

St. Catharines Torch Club



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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

JUNE 13th

BEST WESTERN BEACON

HARBOURSIDE

2793 Beacon Blvd., Vineland

SPEAKER:

BERT MURPHY

Editor:
Peter Skelton

JUNE SOCIAL EVENT

Location: Beacon Harbourside Best Western on 2793 Beacon Blvd. (off QEW at Jordan Rd. if coming from STC)

Date/Time: Thursday, June 13

Hospitality 12:00

Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Rolls/butter; Baby Green Salad/Roasted Tomato Dressing

Chicken Supreme/lemon butter sauce

Cheese Cake/fruit topping

Tea/coffee

Presentation: Niagara Geology by Bert Murphy

Wheelchair accessible/free parking.

Price: \$ 25. Cheques preferred. Phone Merle Richards at (905) 685-6984 or merle.richards@sympatico.ca for reservations or ticket purchase.

(You should already have heard from your phone captain).

President's Report at Fiscal Year End

Our 2012-3 year was successful, with seven papers given by club members. Wilma Morrison was a guest speaker and Norman Harding told a story

and led us in singing carols at the December dinner. We are saddened to report the death of Joe Elliot, Don Herne and Edgar Peer's wife, Marguerite. However, we welcomed four new members: Wesley Turner, Thilagavathi (Tilly) Chandulal, Roy Blake and Fred Bolton, which brings our membership to 44. I wish to thank our Executive and committee members: Peter Skelton, Doreen Peever, Dave Sydor, Alan Wheeler, Abraham Rempel, Merle Richards and Alexandra Fic for all their good works. I also appreciate the dedicated work of our phone captains: Dave Warren, Doreen Peever, Hilde Wheeler, Theo Tytaneck, Alan Veale and Robert Cooper. Al Stevenson and particularly his successor Alexandra Fic, thanks for their wonderful contributions as phone co-ordinators. This past year, the club was distinguished by having three papers by Richard Holder, John Northover and Peter McMain published in The Torch magazine. I look forward to meeting you all again in September, after our June event. Respectfully, John Northover.

June Meeting:**Thursday, June 13****Place:** Best Western Hotel, Harbourside on Lake Ontario at Jordan**Time:** Hospitality: 12:00 pm -- Luncheon 12:30 pm

Presentation: after Luncheon

Bert Murphy : *Geology of Niagara**Tell your phone captain whether you wish to attend.***Minutes of May Meeting**

Welcome: Dave Sydor

Toast & Grace: Irena Michalska

Reports on Members: Norman Harding laid up with thrombosis in leg. Yolanda Varga-Davis recuperating from operation, at home. Al Stevenson recuperating at home from operation.

Treasurer's Report: Doreen Peever handed out copies, showing balance of \$ 6690.43/ April 22,2013. Meals receipts closely matched costs.

Nominations Report: President: Dave Sydor, Treasurer: Alan Veale, VP: Anne Elliott; Hospitality: Alexandra Fic and Merle Richards; Webmaster: Roy Blake; Archivist: Steve Stevenson; Secretary: no nominations. Appeal for secretarial candidates drew no nominations. Motion: J. Black/T. Chandulal: Nominations close. Carried unanimously.

Hospitality Report: A. Fic: Thanks to phone captains: Theo Tytaneck is resigning, others coming in.

Motion: A. Rempel/M. Gibson: that the Club recommend a Letters to the Editor Column appear in Torch Magazine, (attn. of IATC President Charles Carlson). Passed unanimously.

President's Note: thanks to those on Executive who are retiring, to those who gave talks, and the phone committee for jobs well done.

O Canada Eh! outing of 10 members reported by I. Hrabowsky.

The Speaker was introduced by Anne Elliott.

Speaker Dale Shipley prefaced remarks that Canada is 13th, of 16 countries ranked on innovation, a quality which must appear in a student before grad school. Currently, computer games occupy much more time than unsupervised play with raw object/materials, and urban sterile environments have largely replaced the treed natural ones that previous generations enjoyed, which began by classifying objects, moving to sensory contact, giving prob-

lems to solve, concepts to uncover, and risks to evaluate.

. By age 4, realistic props may not be needed, by age 6, we begin to substitute and manipulate ideas, to develop abstract thinking later on. Creative orientation develops from socio-dramatic play involving role assignment, inventing a script, changing a plan, etc. These are creative elements of right hemisphere brain activity largely lacking in current schooling, which is mostly "left brain".

--After Q & A, the speaker was thanked by Merle Richards.

--Thanks to John Mayer for serving two terms as Director of Region 1 of IATC, by J. Northover.

--Anecdote: J. Mayer

--Sale of Tickets to June Social: A. Fic urged members to purchase tickets in advance, from D. Peever or M. Richards.

--Adjournment: 9:45