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Triple issue

5, 12, 19 Avril 2011

**April 5 attendance:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Grant Effer; Mikkel Elsborg; Nosa Mohammed; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Guest speaker: Jean Trudel. Other guests: Tracy Fairchild; Fabiola Penn.

**April 12 attendance:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Andy Dang-Duy; Grant Effer; Mikkel Elsborg; Nosa Mohammed; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. Guest speaker: Scott Lang. Potential members; Tracy Fairchild, Andrew Kwon.

**April 19 attendance:** Herman Alves; John Bishop; Mikkel Elsborg; Carlo Pugliese; George Shalhoub; Udo Stundner; Nemo Turner; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic.

**April 5: Mike Zivic** introduced our guest speaker **Jean Trudel** an award winning producer/director of many Docu-Variety Specials for television. Doing research for his latest documentary film he realized that there was no one in Canada promoting the UN International Day Of Peace and decided to create Circle Of Peace - Cercle de Paix. The UN passed a resolution on Sept 7, 2001 setting Sept 21 as the International Day Of Peace. The City of Montreal unanimously passed a resolution recognizing Sept 21 and on Nov 7, 2007 the Quebec National Assembly followed suit. Mayor Tremblay is a very strong supporter of this movement. The ceremony this year will be held at Dawson College. Dawson is planning to establish a peace garden on its site and is currently organizing fund raising of \$100,000 for this project. The possibility of our Club's involvement in this for its 100 year project was discussed. Mr Trudel felt this was an excellent suggestion and **Henry Zalzal** and **Herman Alves** will communicate further with Mr Trudel and Dawson.

**Grant Effer** thanked Mr Trudel for his work in this important drive for peace. The meeting was adjourned with a reminder to start supporting the Golf Tournament.

**April 12:** President Nemo opened the meeting and welcomed all. He informed us that both Drew and Udo are recovering from flu and expect to be in attendance next week. Carlo read email from McGill Rotaractor **Fabiola Pena** mentioning that they had raised \$2200 for supplies at a school in Ghana. The total project cost is \$3100 and McGill Rotaract requested financial support from our Club. Carlo moved we provide the \$900 shortfall. The motion was seconded by **Mike Zivic** and carried. **Bob Velan** offered to provide the shortfall funds and his offer was accepted with much gratitude.

**Nosa Mohammed** introduced guest speaker **Scott Lang**. In 2009 Scott became Vice Consul at the US Consulate General In Montreal. In 1999 he founded a NGO called The Post-Conflict Foundation to develop youth leaders from the Balkans

In 2005 Scott was selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University Of Bradford in England where he earned a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution. This is a two year course and is available at only six universities. Entry requirements are very competitive. Scott commented on the good humanitarian work by Rotary and gave as an example how quickly Rotary was on the ground following the tsunami in Indonesia. He also commended Canada for its peace-keeping missions throughout the world. Scott was thanked by **Mikkel Elsborg**.

**April 19:** President Nemo informed members that next week's speaker would be VP Bertrand who was presently in France. Also, Andy was to talk about PETS. The following week, Scott Lang would be receiving his certificate of honorary membership.

**Mikkel Elsborg** introduced **Herman Alves**, who spoke about his new book. It is the story of a kid who had nothing really to start out with. His dad went off to Brazil with the family money, leaving his wife and 5 yr old boy in a poverty-stricken, mountains region of Portugal. Herman learned to sell fish from the back of a burro at age 6 and to crush rocks for road construction at age 10. Arriving in Montreal at 14, unable to speak or write either French or English, he lasted six months in the public school system. But this is the story of someone who did not give up in the face of tremendous odds. Now he is in a position to give back to society and he is doing it generously. The book launch takes place May 1<sup>st</sup> at **Le Bitoque**, 3706 Notre-Dame West, from 3 to 6pm. **Breaking Stones** sounds like an inspiring read.

**Next meeting:** April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30am

**Speaker:** VP Bertrand.

**Topic:** Plans for 2011 - 2012

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