

International Association of Torch Clubs Silver Torch Award

Presented by the Central Pennsylvania Torch Club, May 8, 2024

To: Arthur E. Goldschmidt Jr.



Art Goldschmidt's service to and on behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Torch Club has a long and exemplary history. Art joined in 1986 and has been a member for more than half of the club's 69 years. He has given numerous presentations, including several that were published in The Torch magazine. His first, in 1988, was entitled "A Professor at Sea" about his experiences in the fall 1987 Semester at Sea program. His most recent, some 30-plus years later, was on "Afghanistan – History and Mystery." (Art, a Penn State University professor emeritus of history, is an authority on the Middle East.)

Art was the club's vice president in 1992 and president in 1993. In 2011 he became corresponding secretary. He has now served in that position for 13 years. By his count, he has been our club's delegate to at least 13 IATC conventions since 2004, and he is currently working with other authors on the IATC Centennial History Project.

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John Golbeck joined the club in 2017 and served as vice president in 2020-21 and president in 2021-22. The club is recognizing him for his initiative and time commitment in taking on the task of building the club's current website, researching the club's history and posting all of the annual trifold programs from its founding in 1955 through 2009, as well as nearly all programs and minutes since 2010. It has been a notable one-man effort that he began in early 2022.

John found much of the club's history and documents archived in the Penn State University Library and devoted much time to reviewing and copying documents to be posted. He also keeps the website up to date with information and photos of our speakers and their topics, as well as minutes of our meetings. The result of his efforts is a website the club has good reason to be proud of. It is inviting, informative and historical. John continues to serve as the club's unofficial webmaster and computer and presentation expert for our speakers' slideshows and audio.