



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

April 6th 2010

Attendance: Jean-Marc Allard, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster, Henry Zalzal, Mike Zivic. Guest speaker: André Franche.

President Nemo welcomed **Jean-Marc Allard** back from Florida. He spoke of having completed on-line registration for the International Convention and asked for a show of hands of those who have done likewise. He invited **Carlo Pugliese** to provide a shot of humour for the day and Carlo responded as follows:

Lemon pickers wanted

The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon grove seemed to be far too qualified for the job. Frowning, the foreman asked her: "Have you had any experience picking lemons?"

"As a matter of fact", she replied, "I have. I've been divorced three times, owned two Toyota's and one Ford, and rooted for the Toronto Maple Leafs".

Henry Zalzal introduced our guest speaker. He is **André Franche**, Président of "Les ailes de l'espérance". Full details of this organization can be found at www.ailesdelesperance.org

Early in his presentation, Monsieur Franche spoke with appreciation of our late member **Luc Beaudoin**. (Editor's note: Luc was very committed to International Service and hosted district meetings at the Château Champlain at the time when we held our weekly meetings there. I think he died about 22 years ago.)

The initial purpose of "Wings of Hope" was to provide air communication for missionary and humanitarian purposes in the Peruvian Amazon jungle area. It started with a pilot-priest from St-Boniface, Manitoba in 1963, a Franciscan by the name of Louis Bédard. Nowadays, with 70% of the villages still lacking adequate drinking water, the organization finances the installation of reliable and permanent systems. The conviction is strongly held that the only sure way a village can make progress is to establish a source of safe drinking water.

André Franche shared with us the pain of having lost his daughter-in-law in the recent earthquake in Haiti.



Our speaker was thanked by **Bertrand de Cardaillac** and presented with a banner of the club and a certificate of appreciation.

Next Meeting: April 13th
Speaker: Wanda Bédard
Topic: 60 Million Girls Fdn
Location: The Saint James Club at 7.30 am

For directions to The Saint James Club, go to: www.stjamesclub.ca

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Up-coming Meetings:

April 20 at 7.30 am: Club Assembly

April 27 at 7.30 am: **Christopher Hingley**, Rector of the Petra Schools in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: "growing and developing despite the current crisis".

May 4th at 12.30 pm: The Public Speaking Finals (a yearly event since 1940, or 71 years non-stop)

Barry Schmidt sends greetings: "Drew --Thanks for keeping me up to date with Club happenings. I have been attending a couple of meetings of the Rotary Club of Battersea & Clapham. They send their greetings. They are a small club with about 15 members and are struggling with many of the issues we have been dealing with at RC of M. Best wishes to all."

Notice of meeting cancellation: **President Nemo** advised that the Board, at its meeting on March 31, decided to cancel the regular meeting of the club on June 22, the reason being that the International Convention will be in full swing and that members will be fully involved. Also, we will be recovering from home hospitality on the night of June 21 at the Faculty Club.