



Club #85, founded 1913

October 6 & 13, 2009

Attendance (Oct 6th): Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Jacques Dénommée, C ezar Dragutan, Patrick Lemoine, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarian: Geoffrey Kellerman, Newcastle, Australia. Guests: Henry Zalzal, St ephane Lebrat. Guest speaker: Louis Vervoort, and colleague Dr. Onat Ekinci.

Attendance (Oct 13th): Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, C ezar Dragutan, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster. Visitors: Henry Zalzal, St ephane Lebrat. Guest speaker: Lauren Hamlin-Douglas.

October 6th meeting:



Geoffrey Kellerman, a Rotarian visitor from Newcastle NSW Australia, is shown beside our Barry Schmidt. A conference on pharmacology brought Geoffrey to Montreal. He speaks French.

\$500 to complete the financing package for home renovations required by a client.

Drew Webster introduced our guest speaker, **Lauren Hamlin-Douglas**, Master of Science (Epidemiology) McGill, and currently a medical student at McGill. She was to tell us of her time at a clinic in Rwanda two months ago, made possible with financial support from our club.

Louis Vervoort, PhD physics U. of Ghent, associate and manager, of InovAxis spoke to us about Innovation Consulting. The company website at www.inovaxis.com provides detail. He was supported by the presence of his associate, Onat Ekinci, PhD mechanical engineering,  cole Polytechnique de Montr al.

Ms. Hamlin-Douglas spoke about Rwanda, its Healthcare system and the internship program, issues nicely encapsulated in a one-page handout. Fortunately, she did not burden us with statistics but rather shared how she came to learn about her own limits during a C-section operation. She spoke about forming French friendships in Rwanda but even more significantly, French friendships in Quebec. In her group of five girls from Quebec, she was the only Anglophone. Working together in a foreign clinic created a sense of solidarity for which she was very grateful. Her group of five decided they would open up, go past what they have lived in order to share human connections. They set out to be as social and integrated as they could and made it a point to accept all invitations, including attendance at a church service that lasted six hours. They reciprocated by inviting the clinic's entire staff to a buffet in their quarters, a level of hospitality not seen in the clinic's ten years of existence. In closing, **Lauren** thought that important as the medical experience might be, it was eclipsed by the social and cultural interaction and methods".

A two-page handout posed the question: "What is Innovation?" By way of an answer, we were taken through eight steps that included defining innovation, how to do it and what to do when it gets done badly. The website suggests an additional aspect, that innovation is more than creative genius, that it can be "replaced by optimized team interaction and methods".



Patrick Lemoine expressed thanks on behalf of the club.



When asked what kind of medicine she wanted to practice, **Lauren** favoured family practice and "perhaps up north". She was thanked for her fine presentation by **Carlo Pugliese**, Chair of the Committee that financed a portion of her internship.

October 13th meeting:

Carlo Pugliese conducted a short meeting of the Community Action Committee in which a request was discussed from the CLSC Anjou on behalf of a handicapped person. Upon motion by Carlo, seconded by **George Shalhoub** and carried, it was agreed to furnish

Next Meeting:

Oct 20th at 7.30 am,
The St. James Club
Marla Stovin, exec-dir
NOVA Montreal