

# 2010 Winter Conference

## Optional Events

*Wednesday, February 17*

**Statehouse Tour and Legislative Reception**

3:00, 3:15, 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. - Tours

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Reception

Tour Price: \$5

Reception Price: \$5

Statehouse tours will be offered at 3:00, 3:15, 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. Each tour can accommodate 50 people. Please mark your preferred time when registering. Registrants will be assigned a tour on a first come first serve basis. If the time you choose is full, you will be assigned the next available slot. A legislative reception in the Statehouse Crypt and Museum with hors d'oeuvres will follow. All members of the Ohio General Assembly are invited to attend, giving you the opportunity to establish a relationship with your local legislators.

*Friday, February 19*

**OTA Luncheon**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Price: \$25

For the second year in a row, the OTA is offering a Friday



Luncheon in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. Guests will have a sit-down lunch between workshops and learn about issues the OTA is monitoring. Governor Ted Strickland

is the invited speaker and OTA scholarship winners are encouraged to attend.

## Spouse Events

*Thursday, February 18*

**Graystone Wine Cellar**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Price: \$35

Enjoy lunch and an unlimited two-hour beer and wine bar at Graystone Wine Cellar, nestled in the hand-hewn limestone vaults of the 1875 Schlee Bavarian Brewery.

The family wine cellar rekindles the spirit of the hardy German immigrants who settled in Columbus and established a thriving brewery industry in the 1800s.



*Friday, February 19*

**Tour and Tea with Sophia Kelton**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Price: \$25

Enjoy tea and experience living history at the Kelton House, a restored Underground Railroad stop filled with original furnishings. After being greeted at the door by "Sophia Kelton," you'll tour her beautifully furnished Victorian home and then be invited to afternoon tea with finger sandwiches and trifle.

## Area Restaurants

Food vendors will be available throughout the Convention Center and Trade Show, as well as the food court in the Hyatt Regency. The following are restaurants in the general vicinity of the Convention Center.

A map of the downtown area can be found on page 27.

### *Arena District*

*All are open for lunch and dinner*

**bd's mongolian barbecue**

295 Marconi Blvd.

Create your own stir-fry

**Boston's The Gourmet Pizza**

191 W. Nationwide Blvd.

Restaurant and sports bar

**Buca di Beppo**

343 N. Front St.

Southern italian, family style

**Cotters Restaurant**

200 W. Nationwide Blvd.

Fine casual cuisine

**Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant**

401 Front St.

Upscale casual, fresh-brewed lagers

**Max & Erma's**

55 Nationwide Blvd.

All-American favorites

**Ted's Montana Grill**

191 W. Nationwide Blvd.

Fresh-made beef or bison burgers prepared 25 ways

*Short North (across from Convention Center)*

*All are open for lunch and dinner*

**Barley's Brewing Co.**

467 N. High St.

Hand-crafted ales and contemporary fare

**DeepWood**

511 N. High St.

Both tavern and dining room settings

**Japanese Steak House**

479 N. High St.

American Japanese cuisine

**North Market**

59 Spruce St.

Public market with more than 15 food vendors including Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, and Bubbles, the tea & juice company

**Park Street Patio**

533 Park St.

Beers, burgers and bands

# Feb. 17-20 - Columbus Convention Center

## Conference Highlights

### General Session

A General Session is held on Thursday morning as well as Saturday morning. The Thursday morning General Session serves to welcome attendees and Leadership Academy graduates are recognized. The Saturday morning General Session closes the conference. The newly inducted OTA Board of Directors will be announced and legislators are in attendance to speak about relevant township issues. The morning concludes with a question and answer session.

### Board Elections

Ohio Township Association (OTA) Board elections occur every two years. During the Thursday morning General Session, all active members of the OTA will elect the Association's four officers, who fill their positions on a two-year basis. On Thursday afternoon, all county township association executive committee persons will elect at least eight directors to the OTA Board. Candidate bios will be placed in the January/February issue of the "Ohio Township News." The Board, including new members, will be introduced during the Saturday morning General Session.

### Workshops

Workshop sessions have been shortened for the 2010 conference. This not only allows for more workshops to be scheduled overall, but those workshops in high demand can be repeated more frequently. Also, the OTA receives several requests for workshop handouts. The Association is exploring the option of putting those handouts available on a CD for distribution after the conference. More details will be available in the January/February issue of the magazine.

## Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010

11:00 a.m.  
OTA Board Meeting  
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration  
OTA Trade Show  
2:00 p.m.  
County Officers' Meeting  
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Statehouse Tours  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Legislative Reception at the Statehouse

## Friday, Feb. 19, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
OTA Trade Show  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Registration  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Workshops  
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  
Workshops  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Luncheon  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Tour and Tea with Sophia Kelton  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
Workshops  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Workshops

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## Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration  
OTA Trade Show  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
General Session  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Graystone Wine Cellar  
1:00 p.m.  
Director Elections  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Workshops  
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  
Workshops  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
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## Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
General Session  
11:00 a.m.  
Conference Adjourns