



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

August 17, 2010

Attendance: Herman Alves; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Andy Dang-Duy; Mohammed Nosa; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Mike Zivic. Prospective member: Mikkel Elsborg. Guest Speaker: Ralph Matta. Guest of speaker: Lucie Boulianne.

President Nemo opened the meeting with a greeting to **Mikkel Elsborg**, a new arrival in Montreal. He is looking to join a local Rotary Club, having been a Rotarian in his native Denmark. He had hoped to meet **Carlo Pugliese** with whom he has been in touch by email but Carlo, rarely absent, had to drive a family member to the hospital this morning and was not present.

Drew Webster asked to clarify an item in last week's Rotary Record about the Alouette Air Cadets. The \$500 donated by **Bob Velan** was in addition to the \$5500 from the club, making a total of \$6000.

Andy Dang-Duy is to become a Canadian in the next week or two and members were enquiring if they could attend the ceremony.

Herman Alves introduced our guest speaker. **Ralph Matta** is the President of the Canadian Youth Board of the Art of Living Foundation. He is also the National Coordinator of the Foundation and participated in a pilot program in Haiti in April 2010 to develop skills of Haitian youth leaders. In 2009 he represented the Foundation in Costa Rica at the Global Youth Campaign on Disarmament and Shared Security. He currently works as an independent software consultant.

Ralph seeks to empower youth leaders from diverse backgrounds to create a stress-free, violence-free and corruption-free society. He and his twin brother are volunteers with the Art of Living Foundation which is active in 151 countries. Details can be viewed at www.artofliving.ca

Ralph spoke of plans to build a meditation centre in Montreal with place for 2000 people. So far \$500,000 have been raised towards the cost of \$2 to \$3 million. He hopes that our Club will see fit to make a contribution for this purpose. Also, he invited Rotarians to attend a one hour

seminar on Thursday at 6pm in the Concordia Building at Mackay and de Maisonneuve..



Mohammed Nosa thanked the speaker who was joined at the podium by his guest, **Lucie Boulianne**. A titre de bénévole, Mme Boulianne enseigne les ateliers de la Fondation Art de Vivre. Elle est professeur affiliée de l'école de musique Vincent-d'Indy.

NB: There will be a meeting of the Rotary Club Board on Wednesday, August 18, at 6pm.

Next meeting: **August 24th at 7.30 am**
Location: **The St. James Club**
Speaker: **Manon Lafleur, Phd.**

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