

Centre County Torch Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024
Ramada Inn, State College, PA

President John Dillon opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Approximately 20 members were in attendance.

Annual dues are currently \$75 a year. Dinner is \$25.00.

This year's officers:

President: Terry Engelder

Vice President: Caroline Wilhelm

Recording Secretary: Charles Maxin

Treasurer: Peter Jurs

Correspondence Secretary and Torch International representative: Art Goldschmidt

Past President: John Dillon

Webmaster: John Golbeck

Food prices are increasing, meeting dinner is \$25 per person.

John Dillon presided in the absence of Terry Engelder.

Walter Ebaugh announced at an earlier meeting that he will not be able to serve as vice president because of health issues.

Caroline Wilhelm elected vice president by unanimously.

Member Roger Williamson and Karen L. Magnuson are honored by the Renaissance Fund.

This year, the Renaissance Fund honorees are Roger L. Williams and Karen L. Magnuson, Penn State alumni, retired staff members, and local volunteer members who have uplifted the State College community through their professional pursuits, volunteerism, philanthropy and an abiding commitment to their neighbors.

Writing the IATC's history with Art Goldschmidt

This year the International Association of Torch Clubs celebrates its one hundred years of existence. Art reviewed the founding of the Torch Club international groups. The Centre County club was founded in 1955 with Ralph W. McComb as president.

Art Goldschmidt received two Silver Torch awards and was chosen to receive a second Silver Torch award in 2024. He is a 40-year member and has served as corresponding secretary for 14 years. He was chosen to write the history of the International Association of Torch Clubs from 1975 to 1984. The one-hundred-year history, titled "Sharing the Light", was recently published by Amazon. A copy of the history is available through Art Goldschmidt.

The International Association of Torch Clubs were founded July 10, 1924. William Bullock was the founder after a quarrel between members of earlier associations. The result was two clubs were founded: Torch Clubs and The International Association of Torch Clubs. Art discussed the history of Torch Clubs and reviewed a sociologic study of small clubs in the US and Canada titled Bowling Alone.

The next meeting is October 9, 2024.

Kevin Alloway will present. The title is Maintaining Your Memory as You Age.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Charles W Maxin, secretary