



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

April 27th 2010

Attendance: Herman Alves, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Grant Effer, Nosa Mohammed, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, George Shalhoub, Nemo Turner, Drew Webster, Henry Zalzal, Mike Zivic. Visitor: Dr Sidney Effer (father of Grant). Guest speaker: Christopher Hingley, Zimbabwe.

President Nemo extended warm greetings to Dr. Sidney Effer, father of Grant Effer.

Business:

- 1) **Old Brewery Mission:** meet at 4 pm on May 5th for a tour of the facility, and 4.30 pm for preparation to serve supper. Let John Bishop know if you will participate.
- 2) **The Mikado:** on May 7th. Let John Bishop know if you will attend.
- 3) **Foundation Walk:** In addition to Carlo Pugliese and Bertrand de Cardaillac, the following members said they would be at the table – President Nemo. George Shalhoub, Mohammed Nosa and Mike Zivic.
- 4) **Public Speaking:** Finalists are expected to start at 12.30 and finish at 1.15 pm, at which point luncheon will be served. Members are asked to be seated in time so the schedule can be observed.

Guest Speaker:

As investors in Zimbabwe and in the rest of the World hold their collective breath, the enforcement of regulations gets underway for the “indigenization” law adopted two years ago. Against this background of uncertainty, the Rotary Club of Montreal listened to the words of the Rector of the Bulawayo Petra Schools, **Christopher Hingley**, who has spent almost all of his working life in Zimbabwe. He outlined some of the difficulties encountered by the people of Zimbabwe. How does one deal with an inflation rate in 2008 of 1 quadrillion percent? At the time, the denomination of the largest banknote was 100 trillion dollars. At one time, the country was a net exporter of agricultural products. Today that is no longer the case. Life expectancy is low.

Against a background of extreme hardship and weak hope for a better future, our speaker traced the promise of relevant education for the young, provided with genuine concern for their welfare. In answer to questions by this correspondent, he handed me a pamphlet listing 20 bursary students to whom an education is promised in spite of their inability to pay the fees. The cost of each bursary is

US\$2500. It sounds as if the promise is made before the funds are available. I'd even go so far as to say it sounds like an exercise in faith and prayer.



The thanks of the club were presented by **Mohammed Nosa** who also gave our speaker a club banner and a certificate of appreciation.

A reminder:

Home hospitality at the International Convention will take place on Monday, June 21st. Our club has agreed to host up to 25 Rotarian delegates and partners. We will receive them at the Faculty Club with a like number from our membership. We expect to total 100 people and our cost will be \$10,000 for the evening. There is to be no charge to our guests since we are their hosts. However, each club member is expected to pay their own way and also for their partner, spouse or guest.

- Next Meeting:** May 4th at 12.30 pm
Speakers: Finalists in Public Speaking
Topic: As provided by the organizer
Location: The Saint James Club.
Note: Speeches start at 12.30 pm. Please be seated by then.

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www.stjamesclub.ca

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www.rotarymontreal.org

Up-coming Meetings:

May 14th at 7.30 am: To Be Announced.