



Club #85, founded 1913

October 30, 2007

**Attendance:** Herman Alves, John Bishop, Patrick Lemoine, Steve Sadler, Barry Schmidt, George Shalhoub, Udo Stundner, Bob Velan, Drew Webster.  
**Rotaractors (McGill):** Jamee Schafer, Geoff Lampard. **Visitor:** Wilhem Silencieux (Haiti).

**President Herman** introduced Rotaractors **Jamee Schafer** and **Geoff Lampard** who brought us up to date on the activities of the McGill Rotaract Club. They meet every second Thursday at the Student Centre and Rotarians are welcome. Their areas of interest include The Old Brewery Mission, Tyndale House, an electronics drive that collects old cell phones but is not so sure about old computers and internationally, raising money for solar panels with which to power a medical clinic on the border with Burma. Fund raising will be done at an event on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Thompson House, from 7pm to 11pm. Tickets are \$30.

Before introducing the guest speaker, **President Herman** offered members the opportunity to report items of interest to the club. **Udo Stundner** responded as follows: "I got a "last-minute-invitation" last week from Concordia Rotaract member Andrew Munn (one of the young people who helped us out at this year's golf tournament) and who also happened to be "Organizing Committee President of Global Village 2007" held at Concordia by AIESEC (see details on their web-site at [www.aiesec.ca](http://www.aiesec.ca)) to speak about Rotary. All participants (about 60) were students and I was able to address the majority of them on the (mainly international) work of Rotary and its local implication through Rotaract (considering the targeted audience). AIESEC is partially sponsored by large multinational corporations (if I recall correctly Swiss Bank Corporation and Alcan were founding members back in the late forties)."

**Drew Webster** passed around the draft of a pamphlet for use by all members for recruitment purposes. He asked for ideas in making it effective. He saw one use in conjunction with non current issues of THE ROTARIAN, re-labeled with point of contact information of our club and distributed in the waiting rooms of dentists and doctors. Other uses would follow.

**President Herman** introduced our guest speaker, **Tania Tassone**, of TassONE event planning. Tania is known to many members of our club because of her work in the **Rythmes du Monde** festival two years ago. Since then, she has started her own company and speaks enthusiastically of her career choice. Being an event producer requires paying close attention to the different expectations of



corporate, private and non-profit clients. She has learned never to say "no" although she admits being stymied by one client's request for a talking dog. She spoke of the importance of becoming known, knowing the market and its trends, knowing the competitors and what they are up to, and to keep learning and sharing knowledge. John Bishop expressed the club's thanks.



**Bob Velan** spoke about an invitation he had received from the University of Alabama at Huntsville, to give a three hour presentation of his Cosmos theory and to answer questions for a further three hours. His theory is the only one that explains the presence of dark matter. As he thought about the event, he wondered if it did not present an opportunity to recruit new members for our Rotary club. He also informed us that he and Olga would celebrate

their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next March.

#### Upcoming Speakers:

November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm: Katherine Montgomery, Assistant District Governor.  
November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30am : TBA.

#### International Convention:

Los Angeles, June 15-18, 2008

#### Website Links:

Our club: [www.rotarymontreal.org](http://www.rotarymontreal.org)  
Montreal Westward: [www.rotary-montreal-westward.org](http://www.rotary-montreal-westward.org)  
Montreal Lakeshore: [www.rotary-montreal-lakeshore.org](http://www.rotary-montreal-lakeshore.org)  
Westmount: [www.rotarywestmount.org](http://www.rotarywestmount.org)  
Laval Rotary: [www.rotarylaval.qc.ca](http://www.rotarylaval.qc.ca)  
Our Rotary district: [www.rotary7040.com](http://www.rotary7040.com)  
Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)