



Club #85, founded Oct 2nd 1913

Jan 19 & 26, 2010

Attendance Jan 19: Jean-Marc Allard, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Grant Effer, Serge Malaison, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster, Mike Zivic. Guest speaker: Dr. Arthur Porter accompanied by Chris Kristidimas. Visiting Rotarian: Md. Mizanuzzaman, vp RC Shahbagh Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Attendance Jan 26: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Stéphane Lebrat, Serge Malaison, Carlo Pugliese, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster, Henry Zalzal. Guest speaker: Bassam Kadi. Guest: Mohammed Nosa.

Jan 19:

Serge Malaison spoke about the response of St. John's Ambulance to the earthquake crisis in Haiti. He is Président du Conseil du Québec, Ordre de Saint-Jean. He expressed thanks to Rotary for pledges of support for the forthcoming mission to Haiti.



Dr. Arthur Porter is the director general and CEO, McGill University Health Centre. His talk made clear how the super hospital will respond to three drivers of health care: 1)informed consumers, 2)the revolution in medical electronics and 3)genomics. He spoke of a patient electronic log book, perhaps the world's first. Dr Porter's timetable calls for the project to be shovel-ready by April. **Dr. Porter** was thanked by **Barry Schmidt** in Barry's final act as a member of this club.



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President Nemo presents **Dr. Porter** with a certificate naming him an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Montreal.



Bertrand de Cardaillac is presented with the Medal of Merit by President Nemo and Drew Webster. Bertrand is Club VP and Chair of the Membership Committee and wears several other hats in service to our Rotary district.

Jan 26:

Carlo Pugliese conducted a short meeting of the Community Action Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried that \$2000 be sent from the Welfare Fund to St. John Ambulance for their mission to Haiti. Carlo spoke of an email letter sent to Bob Velan from Katrin Rohde in Burkina Faso. Carlo moved that we send \$1000, John Bishop seconded and the motion was carried. Finally, Carlo made us aware of a request for funds from a McGill MD-PhD who wants to do a clinical medical elective in Bangalore, India. He asked members to give the matter some thought so we can respond to it next week.

Guest speaker: Herman Alves introduced our speaker, **Bassam Kadi** whose topic was "From one extreme to the other-- 2009 in review". These are some of his comments: It was a very noisy year, sometimes euphoric but at the end you did not make very much. Segregated funds have come back to haunt the insurance companies. The banking and investment industry have not learned the lesson with everything that's happened. Consider what are you paying for vs what are you getting. I do not see a strong market in 2010. Caution – know what you have. Trust units will start paying taxes. It is a good year to do house-cleaning. **Bertrand de Cardaillac** thanked the speaker, after which **President Nemo** presented **Bassam** with his Friend of Rotary certificate.



Board meeting: Your Board will meet Jan 27 from 6 to 7.30pm.

Next Meeting: Breakfast, 7.30am, Feb 2nd
Margaret Somerville
McGill Centre for Medecine, Ethics and Law