



Club #85, founded 1913

October 20 & 27, 2009

**Attendance (Oct 20th):** Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, C  zar Dragutan, Patrick Lemoine, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarian: Serge Malaisson. Visitor: St  phane Lebrat. Guest speaker: Jean-Pierre Picard.

**Attendance (Oct 27th):** Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, C  zar Dragutan, Ken Mann, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarians: Annie Chang, President RC Vieux Montr  al, Nancy Chrisp, Washington State. Guest speaker: Linda Schachtler and guest. President Nemo hosted a table of nine guests while Bob Velan hosted eight at his table, including his wife Olga and son Tom.

#### **October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

**C  zar Dragutan** reported briefly on the district conference. "Well organized", he said, with five plenary sessions and good input from the Group Study Exchange team from India. Learning how Rotary principles apply in the operation of the Kingston General Hospital was interesting as was discussion of UN day in New York on November 7<sup>th</sup>. C  zar has registered and will go to New York. On Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, the group will be received by the Canadian Ambassador.

**Bertrand de Cardaillac** reported that the City of Montreal has given its OK for the Foundation Walk on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**President Nemo and Bertrand** will attend the ceremony at Macdonald College this afternoon at which they will meet the person designated to receive the bursary made possible by funds donated by our club.

**Drew Webster** introduced the guest speaker, **Jean-Pierre Picard**. He is President of **Nova Montreal** and he spoke about the work of this organization. Their operational area is defined as between St. Laurent Boul. in the East and 32 Ave in the West, Metropolitan Boul in the North and the River in the South. The budget is \$1.1 million, most of which is expended in salaries for 15 nurses and 25 home-help aides. The operating deficit is \$250,000 that is covered by the Nova Foundation.

#### **October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

This was a luncheon meeting and it took place at the Inter-Continental Hotel in old Montreal. The change was required because The St. James Club was not able to accommodate the larger number of guests expected on this occasion at which we planned to honour **Rotarian A. K. Velan** prior to hearing from **Linda Schachtler** of Elizabeth House.

**President Nemo** presented the Rotarian of the Century plaque to **A.K. Velan** and invited him to say a few words. While the TV camera rolled, **Bob Velan** spoke about his life style and vision.

The guest speaker, **Linda Schachtler**, general manager of **Elizabeth House** was invited to the podium. She spoke about the work of her organization and introduced her guest, an alumna of Elizabeth House. For the next ten minutes, we listened to the story of an unwed mother who, because of her pregnancy, was forced to leave the home of her parents at 17. She got help from Elizabeth House, pursued her education, raised her child who is now 17 and is graduating from high school. She also has a younger daughter, born in wedlock. Regrettably, her husband has since died. She found continuing support at Elizabeth House.

**Carlo Pugliese** thanked **Linda Schachtler** and presented her with part of the proceeds from our 32<sup>nd</sup> fund-raising golf tournament, a cheque for \$5000.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 am  
The St. James Club  
Speaker: TBA



**Patrick Lemoine** thanked the speaker and presented him with a cheque for \$7000, the proceeds of part of the club's 32<sup>nd</sup> fund-raising golf tournament on July 6, 2009.