

St. Catharines Torch Club Bulletin – May 2017

Next meeting: Thursday, May 10th
Social Hour 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm

Location: Best Western, St.Catharines

Dinner: The May 10th menu will be a plated Greek themed dinner
Tzatziki Appetizer (garlic, cucumber, yogurt, spices)
Greek Salad (feta cheese, red onions, tomatoes, black olives & lettuce)
Chicken Souvlaki Kebobs
Lemon Potatoes
Green beans and tomatoes
Baklava pastry
Tea, regular or decaffeinated coffee
Vegetarian options available upon request.

Cost; \$25 per person

Speaker: Stephen Bronn

Stephen joined Edward Jones in 2014, after working four years at Manulife Securities as an Investment and Insurance Advisor. Previously, he worked for a North American financial services company providing investment, income protection and debt management solutions and strategies. Currently, he is completing the final courses for the Certified Financial Planner(CFP) designation.

Stephen has been part of the Kinsmen Club of Fonthill and District for the past 5 years. He also serves on the Finance Committee of his church in Fonthill as well is a member of the Casa Dante Italian Club in Welland and the Welland/Pelham Chamber. He has resided in Welland for over 20 years with his wife Lola and children Kurtis and Kaitlin.

Topic: Making Your Money Last

So many useful and/or fun ways to spend your money and only a limited amount of money to spend. How best to allot our monthly stipend? How to cover future expenses while enjoying and sharing the present? There are many possible strategies and questions about our finances to think about. Stephen's presentation will show us ten useful principles for living in retirement. He suggests ways to make your money last longer and ways to get value for the money that you have to spend. It promises to be an interesting and informative talk.

Minutes of Meeting, April 13, 2017, *Secretarial notes by Abraham Rempel*

Regular Meeting

Date: April 13, 2017

Location: Best Western

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Attendance: 29 members, 1 guest

Welcome: David Warren(Vice President)

Toast: David Warren

Prayer: David Warren

That's David Warren, our multitasking and improvisational soon-to-be president

Our honoured guest: Tim Spaeder is the Director for Region 10. He spoke briefly on the general decline in Torch membership, and encouraged us to keep talking to people whenever we can, especially to younger people. Tim was as genuinely pleased to be with us, as we were pleased to have him.

He also bought a Kiwanis Duck ticket from me as did many other Torch members. Thanks Tim and all!

Speaker Introduction: Julia Frankel

Our speaker was a child psychologist by profession and taught at Toronto's Ryerson University. However, out of a deep personal interest, urban planning became her avocation. She now has a valuable role on the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee.

Smart Growth for Sustainable Lifestyles by Dale Shipley

Even more than just a vocation, Dale lives and breaths urban development. Picture it if you can: a cityscape variegated with mixed housing, preserved farmland, integrated commerce, narrowed roads, fewer cars, broader sidewalks, interconnecting walkways and recreational spaces; all coming together in fostering a unique sense of place – a place where people actually feel they belong, individually and collectively.

Dale presented us, in a delightful hour, a plan of what can be, not a Shangri-La, but a fraternity of knowledgeable stakeholders taking delight in their purposefully designed community.

Thanks for the speaker: Anne Elliott (Past President)

Anne put it into words so very well after an unusually long and fervent question period. . . “you touched all of us.”

Please note: Penny Blake invited us to attend a 150th year celebration of Canada at St Mark's Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake. That's on May 7 at 7:00 PM. The celebration will feature the Queenston Lady's Choir

and the Niagara Men's Chorus in an expected full house. Please contact Penny at 905-732-2090 or roy.blake@gmail.com for tickets.

Please also remember while you're at the concert, there are people there who would make excellent Torch members. Talk to whoever you can.

Our Summer Social in June

Our **Summer Social** will be held on **Thursday June 8th** at the Beacon Harbourside Resort. We will meet at 12 noon with the luncheon to start at 12:30. As in previous years, it will be a family style lunch of chicken and beef or a vegetarian option. Dessert will be cheesecake. **Please prepay at the May meeting as we are charged in advance by the Beacon for every meal ordered.** Also, please mention to Doreen any food allergies that the chefs may need to consider.