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Club members receive awards at Torch convention in Kalamazoo

Two members of the Columbus Torch Club, Steve Sterrett and Elizabeth Short, received awards at the annual convention of the International Association of Torch Clubs in Kalamazoo, Mich., on June 15-18.

Steve received the Paxton Award for the best Torch paper of the year. The award included an honorarium of \$1,000. He delivered the paper, “Race Matters,” at the convention’s concluding banquet. Steve, a member since 2002, originally presented the paper to the Columbus club in October 2015.

Liz received the Silver Torch Award for exemplary service to a local club. To qualify for the award, a nominee must have been a member for at least five years. Each club is limited in the number of nominees each year. A member since 1999, Liz compiled and edited the club’s program booklet for 2016-17. She and the late Bruce Kline also presented a joint Torch paper in October 2016. Liz was not able to attend the convention. She will be presented with the award at a club meeting this fall.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2017-18

Welcome to a new program year for the Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio. The club will resume its monthly meetings on Thursday, October 5. The October edition of *The Torch Lighter* will be distributed in late September with more information on the first Torch paper.

- October 5, 2017: **“History of the OSU College of Optometry”** by Robert Newcomb
- November 2, 2017: **“Cuba Then and Now: A Contemporary Perspective”** by Tricia Herban
- December 7, 2017: **Chamber Music Connection String Quartet**
- January 4, 2018: **“Sicily: So Much More”** by Christina Atzberger
- February 1, 2018: **“The History and Current State of Antarctica”** by Thomas Baughman
- March 1, 2018: **“Identifying Bottlenecks in Manufacturing Systems and Emergency Departments to Reduce Waiting Times”** by Gordon Clark
- April 5, 2018: **“The Evolution of Italian and English Gardens”** by Nancy Verber
- May 3, 2018: **“A Few of My Favorite Things: A Piano Recital”** by Thomas Seelbach and the Faculty Club’s Steinway

Long-time Columbus Torch member Bruce Kline died in August

By Rich Davis

Bruce E. Kline, who joined the Columbus Torch Club in 1999, died August 4 in his home in Kettering. He was 72 and is survived by Leora, his wife of 46 years, his mother, two children, three grandchildren and his three siblings.



Bruce E. Kline

Bruce graduated with his A.A. degree from Central College, B.S. degree from Greenville College, and M.A. degree from Wichita State University. He earned his Doctor of Psychology degree from Wright State University in 1982. The following year, he founded Bruce E. Kline Psy.D. and Associates in Dayton. Fellow Columbus Torch member, Liz Short, practiced with Bruce, and they commuted together to our monthly meetings in good weather and bad. They presented "The Gifted, Resiliency, and Brain Plasticity" at our Torch meeting last October, which was a great testimonial to their work over the decades with children.

The other side of Bruce was his musical talents. Helping to form the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance and as a 28-year member of the Dayton Opera Chorus, Bruce showed off those talents as he sang in more than 80 operas. Bruce will be missed in his many diverse arenas.

President's message: Welcome to new Torch year

Welcome to the start of the 2017-18 Columbus Torch Club meetings, our 91st year. I hope your summer was exciting and rewarding, and perhaps leading to a future presentation topic. It was quite a contrast to the previous summer where so many of you were involved with the Columbus version of the International Torch Convention. This year, Kalamazoo, Mich., enjoyed that honor, and put forth a wonderful collection of tours, performances and presentations. The convention in Columbus was brought up by many folks with great accolades and even that it was the best convention ever, a credit to Dave and Dorothy's leadership and the support of so many of the membership.

The business meetings in Kalamazoo were contentious, in contrast with past conventions and our own history. Much of that centered around the president-elect position. With proper adherence to Roberts Rules, the members who were present set up the voting rules, and George Conklin was elected over Diana Hinchcliff in a close election. Current president, Dick Lynch, resigned August 31, so George is now the president of IATC. A new operational management group, Organization Management Group (OMG), took over the role Jim Coppinger has performed as our executive secretary as he decided to give up that role. The Torch Foundation held its election, and Anne Sterling is the new president. She will join a Columbus Torch meeting later in the year. The highlight of the convention was the Paxton Paper, a closely held secret. Steve Sterrett was the presenter, and he did an exceptional job presenting an exceptional paper, "Race Matters." It was very well received by the attendees.

Columbus Torch lost one of its own, Bruce Kline, in August. A group represented our Torch Club at his very touching memorial in Kettering, which was well attended by his family, professional associates, musical associates, friends and grateful patients.



