

Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

March 30th 2010

Attendance: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Nosa Mohammed, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, George Shalhoub, Katie Sheahan, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster, Henry Zalzal. Guest speaker: Gerry McGrath accompanied by Rob MacKay and Dominique McCaughey

President Nemo opened the meeting with a welcome to our guests from Concordia. In addition to our guest speaker, the Head Coach of Concordia Stingers Football, Gerry McGrath, they included Dominique McCaughey, Director of Special Initiatives, Advancement & Alumni Relations Office and Rob MacKay, the quarterback of this year's football team.

At the behest of **President Nemo**, **Carlo Pugliese** came to the podium to share comments and his Weekly Joke. He gave us warning that at our next meeting he will be cranking up the pressure for sponsors, players and gifts for our fundraising golf tournament on June 28th. Regarding the Foundation Walk on May 2nd, he is looking for members to "man" our table. With reference to a RYLA project that was being considered, he thinks the children of Rotarians are **not** excluded from participating.

In leaving the podium, **Carlo** inadvertently (?) took the notes of **President Nemo** who found himself without a script. When the President came over to Carlo's table to retrieve his material, Carlo was heard to mutter: "what's the matter, haven't you memorized the agenda yet".

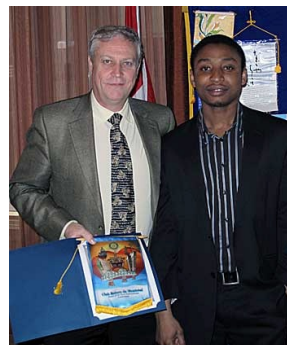
George Shalhoub said he had been in touch with Olga Velan and that Bob was due home today.

Katie Sheahan introduced our guest speaker, **Gerry McGrath**. He is Head Coach of the Concordia Stingers football team. Gerry in turn introduced **Rob MacKay**, the quarterback of this year's team. Gerry spoke of growing up in Point St. Charles where you learned to fight and to



appreciate the aptness of the word "toothbrush" in describing the dental condition of contemporaries. When he joined the Montreal Alouettes, he was mentored by their coach Wally Buono. The effect on him has been to try and pass the

benefit on to others. He spoke about this year's winner of the Tony Proudfoot Award, **Rob MacKay**, quarterback of The Stingers, setting records in passing in the Quebec Conference.



Nosa Mohammed thanked the speaker and presented him with our cheque for the Tony Proudfoot Award in the amount of \$1000 from the proceeds of the 2009 golf tournament.

Next Meeting: April 6th at 7.30 am
Speaker: TBA
Location: The Saint James Club

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Members will be saddened to learn that **Joan Wilkinson** passed away in hospital in Trenton, Ontario on March 23 from an advanced cancer of the liver and pancreas. Joan had returned home from India and became ill. She was hospitalized last week for tests. She had only been ill for a short time. Past President Wilf was in North Carolina on Rotary business when he got the news. Joan was in her 78th year, the daughter of Elsie Hogan and the late Peter Hogan of Montreal. She was our First Lady two years ago when Wilf Wilkinson was President of Rotary International.

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