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## Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2019-20

Welcome to a new program year for the Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio. The club will resume its monthly meetings on Thursday, October 3. The October edition of *The Torch Lighter* will be distributed in late September with more information on the first Torch paper.

- October 3, 2019: **“Drug Development to Counter Nerve Agent and Pesticide Poisoning”** by Christopher M. Hadad
- November 7, 2019: **“Bernini At St. Peters”** by Susan Warren 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 recognizes former presidents in May

At its May meeting, the club presented certificates and past-president pins to former club presidents. In the photo at right, they are row 1: George Smith (2009-10), David Hammond (2011-12), Rich Davis (2017-18), Tom Costantiello (2018-19); row 2: Francille Firebaugh (2012-13), Lee Vescelius (2007-08), Dorothy Driskell (2013-14); row 3: Jeff Caswell (2016-17), Don Dell (2015-16), John O’Meara (2008-09).



## **Dorothy Driskell confirmed as vice president and president-elect of IATC**

The Torch Club of Columbus continues to provide leadership to the International Association of Torch Clubs (IATC).

Dorothy Driskell was confirmed as vice president of IATC at the association's 2019 convention in Durham, N.C., in June. She had been serving as vice president since her appointment by the IATC Board last October following the resignation of her predecessor. As vice president, Dorothy also is president-elect. She will assume the IATC presidency for a two-year term at the next convention in June 2020.

Dorothy has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 2008 and currently is an at-large member of the club's board and is chair of the membership committee. She was president of the club in 2013-14.

At the convention, David Hammond was elected to the Board of Trustees of The Torch Foundation. David has been a member of the Columbus Torch Club since 1997. He was club president in 2011-12.

Liz Short, a club member since 1999, continues as director of IATC's Region 5. Rich Davis, a club member since 2011 and president in 2017-18, continues as convention chair. Both serve on the IATC Board.

The Durham/Chapel Hill Torch Club hosted the 2019 IATC convention from June 20-23. Highlights of the event included paper presentations on "Artistry and Technology of Glass," "Public Water Quality," "Public Broadcasting, Past, Present, and Future," and "Economics of Growing Up in a Mountain Community 1920-1960." Panels offered advice on "Helping Your Torch Club Through the Use of Technology" and "IATC Roles and Responsibilities."

Attendees enjoyed tours of the Duke Lemur Center, Sarah P. Duke Gardens and the North Carolina Museum of Art. Leland Robinson, a member of the Torch Club of Frederick, Maryland, was the recipient of the annual Paxton Award. His Paxton paper, titled "Right Speech," focused on one of Buddhism's Five Precepts for ethical conduct and its relevancy to today's political dialogue. Scott Stanfield, editor of *The Torch* magazine, received the Gold Torch pin.

The High Country Torch Club in Boone, N.C., will host the 2020 IATC convention next June.

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

At the club's May meeting, members voted to support the Nominating Committee's slate of Susan Warrener Smith as president-elect and Dorothy Driskell and Elizabeth Short as at-large members of the Board of Directors. 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 – Violet Meek

President-elect – Susan Warrener Smith

Immediate Past President – Tom Costantiello

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – open

Treasurer – Howard Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer – Susan Tilgner

Fellowship Chair – Nancy Wardwell

Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

Nominating Chair – Tom Costantiello

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Director-at-Large Nancy Wardwell (2020)

Director-at-Large Deborah Stevens (2020)

Director-at-Large Dorothy Driskell (2021)

Director-at-Large Elizabeth Short (2021)

## Physician, professor and author George Paulson died in July

George W. Paulson, a member of the Torch Club since 2003, died at home at the age of 88 on July 25. His memorial service was held July 31. He is survived by his wife Ruth, to whom he was married for 65 years, and by five children and 12 grandchildren.

A native of North Carolina, George earned his bachelor's degree in zoology from Yale University in 1952 and his M.D. from Duke University in 1956. He completed his residency in neurology at Duke. He joined Ohio State University's faculty in the Division of Neurology in 1967. In 1971, he became program director of neurology at Riverside Methodist Hospital and entered private practice.

