



St. Catharines Torch Club

January 2015 Newsletter

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Leslie left Sweden permanently when she was 39. For 18 years she was a secretary and business-interpreter in Sweden, Germany, France and England. She also taught figure skating for 37 years and tennis for 7 years. Leslie is a master handwriting analyst and document examiner, has been to 85 countries and has written 44 travel reports. She speaks five foreign languages.

At age 50 she studied linguistics and literature for three years at The University of Victoria in British Columbia.

WWII From My Perspective

No bombs fell on Sweden during the war but Europe was burning all around. There were no imports, but there was much preparation, as for five years we thought we could have war tomorrow, and Jews and others could flee to us. Many horrible and some good things, as well as sad and funny things happened ... and the aftermath was revealing ...

Next Meeting

- **When:** Thursday Jan. 8, 12 pm social hour, 12:30 pm lunch.
- **Where:** Best Western, St. Catharines.
- **Menu:** Buffet with rolls and butter, two salads, roast beef, chicken, potatoes, vegetables. Dessert will be assorted tarts, squares and pastries. Tea and coffee.
- **Cost:** \$25.
- **Speaker:** Leslie Thorburn
- **Topic:** WW II: From My Point of View
- Please let your phone captain know whether you are coming.
- If you require a special meal, please contact Doreen Peever or Julia Frankel.
- If you need a ride, contact David Warren at 905-934-9765.

Meeting Dec. 11, 2014: Seasonal Social

Date: December 11, 2014

Location: Unitarian Congregation of Niagara

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Attendance: 30

In lieu of minutes, the Secretary would like to thank our Hospitality and Executive members for another successful and outstanding seasonal event. We had a good turnout (30), and everyone came despite the weather. The venue at the Unitarian Congregation of Niagara was a good choice once again.

Michael Manley-Casimir gave the toast and

Abraham Rempel read the prayer. There were nothing but compliments for the fine meal catered by David Paquet of Niagara Gourmet Catering, including the vegetarian dishes and the servers themselves.

All seemed engaged in good conversation, and enjoyed the pianist, Catherine Willard, very much. Our Torch members all left apparently satiated and satisfied, and wishing each other the best for the season.

Thanks all.

Abraham Rempel

Please Note: Our January Meeting Will Be a Lunch!!!

The meeting scheduled for January 8 will be a lunch rather than a dinner. It was decided at the October meeting to try this, as some members would rather not drive at night in the winter. So, as an experiment, we will

gather at the Best Western at noon, for lunch at 12:30.

At the January meeting it will be decided whether to repeat this schedule for February.