



Club #85, founded 1913

December 15th 2009

Attendance: The secretary admits that he did not take attendance. Suffice it to say that the Kiwanis joined with Rotarians and representatives of Velan Inc. to witness the awarding of the Velan Award to Wanda Bedard and to enjoy the Christmas music of the Montreal West Operatic Society. It was a particular pleasure to welcome the presence of Rotarian wives and partners.



President Nemo presents the Medal of Merit and Certificate of Appreciation to **Carlo Pugliese** for 25 years of outstanding service to the Rotary Club of Montreal.



The Montreal West Operatic Society presented a medley of Christmas carols and several songs from Gilbert and Sullivan. It was well applauded and the audience was given the opportunity to join in a few times.

Past President Herman Alves and MC of today's meeting presents a certificate of appreciation to **Barry Schmidt** in honour and recognition of his "Service Above Self" in our club and his years of exceptional work as Treasurer. Barry will be moving out of Montreal in January and we shall miss him.



At the end of the meeting, it was time for yet another picture. Here we see a large size cheque in the amount of \$20,000 in the hands of **Bob Velan** and **Wanda Bedard** holding the Award plaque. Flanking them are Herman Alves, Carlo Pugliese and President Nemo Turner.

Wanda Bedard is the President of **60 Million Girls**, a public foundation established in February 2006. See details at www.60millionsdefilles.org/english She is this year's recipient of The Velan Foundation International Service Award. Established in 1981, the Award is presented to a Canadian for distinctive and outstanding work done overseas towards improving health and education and alleviating poverty and hunger.



Peter Bedard, proud father of Wanda, stops for a minute to share his delight at the honour that has been given to his daughter.

The work of **Wanda Bedard** has been an inspiration to others to serve their community thus exemplifying the ideals and objectives of Rotary throughout the world.

Next Meetings:

Dec 22 at 07.30: Jacques Duchesneau "Airport Security"

Dec 29: The meeting is CANCELLED

Jan 5: TBA



The Award is presented by **Bob Velan**, assisted by **Carlo Pugliese**, Chair of the Community Action Committee of The Rotary Club of Montreal. It is accompanied by a cheque of \$20,000.