



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

June 29, 2010

Attendance: Bertrand de Cardaillac; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Mike Zivic. Former member: Josh Ronn

President Nemo welcomed former member **Josh Ronn**. Josh will be 95 on Aug 12th and his trade mark sense of humour flourishes as brightly as ever. His name will be added to the club's weekly bulletin mailing list.



Carlo Pugliese spoke about the golf tournament on June 28th. It is too soon to know how much money was raised but in terms of enjoyment, it was tops. The attendance was very good and the weather co-operated,

making the colour of open umbrellas a rather rare sight on the course.

Home hospitality: Co-hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Cornwall and Montreal, the evening at the Faculty Club on June 21st was a joyous occasion, filled with the music of Suzuki violins and the lively conversation of convention attendees. The total attendance

was about 90.

Guest speaker: Since rejoining our club several years ago, our speaker has shown what a dedicated Rotarian can do. Not only is **Bertrand de Cardaillac** the Chair of the membership committee, he is also President-elect and active in our district as well. As recently as the golf tournament, he was responsible for providing half a dozen prizes. His initiative in Home Hospitality sparked the idea of joint hosting with Cornwall. His track record in Rotary commands respect and makes one sit up and pay attention when he speaks.

Bertrand was born in 1934, the day after the Dionne Quintuplets. He grew up on a farm in Knowlton Quebec and graduated in electrical engineering from Sir George Williams and McGill. He went to work for Northern Electric

and married a lovely woman who gave him four wonderful children. His wife is presently in hospital with terminal cancer.

Bertrand joined a company owned by his wife's family and found himself in the painting business in Montmagny, Quebec where he was invited to join the local Rotary Club. Rotary appeals to his scientific mind and nourishes his need for a spiritual dimension to life. We evolved from something so what's going to evolve from us? I believe in a spirit but like everyone else, I have my doubts from time to time. It is the doubt that gives meaning to the decision. Rotary enables me to do something worthwhile from my home and from my business. People have a natural craving to do something worthwhile for others. Rotary is one of the best ways to do it.



Steve Sadler expressed thanks to **Bertrand** for the genuineness of his presentation. It was a challenge to everyone in the room.

Summer schedule:

July 6th 7.30 am: St. James Club; speaker: TBA

July 13th 7.30 am: La Rue des Femmes; speaker, Marc Garneau, Canadian astronaut.

July 20th: change of date and time, see July 23rd.

July 23rd Noon: Holiday Inn Select, 99 Viger West. The program is organized by RC Vieux Montréal.

July 27th 7.30 am: St. James Club; speaker: TBA

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