

The Lakeshorian

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTREAL-LAKESHORE



Recent Speakers

Mariame Toure was our speaker at the meeting on September 24th.



Mariame works hard as a volunteer on Saturdays at the West Island Black Community Association helping young people with their studies. She also uses her spare time to work for Womens Rights, Amnesty International, Indigenous People Rights and Refugee and Immigrant Rights. All of this whilst she is studying Law!

Board Meeting Highlights

- Membership Chair Anthony Young (assisted by Art Surette).
- Sergeant at Arms Anthony Young.
- President Elect Deniz Veral is looking for board members for 2020-2021. Elections will be held in early December 2019.

Important Events

Annual Oyster Party

November 8th

Oysters, cold cuts, sandwiches, cheese, desserts, beer and wine. This is our second-largest fundraiser of the year, so please support this fun-filled annual event at Baie D'Urfe Rescue Hall. Tickets are priced at \$70 and are available from Stan Frost (514) 630-0326 or (514) 827-6953 or e-mail stanleycfrost@ca.inter.net.

DG Visit To Our Club

TBC

The District Governor will visit our club soon. We are currently waiting to hear his preferred choice of date (hopefully this will be in November) and will confirm shortly.

October Birthdays...

- 1st Rosie Dilek
2nd Semi Karacova
17th Stan Frost
25th Judith Warne

...And Anniversaries!

- 1st Aytac & Shenaz Kocak
10th Omar & Berna Sudekan
11th Peter & Pam Neville

Speaker Dates

October 15th (7pm)

Giovanna Daniels
A Reflexology Therapist will tell us about this alternative therapy.

October 29th (12.30pm)

Jim Corsi
A former N.H.L. goalie coach for the Buffalo Sabres and St. Louis Blues,

Community Update

We have the following volunteer opportunities coming up:

Annual General Meeting / Open House of the West Island Mission

October 8th (7pm)

We will be attending the AGM / Open House of the West Island Mission in appreciation of their volunteers and guests. Refreshments and a tour of their new facility will be provided. Please contact Brenda if you would like to attend.

St. Anne's Hospital

November 25th

Decorating for Christmas. Time to be advised nearer the date. Please contact Brenda if you would like to attend.

Moisson Montreal

St Laurent

Possible volunteer event at the Moisson Montreal Food Bank in St Laurent. Full day or half day shifts available. Date to be confirmed. For more details, please contact Brenda.

International Update

Loose Change Jar

David Warne recently submitted approx. \$ 460 to the Toronto organization which operates on children with clefts in Development Countries. The organization is backed by a Foundation which, automatically, donates a similar amount, to finance one additional cleft operation.

This is from a jar that comes out at every meeting for members to dump their loose pocket change.

It takes a little less than a year to collect enough funds for two such operations ... but when you consider the impact they have on these children's future, it is worth every cent!

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WhatsApp

If you would like to be added to the Club's WhatsApp Group, please join using the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/K9OJ5CPfrHp9fJxRYkXf19>

This Month's Joke

Nails...

A carpenter was putting shingles on the side of a house - but kept throwing nails away.

Asked by his boss why he did so, he said, "Well, the head is on the wrong end on some of them."

"You're not too smart" said his boss. "You just save them and use them on the other side of the house!"

Potable Water Project

Villa Los Angeles (Peru)

Our Club previously committed to support a very worthwhile Potable Water Project in Peru, and we recently transferred our support US\$ 3,675 to The Rotary Foundation.

The total project budget amounts to US\$ 121,892 – made up of support from the Rotary World Fund and donations from 'Coup de Coeur', The Rotary Club of Montreal, 4 Districts, the Rotary Club of Quebec City, Montreal-Lakeshore, the Rotary Club of Old Montreal, the Rotary Club of Newport-Balboa and the Rotary Club of Barranca (In Peru), plus one private donation.

The project was initiated by 'Coup de Coeur', together with the Rotary Clubs of Montreal and Quebec City.

The driving need for intervention has two factors:

- Severe flood damage of a previous, existing system two years ago and
- Dramatic increase of the village population, from 150 in 2014 to 800 at present.

The project entails both restoring the damaged system - and eliminate contamination that currently cripples the community - and an increased water supply to accommodate the increased population.

Not having access to clean water is an immediate risk to health and an obstacle to basic human dignity. A Permanent Water Committee will, in time, be responsible for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the system (consisting of an equal number of men and women).

The project is being realized by local workers, so that members of the community will have comprehensive first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of the system. This will be complemented by training, provided by the on-site engineer. The system will include solar pumps, and each household will have a water tap and sink installed.

Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans

When Vicki visited us a couple of weeks ago, she brought with her an assortment of handicrafts:

Sewn things like tote bags and purses, plus some costume jewellery. All produced by a women's group within 'Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans', run by Vicki. The women are all from families below the poverty line, so these beautifully-made items represent a good way for us to support their meagre incomes.

Knud brought all the items to our last meeting, and about half were sold. He will bring the balance to our meeting on the 24th. - The tote bags and other fabric items are all made from fabric, woven by hand, and all items are washable.