



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

September 28th 2010

Attendance: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Mikkil Elsborg; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Visiting Rotarian: Misrak Elias, RC Addis Ababa-West, Ethiopia. Guests of Mikkil Elsborg: B. Fruelund; K. Lebech; K. Sundby. Guest Speaker: Dr. Marc Laporta.

President Nemo opened the meeting with a welcome to a visiting Rotarian from Ethiopia. **Misrak Elias** is member of the Addis Abiba-West Rotary Club. She enjoys summers in Montreal but finds the winters a little cold for her liking. While here, she has been attending the Westmount RC. In order to see what other clubs in the area have to offer, she decided to



visit us this morning and **President Nemo** presented her with the banner of our club.

President Nemo also welcomed the guests of **Mikkil Elsborg**. Their names are shown above. Regarding publicity, Mikkil recommended that we connect our website to "Facebook" and "Linkedin". Time did not permit a discussion as to how to do it.



President Nemo welcomed back **Mike Zivic** who has been out of the country on business. He gave him the new member certificate he would have received from our District Governor last week, had he not been in Brazil.

Past President **Herman Alves** introduced our guest speaker, **Dr. Marc Laporta**, Director, Montreal WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health, Douglas Institute Assistant Professor, McGill University Coordinator, Undergraduate Training, MUHC Director, Early Psychosis Interventions Centre, MUHC.

Dr. Laporta focused his remarks on a project with Haiti, the second phase of which is to be implemented next January. The World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned with the treatment of mental health issues after a disaster. The first phase involved a visit to Haiti after the earthquake, interfacing with the medical community there and finding candidates for training and discussion in Montreal. They will be here for four weeks

and then return to Haiti. Followup will be done by the internet. The project recognizes the fact that most NGO help is for social support whereas this program is for medical support, using a medical model.



After a vigorous question and answer period, **George Shalhoub** thanked **Dr. Laporta** for his enlightenment on a very important issue and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Next meeting:
Oct 5th at 7.30 am
Location: The St. James Club
Speaker: **TBA**

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www.stjamesclub.ca

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www.rotary7040.com

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Members will be saddened to learn that Dr. Paul Merritt, District Governor 1978-79, died on September 26th as per the following notice:

We regret to inform you that Past District Governor & Potsdam Rotarian Paul E. Merritt died at the United Helpers Nursing Home in Canton, N.Y., on Sunday. The retired SUNY Potsdam professor was a former resident of Potsdam and Norwood, N.Y.

There will be a service of committal at Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam, N.Y., this Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow from 1-3 p.m. at Partridge Knoll in Canton.

A complete obituary will be in Thursday's papers at <http://www.wdt.net>.

Funeral arrangements are with the Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam.

Michael Griffin,

Rotary Club of Potsdam.