



## March 30th, Guests Speakers

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### **Mr. Yaser Kherdaji**

Honorary Consul Of Syria since 1993,  
President of The Syrian Community Centre of Canada  
President of Thermidaire Corporation ,established in 1945, Manufacturers of industrial water treatment chemicals Worked closely with Arabic and other ethnic Communities to enhance our presence in the mosaic of the Canadian culture. For his services to Canada and the to the community, in September 2002, received the Queens Jubilee Golden Medal

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### **The Hon. George Smitherman**

The Honorable George Smitherman M.P.P. Toronto Centre-Rosedale Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario, Deputy Premier, and Toronto Regional Minister since 2003  
Hon. George Smitherman was first elected to serve the diverse communities of downtown Toronto in 1999, but his interest in politics was sown over 20 years earlier.  
Inspired by the life and politics of Pierre Trudeau, he gained experience at all three levels of government, working in support of several senior political leaders.  
As the longest-serving Ontario Minister of Health in the last quarter century, Mr. Smitherman has strongly led McGuinty government initiatives, including the effort to reduce wait times and enhance access to nurses and doctors.

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### **Mr. Mohammad Daaboul**

Mr. Mohammad Daaboul President of the Syrian- Canadian Businessmen Association.  
SYCAB President Constriction and Aluminum products  
the Chairman and CEO of Daaboul Industrial Group (D.I.G.), which started its industrial activities in 1975  
Mr. Daaboul is the Deputy Chairman of the Arab Association of the Engineering Industry  
born in Damascus and has BSc degree in Mathematics from Damascus University . He is married and has one daughter and five sons, most of them graduated from Canadian universities and work in the D.I.G.

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### **Khan, Wajid, Mr. MP**

In 2004, Wajid Khan was first elected as a Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Streetsville and was Re-elected in January 2006. In August 2006, Wajid Khan was appointed by the Prime Minister as the Special Advisor on South Asia and the Middle East. In Ottawa, Mr. Khan serves on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, and on the Citizenship and Immigration Committee.

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**Khalil Ramal MPP**

Member of Provincial Parliament for London, Fanshawe

Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services

Khalil Ramal was elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003 and re-elected

in 2007. He has served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Ramal received a PhD in social politics, a BA in sociology, a MA in social politics and has diplomas in accounting and teaching.

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**Mr. Sarkis Assadourian, Sarkis Mr. Judge**

Citizenship Judge in Toronto

First Canadian of Armenian origin elected to the House of Commons. Mr. Assadourian was first elected as Member of Parliament in 1993. In for Don Valley North.

Mr. Assadourian was re-elected in Brampton Centre In 1997 and 2000

Mr. Assadourian was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, served as chairman, vice chairman and a member in many committees Federal Political Experience

Sarkis Assadourian was born in Aleppo, Syria

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**Mr. Issam Bougi**

Chairman of the Canadian Arab Chamber of Commerce

CCACC established to promote the international business relation between Canada and the Arab World

Mr. Bougi, is the President of Global financial group, Prominent Canadian financial company

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**Mr. Farouk Joud**

Member of the Syrian- Canadian Businessmen Association

Vice president of Latakia Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Board member of the Federation of Syrian Chambers

Honorary Consul of Italy