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This Week's Program...

Jean de Dieu Tshileu is a member of the **Rotary Club of Mbuji-Mayi** in the Eastern Kasai province of the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**. He will speak to us today about his work in Kasai and the current political situation in the DRC.

He is the founder of the Congo Village School Project that promotes sports development, education and sustainable agriculture in rural Kasai. He also promotes English language and computer training in Eastern Kasai.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

...none that we know of.

Future Programs...

Apr 18: **NO MEETING** (Easter break).

Apr 25: **Club Assembly**. Club Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs are reminded to send copies of their latest reports to all club members prior to this meeting.

May 2: **[Evening Meeting] Emily** will present our **Alan Liddiard Memorial Public Speaking Contest**, an annual event that becomes more popular every year.

Special Events...

Apr 22-23: **ART EXPO**, Fritz Farm, 20477 Bord-du-lac, Baie d'Urfé, 10h — 17h : Art show and sale by Lakeshore Ass'n of Artists, for the benefit of NOVA West Island.

June 2: (Friday) **Our Annual Auction**. In less than eight weeks we will host our most important fundraising event of this Rotary year. This year's auction will provide the lion's share of financing for our club's projects in 2017-2018.

Last Week's Meeting...

As it was the first Tuesday of the month, it was an evening meeting. For a presentation by the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad, we had a good turnout of 22 people, including 14 members, 3 honorary members, one visiting Rotarian and 5 guests, including our guest speaker, **Tony Brown**.

Members present were **Wayne**, President-elect **Helen**, **Lawrence**, **Maureen**, **Rosie**, **Stan**, **Brahm**, **PDG Bill**, **Murray**, **Anne**, **Sola**, **Knud**, **Cameron** and **Deniz**.

Our visiting Rotarian was **Art Surette**, RC Hudson & St-Lazare.

Honorary members present: **Andy**, **Fran** and **Joe Maxwell**.

Guests: **Sandy** (guest of Wayne), **Anita** (Stan), **Mara** (Brahm) and **Kathleen** (Andy)

In the absence of President **JP**, President-elect **Helen** chaired the meeting.

As the dessert course was being served, we had time for a couple of short jokes. First up was **Bill** with this one:

"The Mexicans were asked what they thought about President Trump's decision to build a wall. 'We're very upset,' they replied, 'but we'll get over it.' "

Joe Maxwell had one, too, from his World War Two days: "It seems this young man was being drafted into the army and was desperate to be declared 'Unfit for Military Service,' so when he was told to bring in a urine sample, he took smaller samples from his mother, his brother and his sister and added them to his own before submitting the urine sample.

"The next day he was called to report to the medical officer, who told him, "Your mother has sugar diabetes, your brother's an alcoholic, your sister's pregnant and you, report to the barracks tomorrow morning! "

In our 50/50 draw, visiting Rotarian **Art** won the right to try to find the Ace of Spades. Unfortunately, he turned over the Ten of Diamonds instead, so the pot will continue to grow.

Past President Wayne was called upon to make a special presentation to Honorary Member **Fran Hepworth**.

"The designation **Paul Harris Fellow** is the highest tribute a Rotary Club can pay to a Rotarian or to a non-Rotarian whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation, helping to build world understanding and peace. Each time we name a new Paul Harris Fellow, it signifies that our club has donated US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation in the name of that person.

"I am proud to present our newest Honorary Member, Fran Hepworth, with a new PHF pin signifying that this is her third Paul Harris Fellow



While he was on his feet **Wayne** proceeded to introduce our guest speaker. "Tonight I'm wearing a shirt signifying that I am an officer in the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad and, as everyone here knows, I am also a Rotarian. Maybe I should get a new shirt, half rescue squad and half Rotary club," he quipped

"Our speaker, Tony Brown, is going to talk about our Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad. When we agreed to do this presentation tonight, we had no way of knowing that heavy rains falling on frozen ground would dictate a need for our rescue squad to go into action to help those people with flooded basements.

"There is another member of this club who is also a member of our rescue squad: **Andy**. Andy and I go way back, to the days of the Baie d'Urfé Volunteer Fire Department which, of course, was disbanded with the (forced municipal) mergers.

