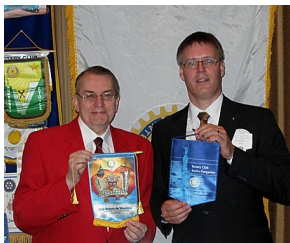


Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

September 14th 2010

Attendance: John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal. Visiting Rotarians: Martin Eckert, RC Berlin-Tiergarten; Jean-Claude Godel, RC Nîmes-Arènes; Abou Moussa, RC Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The monthly Club Assembly turned into a lively affair with a hint of the excitement of the "correda" in Nîmes, tempered by a sense of German propriety from Tiergarten, one of Berlin's many Rotary Clubs and capped by a toast (in orange juice) to the very good health of RC Stretford & Urmston, D1050, UK. In addition to Rotarians from France and Germany, we enjoyed the pleasure of the return visit of **Abou Moussa**, from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, with whom we exchanged banners at our meeting on May 4th.



President Nemo invited **Martin Eckert** to exchange banners and to say a few words. He is in Montreal for the Energy Conference. **Dr Eckert** studied international law at McGill and is re-acquainting himself with our city. His club, Berlin-Tiergarten, was started in 1967 and has about 90 members. He is Head of Government Affairs and Climate Policy at Hitachi Power Europe GmbH.



J.C. Godel is not a stranger to our club but it is 20 or so years since he was a member of it. He joined in the mid 1980's and left it to become one of the founders of our sister club, RC Ville-Marie. Currently, he lives in the South of France, in Nîmes, and is a member of RC Nîmes-Arènes. He is shown exchanging banners with **President Nemo**.

Carlo Pugliese entertained the members with a humorous story submitted by **Mikkel Elsborg**. It rated well on the laugh-meter. The magician is made out to be the butt of the piece but this reviewer wonders if also, it should not have been the marine engineer since the ship did not stay afloat. **Carlo** conducted a short meeting of the Community Action Committee. It was agreed to fund more than one bus for the

the RCMP musical ride event sponsored by Honorary Member George Springate. What started out as one bus from club funds became 2 buses and then 4 buses as two separate individuals pledged appropriate amounts. It is thought that 40,000 students will get to see the ride.



President Nemo proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Stretford & Urmston, D-1050, UK, who in turn will be toasting our club on September 15th. Stretford is in the greater Manchester area. "The town has a population of around 46,000 and its name is derived from the Streta (the ancient Roman Road from Manchester to Chester) and the Ford where it crossed the River Mersey."

Bill Ridley: In response to a question as to how to be in touch with Bill Ridley, it is suggested that dropping him a line or sending a card is the best way. His address is 225 Olivier, Apt 303, Westmount QC H3Z 2C7.

The Official visit of our District Governor will take place next week, on September 21st. It is expected all members will make a special effort to attend. The Board will be meeting with her at 7 to 7.30 am prior to the regular meeting.

Next meeting: Sept 21st at 7.30 am

Location: The St. James Club

Speaker: Our District Governor, Katie Burke

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According to the Sept issue of **The Rotarian**, as of May 31st, there are 1,228,303 Rotarians in 33,976 Clubs. This works out to an average of 36.2 members per club. Our membership stands at 25 as of today.