



Club #85, founded 1913

November 17th 2009

Attendance: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardillac, C ezar Dragutan, St ephane Lebrat, Serge Malaison, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarian: J-M Allard, Pr. Mtl-Westward. Guests: Jim West, Elie Bonder.

President Nemo greeted members and visitors at the opening of the meeting. He welcomed his guest, **Jim West** and recognized the presence of **Jean-Marc Allard**, President of RC Montreal Westward. He also greeted **Elie Bonder**, editor of the CTV feature called "The Power of One" that aired last Sunday on channel 12. It focused on our member **Bob Velan**, showing him being honored by our club. To view the video, go to www.montreal.ctv.ca click on **Features** and then **Nov 15, 2009, The Power of One**.

Christmas Party: The party will take place at Noon on December 15th and will feature the presentation of **The Velan Award** to this year's recipient. **Herman Alves** is organizing the event and reported that all was on track. It will be a joint luncheon with Kiwanis.

Community Action: Members approved giving \$120 to **CANGRANDS** for gifts for their Christmas party. Members approved giving \$500 to **COVERED GARDENS** refugee centre to buy toys for their Christmas party. Bob Velan and Serge Malaison added \$300 and \$200 respectively to this amount to bring it up to \$1000. Members were asked to respond to a request from **MARINERS HOUSE** for toiletries such as shaving cream, tooth paste, razor blades for sailors stuck in Montreal at Christmas. **Salvation Army Kettle** day will be Wednesday, Dec 9th. **John Bishop** is our organizer.



Banner Exchange: President Nemo exchanges banners with **Serge Malaison**. Serge transfers from a club founded in 1919 to join ours that started in 1913. Who knows if we had a part in getting the Rotary Club of Quebec started?

Guest Speaker: Cezar Dragutan shared some of his impressions at Rotary Day at the United Nations. He learned of this event at the District Conference in Kingston and decided to participate. His plan to join a busload from Cornwall did not work out so he drove to New York for the event on November 6th. Attendance there was 1600+, of whom about 250 came from Canada. R.I. President John Kenny addressed the group as did UN representatives.

Cezar referred to the fact that Rotary goes back a long way with the UN and enjoys the highest consultative status. Rotary has an office in the UN building. It is important for Rotarians to become more aware of what the UN is doing. Adopting joint objectives and developing responsible business strategies is the challenge we face.

President Nemo thanked **Cezar** and reminded everyone that next week's speaker will be **Madame Boulos**, of the Greater Montreal Foundation.



Cezar and Serge exchange views on portable computers.

Christmas Vacation: The breakfast meeting of December 22 will take place as scheduled but the December 29th meeting is cancelled.

Welfare Fund: If you want a receipt for income tax purposes for the 2009 calendar year, be sure to give your cheque to **Treasurer Steve Sadler** or **Welfare Fund Chair Carlo Pugliese** before the end of December.

Next Meeting: Nov 24, 2009 at 7.30am
The St. James Club
Mme Boulos, Greater Mtl Foundation