

Torch Club Speakers 2019-2020 Program

Second Wednesday, social hour 5:30, dinner at 6 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sept. 11	Frank Deutsch	How to Survive Prostate Cancer
Oct. 9	Harry West	The Ups & Downs of Suspension Bridges: The Highs & Lows of their Builders
Nov. 13	Gary Petersen	Soils: Why Are They Important?
Dec. 11	John Golbeck	Renewable Energy
Jan. 8	David Mudgett	Steel Guitars: Who, What, When, Where, and Why?
Feb 12	Robert Igo	Planning in the Centre Region
Mar. 11	Mike Bezilla	Railroad History of Scotia
Apr. 8	Lee Stout	Monumental Messes: Commentary on our Past
May 13	Phil Park	Local Government in the Centre Region: Cooperate or Consolidate?
Jun 10	Louise Goldschmidt	Is that Thing Really a Mosque?

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Dec. 9	David Mudgett	The Steel Guitar: from Hawaii to Nashville to the World
Jan. 13	Rob Hendrickson	The Conflict between Political Correctness, First Amendment Speech, and Academic Freedom
Feb. 10	Bob Carline	Creating Wood Sculptures
Mar. 10	Charles Maxin	Cholesterol, Hyper- lipidemia and Treatments: A Physician's View
Apr. 14	Jim Ultman	Pandemics Past and Present: What we have Learned
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Nov. 10	Bill Arden	Celestial Navigation—Shackleton's Way Home
Dec. 8	Larry Ragan	Of Faith and Noel: St. Rita's Professional Development Academy
Jan. 12	Peter Jurs	The American Fur Trade of the Far West
Feb. 9	Dick Jones	An Interactive Demonstration of the MIT-Sloan ENROADS Climate Simulator
Mar. 9	Carl Sillman	The Lost Elegance Of Railroad Dining
Apr. 13	Joe Humphreys	Fly Fishing in Pennsylvania
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Jan. 11	Wayne Osgood	Useful Things to Know about Crime
Feb. 8	Terry Engelder	Fracking
Mar. 8	Gary Miller	E-Learning and the Future of Higher Education
Apr. 12	James Serene	Progress in Orthopedic Surgery and Medicine
May 10	Kim Steiner	The Penn State Arboretum
June 14	Lee Stout	Archives and the Centre County History Encyclopedia

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11/8	Roger Geiger	A Historical Perspective on American Higher Education
12/13	Bill Arden	The Star We Live With - Studying the Sun
1/10	Ron Smith	The NCAA, Football Concussions and a Multimillion Dollar Lawsuit
2/14	Jean Lee	The Washingtons and the Many Worlds of Mount Vernon, 1650-1860
3/13	Gordon DeJong	Is Demography Destiny? Ten Master Trends
4/10	Heather Shoenberger	Artificial Intelligence in the Public Space
5/8	Steve Smith	Traditional Farming in Latin America
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10/09	Kevin Alloway	Maintaining Your Memory Ability as You Age
11/13	Jeff Wert	Custer and the Little Bighorn
12/11	Bob Henrickson	First Amendment Rights and Protests
01/08	Lew Steinberg	The Role of Zoning in Municipal Development
02/12	Ford Risley	Abraham Lincoln and the Press
03/12	John Golbeck	The Iron Furnaces of Pennsylvania
04/09	Larry Ragan	Learning About Nature using AI
05/14	Walt Ebaugh	History of the Rideau Canal
06/11	Scott Kretchmar	Creating Level Playing Fields and Other NCAA Problems

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- To give members of different professions the opportunity to meet together in the spirit of fellowship.
- To prevent the narrowing tendencies of specialization by developing a breadth of thought and culture.
- To foster the highest standards of professional ethics and civic well-being; no club is permitted to sponsor any cause or partisan movement.

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