"Our speaker, **Tony Brown**, is an accountant by profession and the rest of his life is taken up by volunteering. He is a long-time member of the Rescue Squad, a former chairman and, I believe, once again the treasurer of the Citizens' Association. He's in charge of the community club that will take over the management of the Fritz Community Centre and the Red Barn. In fact, if there is an event going on in Baie d'Urfé, you'll find Tony there.

"So without further accolades, please welcome Tony Brown, Administration Captain of the Baie d'Urfé Rescue Squad."

Tony began by thanking us for inviting him to dinner as our guest speaker. "I have found tonight's meeting to have such a warm atmosphere that I'm not even going to worry that the location of each subsequent basement flooding incident I've been following on my phone seems to be getting closer to my own address.

"My slide show tonight is intended to help me tell you about Baie d'Urfé Rescue, so thank you, Stan, for helping me set it up.



SAUVETAGE BAIE D'URFÉ RESCUE
Presentation for the
Rotary Club of Montreal-Lakeshore
April 4, 2017

Competent and caring aid in the community

Scope of Activities:

- **Local Flood Relief**
- **First Response and Public Safety at events**
- **Traffic Control at Emergencies**
- **Emergency Relief Services**
Examples: Haiti earthquake, Syrian refugees
- **Search and Rescue for Missing Persons**
- **Citizens on Patrol**
- **Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 8, Lac St. Louis**

Affiliated with:

- Town of Baie D'Urfé
- Québec Association of search and rescue volunteers
- Canadian Red Cross
- Quebec Ministry of Public Safety and Security
 (Disaster or crime victims; fire safety services)

Training Program

- **Red Cross First Responder Training**
- **Red Cross CPR/AED Training**
- **Recurrent equipment raining with generators, winches and water pumps**
- **SAR practices in town (Fritz Farm & Greenway)**
- **Map & Compass /GPS training**
- **Hazardous Materials Awareness Course for First Responders: Ontario Fire College (2014 & 2017)**

- **Equipment and medic bag checks**
- **Use of Chainsaws**
- **Incident Command (ICS) and Emergency Planning**
- **Traffic management**
- **Radio communications**
- **Oxygen and epipen training**
- **Extreme heat /cold first aid scenarios**

Activities, by season:

Winter:

- Red Cross First Responder Training
- West Island Women's Ringette Tournament
- Baie-D'Urfé Winterfest (Feb 2016)
- Red-Cross CPR/AED training
- St. Patrick's Day Parade Montreal
- Emergency Measures Committee
- Red Cross Syrian Refugees (200 hrs.)
- Walk under the Dome first aid

Spring:

- SERAM Meetings with Montreal; Dorset School x-country run
- LBPSB Sports Day; Bicycle Safety event (May 20th)

Summer:

- Dorset School Family BBQ; Henricofest
- Baie-D'Urfé Days (21 activities over 2 ½ days)
- Family Bingo Night; Annual Vintage Car Show (August 6th)
- AvH School Sports Day; Pointe Claire Half Marathon
- WICAC Run; Women's Golf Links
- Journee des pompiers + parade – Pincourt
- Alpha Romeo Exhibition Pointe Claire (2017)
- Pierrefonds Rib-fest; Old Brewery Mission dinners

Autumn:

- School openings: Dorset, AvH, Joseph-Henrico
- Terry Fox Run; Annual Oyster Party – November
- Halloween Safety tent and street patrol
- AvH School Annual Bazaar
- LBPSB Fall Sports Days (75 patients in 2016)
- Remembrance Day Ste. Anne de Bellevue
- Scouts and cubs visit; Open House

Contribution of Volunteer Hours

2006-2015: 35,000+ hours; **2016:** 3,540 hours
 Supported 26 public events; 5 Search & Rescue activities

2017 (3 months): 803½ hrs

Stan thanked Tony, not only for "an excellent description of what the Rescue Squad does to improve the lives and safety of Baie D'Urfé residents, and for hosting our annual Oyster Party.

"Without you doing the heavy lifting, there simply wouldn't be an oyster party!"

