



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Attendance:** Herman Alves, John Bishop, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster, Henry Zalzal. Visiting Rotarian: Raymond Vanasse, RC Sorel. Visitors: Richard Lord, Bernie Schober. Prospective member: Andy Dang-Duy. Guest speaker: George Springgate.

**President Nemo** welcomed **Nené Diallo**, just back from a lengthy leave of absence in Africa. He presented a banner to visiting Rotarian **Raymond Vanasse**, of the Sorel Rotary Club.

**President Nemo**, ably assisted by **Bernie Schober**, was then accorded the distinct privilege of presenting to **George Springgate** a certificate conferring on him the status of honorary membership in The Rotary Club of Montreal.

**Bernie Schober**, a former member and director of this club, introduced his good friend and fellow Montreal High School graduate, **George Springgate**. George is a member of the Order of Canada, and the Senior Judge of Canada's Citizenship Court. While serving as a police officer in Montreal from 1958 to 1969, he completed two Bachelor degrees at McGill: Civil Law in 1968 and Commercial Law in 1969. He found time to play football for the McGill Redmen in 1966-68 and was chosen captain. He went on to play for the Montreal Alouettes and was part of their Grey Cup winning team in 1970. He has served three times as an MNA and is a public speaker of note. Until his retirement in 2008, he was tenured professor in criminal and civil law at John Abbott College. He has authored several articles on policing and police technology. He is the recipient of the Vanier Award, the Lester B. Pearson Prize and the Prix du Partenariat of the Montreal Urban Community. In honor of his achievements, a large area comprising 23 acres of football fields in Montreal North was given the name of the George-Springate Sports Park.



Next Meeting: March 16, 2010 at 7.30 am

Speaker: Nosa Mohammed

Topic: Vocational talk

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In the very interesting talk that followed, **George Springgate** spoke of his task of monitoring the 34 to 35 citizenship court judges who collectively hold some 3000 citizenship ceremonies in a given year, resulting in 160,000 new Canadians. About 250,000 immigrants come to Canada every year. The examination process is becoming more rigorous. Much of **Mr. Springgate's** work is taken up with travel. In a very disarming manner, he managed to personalize his remarks and include his audience, a member of which he invited to elaborate on the autobiography he was in the process of completing. **Udo Stundner** thanked our guest speaker.