George returned to Ohio State in 1983 as chair of the newly created Department of Neurology. His primary research interest was in movement disorders, particularly Parkinson's disease. He published more than 300 articles and eight books, including a history of Ohio State's College of Medicine. He also received several teaching awards.

George delivered his Torch paper, "Closing the Asylums," to the club in 2013.



**George Paulson**

## President's message: We'll drink to that

It is autumn, a time of warm days and gentle nights. We meet on the campus of a great land-grant university, designed to be the hope for a better future for "the sons and daughters of artisans and mechanics." In this place, autumn is a time of new beginnings when hope runs high as yet undimmed by midterms, experiments that go awry, or disappointing won/loss records. For many of us, it is a time to remember fondly other years and other autumns. Perhaps, we might even salute the years with a glass filled with memories.

Forgive me – I do tend to go overboard sometimes – but that said, it is time to think about the *Torch Drink of the Month*. All this reminiscing has led me to think of the drinks from days of yore – perhaps joining that well-known diarist and Egyptologist Amelia Peabody relaxing on the veranda of the Sheppard Hotel in Cairo, Egypt, or enjoying a petite libation with the master detective, Hercule Poirot, on the Orient Express. No doubt you have your own favorite literary companions.

Each month we will choose our featured pre-dinner drink from times before 1960 and from the atmosphere of favorite books or the predilections of famous characters. We are open to suggestions. Just let me know what tickles your fancy. Winning suggestions will earn a prize consistent with Torch's total lack of a drink budget.

We are running a contest to help you remember the old drinks. Can you identify your favorite drink at the Tip Top Tap and tell us what city it is in? No fair using Google. You may send your answer to me at [vmeek911@gmail.com](mailto:vmeek911@gmail.com). Winners will have their choice of either having their names announced or having their identities hidden in an un-hackable place.

Bottoms up!



**Violet Meek**

## **Club inducts two new members at May meeting**

### **Antoinette R. Koolemans-Beynen**

Antoinette studied at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. She arrived in the United States in 1963 and enrolled at Kansas State Teachers College where she graduated in 1967 with a master of science degree.

She raised four children. She also worked for 26 years in medical research, first at the University of Rochester in New York and then as a research associate at Ohio State University until 1996. She co-authored several publications on cell and tissue culture. Antoinette has worked as a volunteer in the field of restorative justice and restorative practice since 2012.



**Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen (right) and her sponsor Dorothy Driskell.**

### **Christopher M. Hadad**

A faculty member at Ohio State University for the past 25 years, Christopher earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in 1987 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Yale University in 1993. He was a National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow at the University of Colorado from 1992 to 1994.

Christopher came to Ohio State in 1994 as an assistant professor of chemistry. He was promoted to full professor in 2006. He has held a number of positions in the university's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. In 2001, he was appointed associate dean of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. He subsequently served as dean of Natural and Mathematical Sciences from 2014 through 2018.



**Christopher Hadad (left) and his sponsor David Lenz.**

## **Club secretary will soon distribute notice of club's dues for 2019-20**

Thom Seelbach, club secretary, will distribute an email message this month with a notice for payment of the Torch Club's annual dues for 2019-20. The amount is unchanged from last year.

Individual dues are \$300. Payment may be made at the Torch Club meeting on October 3 or may be paid by mailing a check to the club's treasurer, Howard Gauthier, at 2751 Alliston Court, Columbus, OH 43220-4215. The check should be written to "Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio." If individual dues are paid after the Torch meeting on November 1, the charge will be \$320.

Households with two members will pay dues of \$575. If paid after the Torch meeting on November 1, the household dues for two members will be \$600. Dues for household members are less because the club is passing along the fee reduction from the International Association of Torch Clubs for the second member from the same address.

If a member would like to be temporarily inactive for the 2019-20 program year, the member should seek approval from the club's board. The member then may pay dues of only \$75, which permits the member's name and contact information to be published in the club's program book and provides a subscription to *The Torch* magazine.