

St. Catharines Torch Club



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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

APRIL 11th

BEST WESTERN
Dalhousie Room
Lake & Queen Elizabeth Way

SPEAKER:

EZZ CHELLOUF

ST. CATHARINES TORCH
CLUB

Editor:
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THE TURMOIL IN ISLAMIC SOCIETIES: THE STRUGGLE WITHIN AND WITHOUT

If the western world awoke on a fateful 9/11 morning to the surprised realization that there was something terribly wrong in its relationship with the Islamic community, the trouble has been simmering for many decades within the Moslem world itself. The West and the adherents to Islam live in a relative ignorance, misunderstanding, or dislike of each other's ways. What brought the two communities into such a confrontational state? What is Islam? Are all Moslems of a unified view?

The presentation examines briefly some of the aspects that differentiate the two communities, the effervescence that has been brewing in the Moslem world, some of the causes that place the West and Moslems against each other, and the possible directions the relationship might take.

Ezzedine Chellouf became a member of St. Catharines Torch Club in 2011. He is in hotel management. Please note that the title and content

of his talk has been altered, since it was published in your club directory.

Previous Meeting

1. President John Northover welcomed members & guests.
2. Ailing members: Don Herne recovering from hip fracture(see note below); Allison (Steve) Stevenson recovering from internal operation; Yolanda Varga-Davis has been in and out of hospital, now at home.
3. Grace and Toast: Dave Sydor
4. Cabaret Excursion: Ivan Hrabowsky has signed up 10 to attend *O Canada Eh?* for April 27 dinner comedy for \$50 all in.
5. Past President Alan Wheeler appealed for applicants for position of Secretary/Newsletter for 2013-4.
6. Programme: V. P. Dave Sydor has talks for 9 dates next year; needs one more offering. The speaker was introduced by Ivan Hrabowsky.

Speaker: **Mira Ananicz** gave a brief history of wine production in Canada; Lief

Ericsson and other explorers brought grapes to L'anse aux Meadows and St. Lawrence Valley. Later, wine production moved from low price to premium offerings. At Grimsby, wineries had begun operations, and by 1890, 40 wineries were in the Pelee-Windsor corridor. Premium wines are now available from Niagara, Prince Edward County, and Pelee/Lake Erie, with the formation of VQA, a vintner's alliance. The VQA rules specify that 85% of grapes must be from a geographic-specific area, and varietals controlled by provincial regulation.

A specific case-ice wine production began in Okanagan Valley 1978, with grapes

picked and pressed after freezing, which concentrates sugars and essences. Many grape types including chardonnay are used, with high sugar levels resulting from the freezing. Yeasts have difficulty in converting at high alcohol level (so yeast starter preparation/inoculation rate is important), and limits to pH, acidity, tannins, total sulphur, total aldehydes/ketones, make production a complex affair, to get the right balance. Canada produces a third of world annual total of 2.5 million litres, going mostly to markets in Taiwan, U. S. and Japan.

Irena Michalska thanked the speaker.

Anecdotes: Leslie Thorburn and John Mayer

A d j o u r n m e n t : 9 : 1 2 p.m. **Current Items**

O Canada Eh! tickets for April 27 available from Ivan Hrabowsky, for \$50 inclusive. Ivan hopes for a final tally of 20 members/guests; please apply within the next week if you are interested.

2. Nominations will be received for 2013-4 Executive at the April dinner meeting. Election will be held at the May dinner meeting.

3. Member Don Herne passed away on March 28. Our sympathies go out to Muriel Herne. Memorial service will be held in several weeks' time.

April Meeting: Thursday, April 11

Place: Best Western Hotel, Dalhousie Room, Queen Elizabeth Way & Lake Street

Time: Social Hour 6:00--7:00 pm -- Dinner 7:00 pm

Presentation: 8:00 pm

Speaker: Ezzedine Chellouf

Phone your captain whether you wish to attend. Entree is fish; tell your captain if you need an alternate meal, or Alexandra Fic at 905-684-4873