



Club #85, founded 1913

July 15th 2009

Attendance: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Patrick Lemoine, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster. Guest speakers: MVM Rotary Club.

Sharp-eyed readers will have noticed that July 15th was not a Tuesday but a Wednesday. During the time the St. James Club is closed in July, we meet in different places and sometimes on different days. And so it was that we met with the Montreal Ville-Marie Club on Wednesday, July 15th at the St-Denis Club. By my count, there were 25 of us around a beautifully appointed breakfast table with crisp linen cloth, starched napkins and gleaming cutlery. Having seated myself as near as possible to the buffet table, I moved quickly when Club President **Stephen Blais** gave permission to go for the food. I had my pick of the croissants and muffins as the first person there, a splendid example of the principle of Service above Self.

It was sad to learn that the St-Denis Club will be closing permanently. The dates of both the middle of August and September were mentioned. Whichever, the closing of this landmark centre of refined hospitality will be a blow to all Montrealers. The Ville Marie Club will be searching for a new meeting place very soon.



For readers with good eyes, you may spot two stalwarts of the golf tournament in the picture: on the far left and far away, **Katie Sheahan** and in the centre of the frame, a smiling **Carlo Pugliese** in red as he prepares to mount up into his vehicle and play golf. If you can't make it out, you'll

just have to take my word for it.



Board Meeting: The President has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 6 pm at LE BITOQUE.

Next Meetings: **July 24th Noon:** The St. James Club will be closed on Tuesday, July 21st. Our weekly meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Friday, July 24th at Noon, with the Vieux Montréal Club in their meeting place at The Holidiay Inn, 99 Viger, corner of St-Urbain. The speaker will be Justin Trudeau.

We were handed a nine point agenda for the meeting and two very polished, 32 page colour brochures, published at the time of the club's major fund raising efforts in October 2008 and 2007. In the text, we are reminded that the dean of the Montreal clubs (that's us) sponsored the Ville-Marie Club in 1989. The fund raising is for the benefit of young people in the area

July 28th Breakfast: We meet at the re-opened St. James Club. This will be the official visit of our District Governor, **Arnold Lawrence**. Ours will be the first of his three visits on the 28th. At Noon he will be at the Montreal Lakeshore Club and in the evening at the Laval Club.

Point #5 on the agenda was called "Rappel historique" and featured our **President Nemo** and myself. No buns were thrown so I guess it was well received.



The other agenda items concerned the activities of members of the Ville Marie Club. Their club bulletin will no doubt refer to them. It can be found at www.rotary-

mvm.qc.ca