

St. Catharines Torch Club Bulletin – September 2017

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13th

Doors open 6 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm * **NEW start time for dinner!** *

Location: Best Western, St.Catharines

Dinner: *Customized Plated Fish Dinner**

Assorted small dinner rolls and butter

Tossed garden salad with house dressing

Baked filet of sole lightly seasoned

Baked potato with sour cream on the side

Fresh vegetable medley

Tartufo

Tea, regular or decaffeinated coffee

**Vegetarian options available upon request.*

Cost; \$25 per person

Speaker: Dr. Charles Burton

Topic: Is China Canada's New third Option?

Background: Associate Professor at Brock University specializing in Comparative Politics, Government and Politics of China, Canada-China Relations and Human Rights. Served as Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy to China between 1991-1993 and 1998-2000. Prior to coming to Brock worked at the Communications Security Establishment of the Department of National Defence.

PhD 1987 from the University of Toronto after studies at Cambridge University (Oriental Studies) and Fudan University (History of Ancient Chinese Thought Program, Department of Philosophy, class of '77). Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Post-Doctoral Scholar in Political Science at University of Alberta, 1986-88.

He has published extensively on Chinese and North Korean affairs and Canada-China relations and has been commissioned to write reports on matters relating to Canada's relations with China for agencies of the Government of Canada. He is a frequent commentator on Chinese affairs in newspapers, radio and TV.

Minutes of Meeting, June 8, 2017.

June's meeting was our annual informal Summer Social luncheon held at the Beacon

Inn, Jordan. Good food and good company.

Membership Dues are Due!

As a result of a financial surplus accumulated over many years, the last several years our annual club fee was reduced to \$50 from the previous \$80. The surplus has now been reduced to \$2690. Since we pay a per capita fee in U.S. Dollars (USD \$50) to Torch International and since the exchange rate from Canadian dollars to U.S. Dollars is unfavourable, it was decided by the executive to increase our annual club fee.

MOTION: Moved that the St.Catharines Torch Club annual membership fee be increased to \$75 beginning September 13th, 2017. Passed.

Membership dues are \$75 for this year. Please bring payment to our September meeting.

Speakers for 2017 – 18

Wed. Sept.13 Charles Burton, Professor of Political Science *“Is China Canada's New third Option?”*

Thurs. Oct. 12 Sharon Cramer, Buffalo Torch Club *“Presentation on Photography”*

Wed. Nov. 8 Alexandra Fic, PHD *“Women in Development”*

Thurs. Dec. 14 Seasonal Social

Wed. Jan. 10 Chris MacNaughton BA., J.D. *“How poverty impacts family law disputes”*

Thurs. Feb. 8 Milan Plentai, MBA, National Bank Vp. Topic to be announced

Wed. Mar. 14 Professor Daniel Samson, Brock University *“This is Us.”*

Thurs. Apr. 12 Christopher Johnston, MA, Canadian Diplomat, *“Does the World need more Canada.”*

Wed. May 9 Murray Wilcox, *“The Story of the House.”*

Thurs. Jun 14 Summer Social

Executive for 2017 - 18

President: David Warren

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Vice-President; David Sydor

Secretary; Abraham Rempel

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