring your check to the Torch Club meeting on November 3 at The Ohio State University Faculty Club.

Fellowship Committee will arrange rides for members to Torch meetings

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.

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 November 3. 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 2022-23

October 6, 2022: **“Walking the Way: El Camino de Santiago de Compostela”** by the Rev. Dr. Susan Warrener 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 5, 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

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 2022-23

President – Susan Tilgner

President-elect – Rai Goerler

Immediate Past President – Nancy Wardwell

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Diane Selby

Treasurer – David Lenz

Assistant Treasurer – vacant

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Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

Nominating Chair – Nancy Wardwell

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Website Editor – Rai Goerler

Director-at-Large – Christina Atzberger (2024)

Director-at-Large – David Hansen (2024)

Director-at-Large – Paul Niswander (2023)

Director-at-Large – Dorothy Driskell (2023)

IATC Region 5 Director – Violet Meek