

Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Attendance:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Andy Dang-Duy; Bertrand de Cardillac; Ken Mann; Nosa Mohammed; Carlo Pugliese; Bill Ridley; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Guests: about 20 members and guests of Kiwanis; partners of three Rotarians; Rick Sala, Charles Nkansah; and 16 guests of Bob Velan. In total we numbered six tables of 10.

**Meeting of Dec 7:** No Rotary Record was published. The first snow storm of the season started sometime before midnight and was still raging at 5.45am as I looked at my unplowed driveway and beyond, at the unplowed street. I decided to stay home and not attempt the drive in to the St James Club. Consequently, I missed the meeting.

**Meeting of Dec 14:** Our Christmas Party filled to overflowing a space designed for a group smaller than ours. The carols offered by the Montreal West Operatic Society choir set a festive tone for the post-prandial entertainment. Noteworthy in the repertoire was a song in ancient Spanish in which the clarinet accompaniment soared and syncopated and imparted the freedom and excitement of jazz.



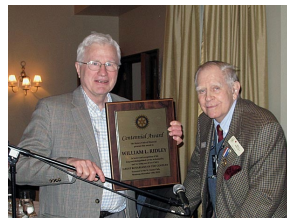
**President Nemo** welcomed the **President of Kiwanis** and thanked her for joining in our Christmas celebration. He was looking forward to meeting again with Kiwanis at our luncheon on January 18 when **Mark Yamada** was to be guest speaker with his views on the economy for 2011.



His next official duty was to present a membership certificate to **Nosa Mohammed**, a task in which he took great pleasure.

**President Nemo** read a letter of congratulations from the Mayor of Montreal to **Bill Ridley**, the person we were honoring today with the Rotarian of the Century Award and he called on **Drew Webster** to make the presentation.

**Bill Ridley** spoke at some length about his 51 years as a member of this Rotary Club. He recalled the year he was



President (1992-93) when the head table was bigger than the body of members. As chair of an active committee, he spoke of handling strong personalities who often adopted contrary opinions on an issue. He valued the fellowship and friendship in Rotary and singled out

visits made to him by **George Shalhoub** when he was in hospital. He announced proudly that he now had email and could be reached at [ridleyw86@yahoo.ca](mailto:ridleyw86@yahoo.ca) At the conclusion of his remarks, everyone rose and applauded our Rotarian of the Century, **William L. Ridley**.



**Carlo Pugliese** presented our appreciation to the spokesperson of the MW Operatic Society and reminded members that they could attend The **MWOS Wand'ring Minstrel's Trial by Jury**

performance on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7.30pm at the Montreal West Town Hall. This activity is to raise funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. Details at [www.mwos.org](http://www.mwos.org)

Next meeting: Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 am  
Location: The St. James Club  
Topic: Club Assembly



The meetings of December 21, 28 and January 4 are cancelled. Happy Holidays.

For directions to The Saint James Club go to: [www.stjamesclub.ca](http://www.stjamesclub.ca)  
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