Rich Davis

Member's Moment – Marion L. Cremer

Presented by Susan Tilgner on May 4, 2017

It was a pleasure getting to know Dr. Marion L. Cremer, not only because we share similar academic backgrounds, but also because she is a delightful person!

Dr. Cremer grew up in Mt. Orb, Ohio, a small village in Brown County near the Cincinnati area. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University in Ohio. She found she liked food courses more than any other area, so her degree choice was dietetics through the College of Arts and Sciences.

To practice dietetics, you need to have an internship, which led Dr. Cremer to The Ohio State University. While completing her internship at OSU, she also pursued her Master of Science degree. She eventually became a registered and licensed dietitian in Ohio, a credential she maintained until recently.

Dr. Cremer then utilized her expertise in the restaurant and foodservice management arena. She was hired by Greenfield Mills restaurants at its Cleveland location. This is where she credits her high expectation for quality. A Greenfield Mills employee handbook at the time emphasized quality improvement and standards throughout the organization. It also stated, "All our food is prepared under the direct supervision of carefully selected and trained dietitians." Dr. Cremer was one of those dietitians. and she carried that attention to quality through her career!



Susan Tilgner (left) and Marion Cremer at the Torch Club meeting on May 4.

She went on to work for Stouffers in management in the Foodservice Division, which contracted with hospitals for their foodservice. She also spent time working at the Ohio Valley Hospital in West Virginia. However, she found her way back to The Ohio State University where she pursued her Ph.D. in a specialized program of business and agriculture. Dr. Cremer had a half-time appointment serving as a faculty member in home economics and a half-time appointment as assistant manager of the Pomerene Refectory. Many of our Torch members fondly remember a meal or two in the Pomerene eatery! What might not be known is the Refectory served as a laboratory for students in the Institutional Management Division of the School of Home Economics.

Dr. Cremer enjoyed this time at OSU, especially working with students. In addition, Dr. Cremer is a published author in peer-reviewed journals and the author of a textbook, *Quality Food in Quantity: Management and Science*.

Dr. Cremer currently lives in Worthington and has been a Torch member since 2009. She has enjoyed traveling and photography and has wonderful stories to share about her experiences!

Board of Directors for Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2017-18

At the club's May meeting, members voted to support the Nominating Committee's slate of Tom Costantiello as president-elect, Susan Tilgner as assistant treasurer, and Deborah Stevens, Dorothy Driskell and Richard Meyer as at-large members of the Board of Directors. Deborah will complete Pat Smith's term ending in 2018. Dorothy's and Dick's terms will end in 2019.

The other members of the board are either continuing in multiple-year elected positions or are board appointments that don't require a vote of the members.

President – Rich Davis

President-elect – Tom Costantiello

Immediate Past President – Jeff Caswell

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Susan W. Smith

Treasurer – Howard Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer – Susan Tilgner

Fellowship Chair – Violet Meek

Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

Nominating Chair – Jeff Caswell

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Director-at-Large Violet Meek (2018)

Director-at-Large Deborah Stevens (2018)

Director-at-Large Dorothy Driskell (2019)

Director-at-Large Richard Meyer (2019)

Thank you to Lee Hill for greeting club members each month

Lee Hill has been a dedicated volunteer for our Torch Club for more than a decade, greeting members and guests each month in the lobby of the Faculty Club with our name tags. She recently announced she is stepping down from that volunteer work. We thank Lee for her service in helping to keep our club well-organized.

Although she has declined to join the club, Lee regularly attends each meeting with her husband Dick Hill, dean and professor emeritus of Ohio State's College of Optometry. Dick joined the club in 2002.

The club also owes a debt of gratitude to Ginny Gauthier, a club member since 2013, for working with Lee in the lobby each month.

Our club is seeking a person who will work with Ginny beginning this fall. Lee is willing to provide training. If you're willing to help, please contact Lee, Ginny or club president Rich Davis.

Volunteer needed to create website for Columbus Torch Club

The Columbus Torch Club is interested in having a relatively simple website with information about the club, Torch papers, and monthly newsletters. Steve Sterrett, editor of *The Torch Lighter*, is willing to maintain and update content on the website once it is created. If a club member or other volunteer is willing to create the website, please contact Steve at (614) 262-4586 or sterrett.1@osu.edu.



The Columbus Torch Club has met in Ohio State's Faculty Club building since it opened in 1939.