





Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

June 7 and 14, 2011

Attendance June 7: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Andy Dang-Duy; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Mikkel Elsborg; Tracy Fairchild; May Jensen; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Visitor: René Roland.

**Attendance June 14:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Tracy Fairchild; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. **Visitors:** René Roland; Marie-Hélène Jean-Baptiste; José Antonio Torres Samaniego; Yukako Tsukamoto. **Speaker:** Doug Burns.

## Meeting June 7:

John Bishop and George Shalhoub gave news about **Bill Ridley**. He is out of the hospital and at home.

Change of meeting location: During the last week of July and the first week of August, the St. James Club will be closed and it was agreed we would meet at Olga House instead, details to follow.

Program of the day: Thanks to Mike Zivic's initiative, members were given the opportunity of viewing the DVD of a 30 minute interview that appeared recently on PBS. It was part of Bob Scully's series on Great Entrepreneurs and it featured his conversation with one of the directors of the Rotary Club of Montreal. Scully got to hear about how the industrial valve industry came to life in Montreal in the late 1940s and, since then, has spread across the Globe. His guest was Bob Velan, a technological genius of 92 with innovations that have powered the US Navy, NASA and nuclear reactors. (A nuclear reactor needs about 30,000 valves.) In his closing comments, Scully said to Bob: "I can see why the US Navy trusts you with the safety of its fleet".

The follow-up interview, promised at a later date, is an event not to be missed. **Andy Dang-Duy** expressed the club's thanks and appreciation for the day's program.

## Meeting June 14:

Members were saddened to learn of the death of President Nemo's mother, the late Wanda Lorek. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

VP Bertrand opened the meeting and invited Herman Alves to present his two guests: Marie-Hélène Jean-Baptiste and José Antonio Torres Samaniego. He asked TRF scholar Yukako Tsukamoto to say a few words. He solicited a comment from René Roland of Scotia McLeod. Mr. Roland has good friend in Calgary who is a Rotarian and threatens dire consequences if Mr Roland does not visit the Montreal Rotary Club. He must be a good friend indeed for this is Mr. Roland's second visit in as many weeks.

Carlo Pugliese reported that last night he attended the Annual Meeting of Elizabeth House. He said that NOVA would like to have a Rotarian attend their AGM on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speaker: DailyTran is the name of the McGill University Health Centre Dialysis and Organ Transplant Fund. Doug Burns, our speaker, is a volunteer with DailyTran. After retirement and 30 years in the treasury department of Seagrams, he devotes himself to making people and groups aware of the special needs of those who require dialysis. His invitation to speak to us came through Nemo Turner. They were both in the hospital (Nemo to care for his mother) and Nemo asked him to tell us about what he was doing in retirement. Doug Burns spoke



of the greater incidence of kidney failure in the Aboriginal community, 3 to 5 times higher, but offered no explanation as to why. He spoke of specific needs in music therapy and was seeking to raise \$14,000 for this healing therapy. **Steve Sadler** expressed the club's thanks and presented our speaker with a certificate of appreciation.

## Upcoming committee meetings:

Board of Directors Wed. 22 June 2011 Golf Committee Thurs 16 June 2011

**Next meeting:** June 21st at 7.30 am

Speaker: TBA

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