



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

November 23rd 2010

Attendance: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal. Visiting Rotarians: Clément Benoit, RC Cap- Haiti, Haiti; Mathias Slabnick, RC Brugge, Belgium; Jean-Yves Montminy, RC Québec-est. Guest of Clément Benoit, Maire-Josée Romani. Guest of Herman Alves, Thomas Berber.

President Nemo welcomed our visitors and guests. He invited Rotarian **Clément Benoit** from Haiti to say a few words. This



was followed by an exchange of banners with Rotarian **Mathias Slabnick** from Belgium who likened President Nemo's garb to the red worn by the Cardinals of the Church. He delved momentarily into the history of the Spanish Netherlands in speaking about Brugge and answering queries posed by

President Nemo about medals.

Carlo Pugliese made us aware of the invitation issued by the Cornwall club to all Rotarians in District 7040 to take part in the celebration of their 60th anniversary on Monday, Dec 13 at 6pm at the Ramada Inn, Brookdale Ave. The cost is \$40. RSVP Dec 6 to barb.mclean@marlintravel.ca

As a gesture of appreciation for the address by **Major Okill Stuart** to our club several weeks ago, it was moved by **Carlo Pugliese**, seconded by **George Shalhoub** and carried to make a donation of \$200 to the Foundation for the Ste-Anne's Veterans Hospital.

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Guest Speaker: Today's guest speaker is the Executive Director of Elizabeth House, a position **Linda Schachtler** has occupied for 13 years. Before that she was Associate Dean at Dawson College. Using two separate visual presentations, she enabled us to gain a greater understanding of the work of Elizabeth House. The first was produced by CTVNews in Montreal. It tells the story of a graduate of Elizabeth House who got the support she needed at a crucial time in life to put herself through school as a young mother. Now, with two beautiful daughters and employment in an accounting firm, she wants to give something back to the House and takes on the task of painting a room.

Regarding the second visual presentation, we were privileged to be the first group to view it. In Hollywood terms it was a Premiere performance. It tells the story of perhaps ten or twelve young women who are supported by Elizabeth House. We listen to their poetry, view their art and gain insight into their view of life. Here are some jotted down thoughts: ..people you can trust while you finish your education...helping me with my assignments...making it so I can keep trying....a school for pregnant mothers. In answering questions at the conclusion of the presentations, **Linda Schachtler** said the yearly budget was over \$1million, 80% of which was supplied by the Ministry of Health. The remaining 20% they had to raise separately. There were 18 rooms in Elizabeth House and it supported 150 mothers in a year. Elizabeth House offers secondary education levels 1 through 5.



In thanking the speaker, **Udo Stundner** presented the club's cheque for \$6000 (raised at the golf tournament) and also a certificate of appreciation to Linda Schachtler.

Next meeting: Nov 30, 7.30 am
Location: The St. James Club
Topic: Nova

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