



Club #85, founded 1913

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2007

### Attendance:

Herman Alves, John Bishop, Olivier Coustaing, Cezar Dragutan, Patrick Lemoine, Carlo Pugliese, Steve Sadler, Bob Velan, Drew Webster. Visiting Rotarian: Auli Kankkunen (Finland).

### Day Chair Person: Olivier Coustaing.

### Guest Speaker:

**Bassam Kadi**, a friend of the Rotary Club of Montreal, took the podium after a brief introduction and spoke about environmentally responsible investments. It was good to see him back amongst us, looking hale and hearty but it took a keen eye to spot his slight disappointment that Italy vacationing **Udo Stundner**, his chief after-speech interrogator, was not in the room. Nevertheless, we plied him with questions, as best we could without Udo, after hearing about Magma Power of Geyserville California in the business of selling hot air, the John Deere phenomena, a company of Trois Rivières in the business of supplying water purification equipment worldwide, weather satellite data controlling the operation of lawn sprinklers, the virtues of ethanol, an awful January, a miserable February a strong March, BCE finally making you some money, a wall of worry in the market, a frothy market and lots of liquidity chasing world-wide assets. Even the battery powered Honda Accord of Bob Velan came into the discussion. Time restraints did not permit more than quick look at some issues such as ethanol. Comments and questions about it suggested we might have spent the entire meeting on this topic. Members expressed their appreciation to **Bassam** with a hearty round of applause.

### Other Business:

**Bill Ridley** is scheduled to have his hip operation on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**John Bishop** said he thought as many as six would be attending "The Yeomen of the Guard" on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He reminded members of our responsibility to serve supper at **The Old Brewery Mission** April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Bassam Kadi** spoke of John Lloyd's recent loss of his wife Margaret. He thought members who knew him when he was a member of this club would want to know. John is currently President of the Toronto club.

**Drew Webster** brought greetings from **Bernice Becker**. A mild heart attack found her in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He also brought greetings from **Henri Hechem** who would like to attend a luncheon sometime ("breakfasts are too early"). Finally, he transmitted greetings from **Boniface Diarra**, a Rotary Foundation Scholar from Mali hosted by our club in 1980-81. He is a Canadian citizen, PhD in criminology and international law, married with three boys, living in Longueuil, author of a string of publications.

**Public Speaking Finals** will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> at luncheon. We've quite a track record, 2/3's of a century long. A great occasion for inviting a friend.

### Upcoming speakers:

May 1<sup>st</sup> (luncheon): Monique Pambrun, on "Energie Now".

May 8<sup>th</sup> (breakfast): Club Assembly with Pres-elect Herman.

May 15<sup>th</sup> (luncheon): Public Speaking Finals.

May 25<sup>th</sup> (breakfast): Volunteer piano lessons for underprivileged children.



### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Golf Tournament:

Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Whitlock Golf & Country Club. (Liam, 2 yrs old, is warming up with his new 7 iron.)

Montreal area Rotary Clubs  
Meeting places, days and times

Mon.	18.30	St. Laurent-Mont Royal	St. James Pub
Tues.	18.00	Laval	Restaurant l'Ancestral
Tues.	12.30	Montreal-Lakeshore	Holiday Inn, St-Jean and Rte 40
Tues.	12.30* 07.30**	Montreal	St. James Club, corner of René-Lévesque and Union
Wed.	7.30	Montréal Ville-Marie	Club St-Denis
Wed.	12.30	Westmount	Victoria Hall
Thurs.	7.30	Longueuil Rive-Sud	Holiday Inn, Longueuil
Thurs.	12.30	Montreal-Westward	Montreal-West Town Hall
Fri.	12.15	Old Montreal	Holiday Inn Select

\*First Tuesday of the month ; \*\*Following Tuesdays of the month