

Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

August 31, 2010

**Attendance:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Andy Dang-Duy; Jacques Dénonmée; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Visiting Rotarians: Scott Brumwell, RC Barrie-Kempfenfelt, Ont; Jurgen Osterbrink, RC Salzburg, Austria. Prospective member: Mikkel Elsborg. Guest Speaker: Herman Alves.

The meeting was chaired by **Carlo Pugliese** in the absence of **President Nemo**, who, Carlo reported, was not feeling well. Carlo welcomed prospective member Mikkel Elsborg and also two visiting Rotarians – Scott Brumwell from Barrie-Kempfenfelt, Ontario (on the left of the photo) and Jurgen Osterbrink from Salzburg, Austria (on the right).

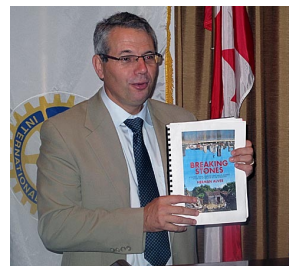


**Carlo** proceeded to mix business with pleasure in shepherding successfully two items of community action business past the treasury watchdogs and then telling a funny story about a mendacious canine. It was moved, seconded and carried to donate \$1000 towards Manon Lafleur's budget. Bob Velan said he would make a special contribution of \$1000 to Rotary so the amount we give her can be increased to \$2000. On another matter, it was moved, seconded and carried to donate \$1000 to the YMCA residence fund-raising campaign. Carlo reminded members that our club's archives are stored on their premises.

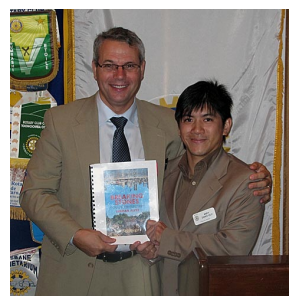
**Funny Story:** The sign on the gate post read "talking dog for sale". The intrigued passer-by knocked on the door and asked to see the dog. "It's out back", said the owner. So the passer-by went into the back yard and sure enough found a dog. It was talking about a family of five it had saved in a fire. The passer-by was impressed and asked the owner why on earth he wanted to sell such a remarkable dog. "He's nothing but a big liar", came the reply.

**Drew Webster** was given the pleasant task of introducing **Herman Alves**, our speaker of the day. Having served as our club president for two years, Herman has helped to plug us into the activities of the community in a meaningful way. Our Past President has written a book and his talk provided some of the background. Entitled "Breaking Stones", it is about turning wounds into wisdom, about giving back, about helping other people. It is a biography and details

some of "what I've lived through". Everything we do in life is the foundation for something better. It is a rollicking journey from stone age to space age.



The author spoke of sewing with kevlar on the roof of the Olympic Stadium, of the 45 minute trek from the roof down to the washroom and the shortcut that was quickly learned. He spoke of finding himself on his back in the mountains of his native Portugal, staring up at the family donkey that had stopped inches short of trampling him. He voiced an opinion about proof-readers that brought laughter from his audience. By the time he finished his presentation, more than one Rotarian had come to the conclusion that this was a book that should not be missed.



The thanks of the club was ably expressed by **Andy Dang-Duy**.

**The Official visit of our District Governor will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Make plans to attend.**

**Next meeting: Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 am**

**Location: The St. James Club**

**Speaker: TBA**

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