



# CENTRAL FORUM 2019

## January 8 ADVENTURES CHANGE THE LIVES OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHILE FUNDING THE FUTURE FOR SARNIA YOUTH.

Mike Hurry

Big Brothers & Big Sisters has provided programs for Sarnia youth for over 50 years, and is totally reliant on the community for funding. Join Mike while he blends stories of agency success with photos of some of their incredible adventures to places like Everest Base camp, Patagonia, East Africa and Denali.

Mike has provided leadership to Big Brothers in Sarnia for the last 40 year. His passion for adventure has changed many lives while raise the necessary funds for the agency.

## January 29 SARNIA-LAMBTON: LONG-TERM VISIONS AND UNCHARTED WATERS – 10 ATTRIBUTES OF SUCCESSFUL CITIES.

George Mallay

Social progress is the main goal of public policy. Old economic paradigms are no longer working. Rapid disruptions in digital, physical, biological and virtual technologies are creating new challenges and opportunities. Climate change and a more polarized, nationalistic and protectionist politics are challenging. Building our biohybrid and energy cluster is a long game. The new NOVA Polyethylene plant will be discussed.

George Mallay recently retired as General Manager of the Sarnia-Lambton-Economic Partnership. Originally from Newfoundland he holds degrees in economic-geography, urban planning and an MBA. Over 30 years, he has facilitated the creation of thousands of new jobs and several billion in new capital investment in Ottawa and Sarnia-Lambton. The recipient of many awards, he has participated in many governing boards including Lambton College.

## January 15 DAM BUSTERS: A CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE. Ted Barris

Well known author and journalist Ted Barris will review his latest book "Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany". This presentation will be combined with a book signing in cooperation with Sarnia's own Book-Keeper book store.

Print and TV journalist Ted Barris is the author of several best-selling books on, for example, Canadian military history. Recently returning from a successful book tour in Alberta, he lives in Uxbridge Ontario.

## February 5 CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL & RECREATIONAL USE Dr. Blake Pearson

Dr. Pearson will review the latest research and advantages and risks of cannabis for both medical and recreational uses including chronic pain, M.S., sleep disorders, migraine, chemotherapy symptoms and end-of-life and palliative care for elders. He will also review the legislation in Ontario and Canada

Doctor Blake Pearson M.D. of Sarnia, is a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and a board-certified family physician in the U.S. His recent focus is using cannabis treatments for a wide range of medical disorders.

## January 22 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING Marilyn Gladu M.P.

Medical Assistance in Dying legislation was introduced in response to the Carter decision. As with other countries, since introduction, there are compliance issues and calls for expansion of the law. Sarnia-Lambton's member of parliament will explore some legal and ethical aspects.

Marilyn Gladu was elected as a Member of Parliament representing Sarnia—Lambton during the 2015 Canadian federal election. Currently she serves as both the Official Opposition's critic for health and as chair of the Standing Committee on Status of Women and previously as the Official Opposition critic for science. Gladu is a professional engineer formally employed by Dow Chemical and later as engineering director at Suncor and as a consultant with WorleyParsons. She chaired the Canadian Society of Chemical Engineers locally, and as national director of science and industrial policy.

## February 12 BUTTERFLY GARDENING USING NATIVE PLANTS Eva D'Amilo

Enjoy a colorful presentation about attracting butterflies and other pollinators essential to our ecosystem by using plants, trees, shrubs and grasses that are indigenous to Lambton County. Native flora are not only beautiful but also low-maintenance. They help to protect our region from non-native insect and plant species.

Eva, a lifelong amateur naturalist with a passion for gardening and nature, is a County of Lambton Library staff. She has a background in education and lives in Wyoming with her 2 wonderful dogs.