



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

8 & 15 March 2011

March 8 attendance: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Mikkel Elsborg; Mohammed Nosa; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Guest speaker: Line St-Amour.

March 15 attendance: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Jacques Dénoimée; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal. Visiting Rotarians: Sati Khana, Nagpur, India; MG Wassif, Mtl-Lakeshore. Guest speakers: Ima and Esu Anahata. Other guest: Jean Trudel.

March 8: President Nemo opened the meeting and showed a copy of a handsome pamphlet in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of **Bob and Olga Velan**. It displayed greetings from Buckingham Palace, Rideau Hall, City Hall, and a host of other places. The back page showed the Velan Award presentation to **Dr. Semret** of McGill.

Carlo Pugliese said we would finalize plans for Adventure in Citizenship at next week's club assembly. He asked the secretary to send notice to club members and friends about the 60 Million Girls speaker on May 5th at Concordia. It is to be **Greg Mortenson**.

Bertrand de Cardaillac will be going to the fund-raising gala of the Old Montreal club and he would appreciate support from other members. He envisions a quid pro quo arrangement and is looking for their support of our golf tournament.

Herman Alves spoke of having copies of his new book, sales of which can be used for raising funds for our club.

Speaking of books, is someone writing one on the birth of the multi-universe?

Mike Zivic introduced **Line St-Amour**, Executive Director of the Dawson Community Centre. Complete information about the centre can be accessed at their website at www.dawsoncommunitycentre.org. Ms St-Amour spoke of a control group with 40% high school dropout rate and 20% teen age pregnancy and she made the point that a primary objective is not only to keep kids off the streets but also to help them



become productive citizens. She has taken up the challenge of raising \$40,000 more per year and is grateful for the opportunity to speak to us about it. **Mikkel Elsborg** expressed the club's thanks and presented **Line St-Amour** with a certificate of appreciation while **President Nemo** added a colorful touch.

March 15: Carlo Pugliese opened the meeting. Our President was absent because of the flu and our VP's laryngitis made it difficult for him to preside. **Jacques Dénoimée** agreed to close the file on this year's Adventure in Citizenship activity.

CTV interview: Herman Alves showed a 4 minute DVD about Rotary in which **Mitsumi Takahashi** interviewed **PDG Drew Webster**.

Henry Zalzal introduced guest speakers **Ima and Esu Anahata** of the Barka Foundation. www.barkafoundation.org They spoke about their work in Burkina Faso (BF), a land-locked nation of 16 million people, with six borders, lying immediately to the south of Mali. Water is about peace. The UN has just declared clean water as a natural birthright of all people. Barka Foundation has developed a micro model for sustainable, clean water development in a village in BF. Several Rotary Clubs in the US are applying for a Rotary Future Visions Grant with which to enable Barka to expand the model. Barka now seeks to become registered in Canada and find support from Canadian Rotary Clubs. **Steve Sadler** expressed thanks to our two



speakers.

Next meeting: March 22nd at 7.30am

Speaker: Katie Sheahan

Topic: TBA

The Saint James Club: www.stjamesclub.ca

To District 7040 website: www.rotary7040.com

Rotary Record back issues: www.rotarymontreal.org

Reminder: Board Meeting on March 23 at 6pm. Special invitation for new members for RY 2011 - 2012 – **Mike Zivic, Henry Zalzal, Andy Dang-Duy** and **Mikkel Elsborg**.

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