

# St. Catharines Torch Club Bulletin

*April 2018 Issue*

**Next meeting:** Thursday, April 12th  
Social Hour 6 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

**Location:** Best Western, St.Catharines

**Dinner:** The April 12th menu will be a

## ***Mexican Dinner Buffet***

- \* *Garden Greens with Assorted Dressings*
- \* *Mexican Rice Salad*
- \* *Chicken Strips*
- \* *Fajita Beef with Sauteed Onions and Peppers*
- \* *Fillings: Lettuce Shreds, Diced Tomatoes, Canadian Cheese*
- \* *Mexican Churros drizzled with Chocolate and Caramel Sauce*
- \* *Coffee, Tea & Decaf*

***Vegetarian options available upon request.***

***If you require a special meal, please contact Anne Elliott at [anne.elliott@cogeco.ca](mailto:anne.elliott@cogeco.ca).***

**Cost;** \$25

Please let your phone captain know whether you are coming.

If you need a ride, contact David Warren at 905-934-9765

Our March Speaker will be **Christopher Johnson, M.A., Canadian Diplomat**

**Topic: Does the World need more Canada?**

**Speaker's Bio:**

**Christopher Johnston**  
*Global Affairs Canada*



Chris Johnston is a Canadian diplomat, aid worker and seasoned researcher, analyst and international development project manager. He currently manages the Canadian development assistance program in

Pakistan. He returned to Canada in 2014 following diplomatic postings with the Government of Canada in Afghanistan and in South Africa where he oversaw Canada's development cooperation programs and policy engagement in a number of countries in Southern Africa. During a leave of absence in 2014-15, Chris was Senior Manager for Research and Policy with The MasterCard Foundation in Toronto.

With over 20 years of experience in the international development sector, Chris has worked in management positions with several organizations including the Canadian International Development Agency, the Aga Khan Foundation, the National Judicial Institute and the Canadian Co-operative Association. He has a wide background in strategic policy, development research, technical cooperation, program design, and Monitoring & Evaluation, and has worked in over 30 countries. Chris has managed a range of programs covering rural poverty reduction, private sector development, aid architecture, microfinance/microinsurance, community development, micro- and small-enterprise, gender and economic empowerment, youth employment, legal-judicial reform, health and education, capacity development, leadership, knowledge management and governance.

Chris is an alumnus of Brock University (1988). He holds a Master's Degree in International Development Studies from St. Mary's / Dalhousie University. He has served on the boards of the Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA) the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) and the Philippines Development Assistance Program (PDAP, an NGO coalition).

**Membership dues for 2017-18 are \$75 for the period September 1st 2017 to August 31st 2018.**

#### ***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** Daniel Samson PhD, 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 at **13<sup>th</sup> Street Winery**, 1776 Fourth Avenue, St.Catharines, ON

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