



Club #85, founded 1913

December 1st 2009

Attendance: Jean-Marc Allard, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, C zar Dragutan, Patrick Lemoine, Serge Malaison, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. Visitors and guests: Henry Zalzal, Tanya Ghanen. Guest speaker: Pascal Linzin.



President Nemo introduced **Jean-Marc Allard** to the club and presented him with his Rotary club badge. Jean-Marc will be fully introduced to members at a later date. He has transferred from another club.

Carlo Pugliese introduced **Tanya Ghanen**. Until recently, she was the director of Covered Garden refugee centre. As a result of new immigration laws enacted last July, Covered Garden has seen its numbers drop from 500 to 15. Eventually they will rise again. In the meantime, she has found work elsewhere in caring for refugees. She expressed thanks for our club's willingness to help with funding for toys for the Covered Garden Christmas party. However, because of the extreme drop in numbers, our help was not required this year.



Salvation Army kettle: **John Bishop** said that five volunteers had signed up for kettle work in front of The Bay on December 9th. He would like to have several more. With reference to a phone call he had with **Mary McMunn**, members were glad to hear she sounded "as bright as ever" and that she was able to go for short walks.

President Nemo circulated a photograph taken in 1990 showing members of our club with Father Emmett Johns of "Le bon Dieu dans la Rue" and a \$65,000 nearly-new van for which our club provided all or part of the money. **President Nemo** read a thank-you letter from this year's recipient of the agricultural foundation scholarship, an award endowed by our club and managed by McGill.

Guest Speaker: A director, external and public affairs, Belgium of GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, **Pascal Lizin** addressed the topic of the H1N1 flu vaccine. His company will produce 500,000,000 doses. Production of sufficient quantities to take care of Canadian requirements is just about complete. The focus now will be on the needs of other countries. The company is also nearing completion of a vaccine for malaria. It has taken 25 years. The price of a dose of H1N1 depends on the economic well-being of a country. For a developed country, it is 7 Euros. For the poorest countries, it is 2 Euros. Our speaker is also President of the Canada-Belgium Businessmen's Committee.



New member **Serge Malaison** thanked our speaker and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Christmas luncheon: December 15th will be a red letter day. Invite your spouse or partner. Kiwanis will be joining us. The **Velan Award** will be made to this year's recipient. The Montreal West Operatic Society will lead us in singing Christmas carols.

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

Closed December 29th: There will be no meeting of the Rotary Club of Montreal on December 29th.

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 8st 2009 at 7.30am
The St. James Club
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