



Club #85, founded Oct 2, 1913

May 31st 2011

Attendance: Herman Alves; John Bishop; Andy Dang-Duy; Bertrand de Cardaillac; Grant Effer; Carlo Pugliese; Steve Sadler; George Shalhoub; Nemo Turner; Bob Velan; Drew Webster; Henry Zalzal; Mike Zivic. **Visiting Rotaractors:** Corina Paraschiv; Grace Haddad. **Guest speaker:** Darshana Dhunnoo.

President Nemo opened the meeting with a welcome to visiting Rotaractors **Corina Paraschiv** and **Grace Haddad**. They spoke of the new name of Rotaract in Montreal. What used to be called **Concordia Rotaract** is now **The Rotaract Club of Montreal** so that young people, in addition to the student body of Concordia, can become involved and feel ownership. In the photo, L-R, Corina Paraschiv; President Nemo; Grace Haddad.



Nemo spoke of attending the Gala at the Old Montreal Club last Saturday, together with Bertrand de Cardaillac, Grant Effer and Mike Zivic. He made their members aware of our June 27th golf tournament and welcomed their participation. At the same time, he was able to “book” three guest speakers for our club’s weekly meeting on the following topics: Iceland, Real Estate, and Voluntary Tax Disclosure.

Members were glad to learn of Andy Dang-Duy’s new job at Bombardier. It sounded fascinating. However, for budgetary reasons, a decision on the club’s new, corporate jet was put on hold until at least the start of the next Rotary year, much to the relief of Treasurer Steve Sadler.

RYLA: The program known as RYLA, (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) seems to be evolving. It has added a secondary objective, that of teaching management skills, to the primary objective of developing leadership. Access to the management training is limited to officers of Rotaract Clubs. The course will be given at George Washington U. in Washington DC in July. Upon motion by **Carlo Pugliese**, seconded by **Mike Zivic** and carried, it was agreed to fund two delegates to the course at a cost of \$250 each.

Henry Zalzal introduced today’s guest speaker. She is **Darshana Dhunnoo**, a third year student, Faculty of Science, McGill, completing an undergraduate degree in Psychology. Ms. Dhunnoo is a volunteer with an NGO called the Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development (CORD) located at

Sidhbari, India. The mission of this charitable body is to harness human resources and enable the poor to transform their lives through programs they support and in which they participate. After a slide presentation, **Ms Dhunnoo** spoke about how she felt she could be of help to CORD during a three month stay in India. She saw a benefit to her own education, complementing her academic background greatly, allowing her to grow and learn more about her field (of psychology) in a humanitarian setting. It will “open my eyes to real life problems and hopefully teach me how to make a difference in other people’s lives”. For this purpose, she requests support and sponsorship from our club. She has secured \$1200 towards her budget of \$3800 and seeks help with the balance. Thanks for her presentation were expressed by **Andy Dang-Duy**.



Upcoming committee meetings:

Board of Directors Wed. 22 June 2011
Golf Committee Thurs 16 June 2011

Next week: Thanks to Mike Zivic, we will view the 30 minute interview Bob Velan gave to Bob Scully of PBS. This promises to be a very interesting meeting.

Next meeting: June 7th at 7.30 am
Speaker: Interview of Bob Velan
Topic: TBA

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