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

Welcome to a new program year for the Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio. The club will resume its monthly in-person meetings and dinners on Thursday, October 7, in The Ohio State University Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Drive. The program of Torch papers is not entirely complete. The final program will be published in the October edition of *The Torch Lighter* that will be distributed in late September. Here is the schedule of Torch papers at this time:

- October 7, 2021: **“It’s Not Your Grandmother’s Nursing”** by Elizabeth Lenz
- November 4, 2021: Torch paper by Violet Meeks
- December 2, 2021: **Holiday gala**
- January 6, 2022: **“How Women and Men Differ in Their Work”** by Francille Firebaugh
- February 3, 2022: Torch paper to be announced soon.
- March 3, 2022: **“Considering Racism”** by Michael Wilkos
- April 7, 2022: **“Talkin’ Trash: From Waste to Resources”** by Susan Tilgner
- May 5, 2022: **“Celebrating Sparky – Charles Schultz and Peanuts”** by Lucy Caswell

Club will resume in-person monthly meetings, subject to health guidelines

At its summer meeting in August, board members of the Columbus Torch Club agreed to resume in-person dinner meetings in October, while following the regulations and guidelines of local health authorities, the university and the Faculty Club. More information about such procedures, such as wearing masks indoors, will be printed in the October edition of *The Torch Lighter*.

Board members also agreed to set the individual membership dues for 2021-22 at \$240. The dues for two persons in the same household are \$430. The dues for 2021-22 reflect a \$60 credit for dinner meetings canceled in April and May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join Torch members for ‘fireside chat’ on September 26

The International Association of Torch Clubs invites all Torch members to participate over Zoom in an informative Torch Fireside Chat on Sunday, September 26, at 2 p.m. The Zoom gathering was announced in an email message sent to Torch members on August 30. The message included a Zoom link to the chat.

Renew your Torch membership for 2021-22

Dues for membership in the Torch Club of Columbus are \$240 for the 2021-22 program year. Dues for a two-person family are \$430. In recent years, the annual dues have been \$300, but the club's board decided to reduce the dues for 2021-22 because dinner meetings in April and May 2020 were canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Make your check payable to the Torch Club of Columbus and mail your check to Howard Gauthier, treasurer, 2751 Alliston Court, Columbus, OH 43220. Or you may bring your check to the first Torch Club meeting on October 7.

President's message: We've kept the idea of Torch bright in Columbus

Thanks to Dorothy Driskell and some of her projects, I have spent happy hours in the archives of the International Association of Torch Clubs and the Columbus Torch Club, both housed in the Ohio State University Archives on Kinnear Road. We can be very proud of our 90 years as Columbus Torch Club!

After founding the first Torch Club in Minneapolis in 1924, William F. Bullock set forth across the Midwest to promote and expand the new professional organization. Only two years later, on December 16, 1926, the 10th club was established in Columbus. McIllyar H. Lichliter was the perfect choice as the first president. Lichliter was the influential minister of the large, downtown First Congregational Church, long known for its spiritual and community leadership.



Nancy Wardwell

As the state capitol and home to a major university, Columbus has always been the perfect milieu for attracting to the city outstanding persons from virtually every profession. Through the years membership has been drawn from the finest physicians, clergy, educators, attorneys, journalists, businessmen, elected officials, artists, and architects. Not only have the presented papers been provocative and scholarly, but the Columbus Club has shared in the work of the International Association of Torch Clubs.

The second IATC president was Burdette R. Buckingham from the Columbus club. Other IATC presidents from Columbus were Edgar L. Weinland, 1941-42; C.A. Jones, 1958-59; and George Crepeau, 1990-92. We are very proud that Dorothy Driskell is the current president of the International Association of Torch Clubs, our Rich Davis is the treasurer, and Liz Short is director of Region 5 and the awards chair. The Columbus club not only hosted the second international convention in 1928, but proudly hosted the conventions in 1952 and 1991. Many of our current members participated in the 2016 convention also hosted by the Columbus club.

Columbus Torch Club remains strong and vital. Presently it is the largest club in the international association with 75 active members.

Be sure that I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity serve as the 2021-22 president of Columbus Torch Club. Together, let our fellowship and our presentations attract new, strong members as we proudly celebrate more than 90 years of keeping bright the idea of Torch in Columbus.

Rai Goerler will manage Torch Club's website

Rai Goerler has assumed the responsibility of editor of the Columbus Torch Club's website. The website includes information on upcoming Torch papers, pdf files of the last five years of monthly newsletters, guidance on the delivery of a Torch paper, a listing of the Torch Club's officers and board members, and the history and purposes of Torch.

Here is a link to the website <http://www.columbustorch.org>.

Club will host reception for IATC board members on October 1

The board of the International Association of Torch Clubs will hold a retreat October 1-3 in Worthington, Ohio. The IATC board is led by Dorothy Driskell, president.

The Columbus Torch Club will host a reception to welcome the IATC board members on Friday, October 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Ohio State University Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Mall. Columbus Torch members are invited to attend the reception.

President Driskell also extends an invitation to Columbus Torch members to attend any portion of the retreat as observers. The retreat will continue October 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in the first floor conference room of 400 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington.

Members should bring guests and potential members to Torch meetings

The Torch Club Board of Directors encourages members to bring guests and potential members to the club's monthly meetings. The charge for a guest is \$25. There is no charge for a potential member. Be sure to report the guest or potential member when you reply to Thom Seelbach's inquiry regarding your meeting attendance.

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

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Nominating Chair – Susan W. Smith

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Website Editor – Rai Goerler

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Director-at-Large – Rai Goerler (2022)

Director-at-Large – Paul Niswander (2023)

Director-at-Large – Dorothy Driskell (2023)

IATC Region 5 Director – Elizabeth Short