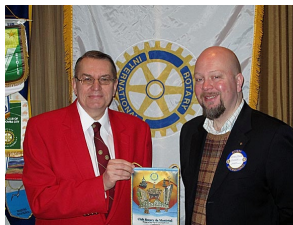


Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

January 11th 2011

Attendance: John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Visiting Rotarians: Anders Carlstedt, RC Filipstad, Sweden; Asst DG Claude Laliberté, RC Mtl-Rive sud.



President Nemo opened the meeting and extended greetings for the New Year to all present. He noted the presence of Assistant District Governor **Claude Laliberté**. He then presented the club banner to our Rotarian visitor from Sweden, **Anders Carlstedt**.

This meeting being a Club Assembly, **Carlo Pugliese** took the podium and conducted a brisk meeting of the Community Affairs Committee. **Udo Stundner** agreed to follow up a request from a German Rotarian regarding work for his daughter in Montreal. It was agreed to invite a group seeking to raise funds to build a school in Haiti to speak to us. It was also agreed to invite another group to speak to us, seeking to raise funds to build a school in Ghana. Discussion ensued as to how to put to best use the slender resources at our disposal. We agreed to continue the collection of personal items for Mariners House. Henry Zalzal took the file on Montreal Oral School for the Deaf and will make a recommendation. Speaking about the Agricultural Foundation, Bertrand de Cardaillac advised that McGill wanted to modify some of the details of the agreement. He will follow up.

President Nemo advised of a change in the date of the next Board Meeting. The new date is Thursday, Jan 20th at 6pm. He hopes it will be in the usual place and will confirm.

Drew Webster spoke about the semi-annual R.I. dues that were payable and awaited the approval of the Board. He passed on greetings from former member Hank Valle, now a member of the Guelph Rotary Club. He raved about the issue of THE ROTARIAN that came in yesterday's mail. This is a superb document from so many points of view, the 100th Anniversary issue. Discussion ensued about ordering extra copies to give to prospective members.

Next Week: The meeting next week, Jan 18th, will be at noon. It will be a joint meeting with Kiwanis. Our guest speaker will be **Mark Yamada**. He will talk about Canada's economic prospects in the year ahead. For over 20 years he has been our

guest speaker at the outset of the new year and there are few of our number who have not benefitted richly from his insight.

Thanks to the pen of Carlo Pugliese, I am able to report on the **meeting of December 7th** as follows:

Attendees : Nemo Turner, Bob Velan, George Shalhoub, Henry Zalzal, John Bishop, Bertrand de Cardaillac, Jacques Denommee and Carlo Pugliese
Guests : Gabriella Navarrete-Rolls, guest speaker, and Patricia Rolls, speaker's Mom.

Attendance at the meeting was rather low as result of heavy snow storm.

Nemo welcomed those in attendance for their perseverance. There was no business discussed other than the announcement of the Christmas Lunch Meeting and the need to know the exact number of attendees. Bob Velan announced that he would have 16 guests which caused Nemo to enter a state of shock as we were getting very close if not exceeding the capacity of the room available to us.

Our guest speaker was our candidate to the Adventure In High Technology Program organized by the Rotary Club of Nepean-Kanata. Gabriella Rolls is a grade 11 student at Villa Maria. She spoke of her experiences at the event and what she took away from the various events and visits. She felt that the inter action between the young people attending the program left a lasting impression on her. Of particular excitement was her first ever trip by train (Montreal-Ottawa) She gained a knowledge of Rotary and its work and felt sending students to events such as this played an important role in their learning process. Mrs Rolls thanked Rotary for giving her daughter the opportunity to have this experience and encouraged us to continue our involvement in such activities. She also mentioned that as a result of this event she got to know about Rotary and that if she could be of assistance to our Club we need only ask.

Meeting adjourned into deep snow and slow traffic !!!

Members will be saddened to learn that **Louis Joron**, a former member of our club and PDG 1986-87, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2011 after a courageous struggle with cancer. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Odette, his wife of 55 years, and his children. The funeral will take place on Friday, Jan 14 at 11am in the chapel of Mount Royal Cemetery.