



Club #85, founded 1913

November 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Attendance:** Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Patrick Lemoine, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarian: Ashraf Elattar, RC Cairo-Royal. Visitors and guests: John Gallop, Andy Dang-Duy, Marina Boulos-Winton.

**President Nemo** exchanged banners with **Ashraf Elattar**, a Rotarian from RC Cairo-Royal. **Dr. Elattar** is a member of the District 2450 Membership Committee. This District encompasses nine countries. Membership on the committee is for a term of five years and membership growth in D-2450 is not a problem.



**Herman Alves** encouraged members to invite their spouses to the Christmas luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup> when the **Velan Award** will be attributed and Christmas carols by the Montreal West Operatic Society will put everyone in a festive spirit. Kiwanis will be joining with us for the occasion.

**Drew Webster** brought greetings from **Théo Portier** as expressed in a recent email from France. Regarding the **Board meeting on Dec 2**, he suggested we agree on an agenda of six items (instead of fifteen) and plan to spend an average of 15 minutes on each item. He asked members for ideas as to what these items should be.

**Udo Stundner** introduced our guest speaker, **Marina Boulos-Winton**, President and CEO of the Foundation of Greater Montreal (FGM). A very complete picture can be viewed on their website at [www.fgmtl.org](http://www.fgmtl.org)

The FGM, one of more than 168 community foundations across Canada, pools the funds and creates permanent income-generating endowment funds established by donors to support specific charities, their charitable fields of interest, or to entrust the Foundation of Greater Montreal to identify the community's priorities. This year's grants were disbursed to non-profits for the following sectors, impacting people's quality of life: Social Services : 45%; Arts & Culture 24%; Education 15%; Health 10%, and Environment 6%.

Presently, the FGM has 257 endowed funds for a total value of over \$ 94 M, up from 210, since January 1st...Creating an endowed fund under the umbrella of a community foundation for individuals and non-profits alike, alleviates the administrative burdens required from managing one's own incorporated foundation.

Since 2003, the FGM has distributed over \$4 million to different charitable agencies in the Greater Montreal area. Also in 2003, the Rotary Club of Montreal made its first investment in FGM. By 2007 its total was \$140,391 which attracted an additional \$5000 from FGM.



**Barry Schmidt** expressed the thanks of the club to **Ms. Boulos-Winton** who was accompanied by a member of her Board, **W. John Gallop**.

**Carol Pugliese** explained the change in circumstances regarding **COVERED GARDENS** refugee centre. They were no longer requesting help to buy toys for their Christmas party and so our plan was inappropriate. **Carlo** will invite the director to give us more details.

Remember that **MARINERS HOUSE** is still looking for toiletries such as shaving cream, tooth paste, razor blades for sailors stuck in Montreal at Christmas.

**Christmas Vacation:** The breakfast meeting of December 22 will take place as scheduled but the December 29<sup>th</sup> 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:** Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 at 7.30am  
The St. James Club  
M. Pascal LIZIN  
Belgian flu vaccine manufacturer