



# McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

June, 2011 Newsletter

As the year draws to an end, I want to provide a report on activities past and future along with some useful announcements.

The Club will close on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 PM and will reopen on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.



## News Flash

We have found and have purchased a reasonably priced YAMAHA G-3 Grand Piano, validated by Professor Kyoko Hashimoto of the Music Faculty. This instrument will replace our ancient upright piano and clearly will permit an ever increasing number of concerts to be held at the Club. Professor Edith Zorychta is also thanked for her helpful input as well. It is expected to arrive on June 1.

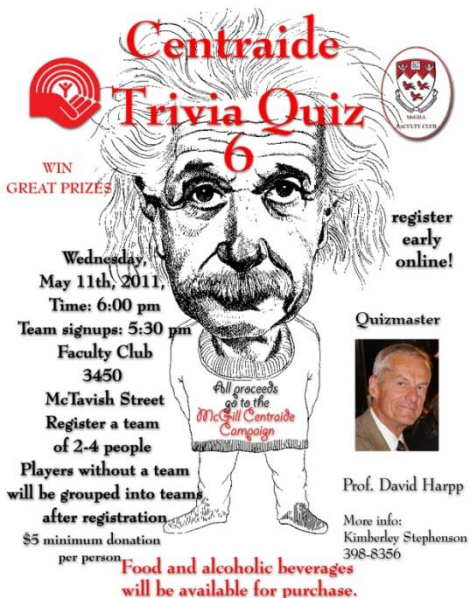
## Events of 2010-2011

This past year we had a variety of events including several Sunday Brunches, an Apple picking event, a Welcoming Party for new members, Bridge, Children's Christmas Party and Brunch, Opera Night along with several "special food festivals". We were unable to engage Saturday Night Fever or a Comedy event as there were too few sign-ups but perhaps this can be overcome next year.

In addition, this past year we held six Trivia events and were able to attract as entrance fees, about \$2500 for Centraide. The events were very well-attended with sell-outs nearly every time. The winning team was The Ministry of Truth made up of a variety of people from Public Affairs including Doug Sweet and Vaughn Dowie. While they did not win the first two contests (won by team Ananas) they dominated the last four evenings and were the clear victors winning a full dinner for four (with wine) at the Club. They will have to work out just who gets to go as they had a deep bench.



## Trivial Facts about Triva Night



**Centraide Trivia Quiz 6**

WIN GREAT PRIZES

Wednesday, May 11th, 2011, Time: 6:00 pm  
Team signups: 5:30 pm  
Faculty Club 3450  
McTavish Street  
Register a team of 2-4 people  
Players without a team will be grouped into teams after registration  
\$5 minimum donation per person  
Food and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

register early online!

Quizmaster  
Prof. David Harpp  
More info: Kimberley Stephenson 398-8356

All proceeds go to the McGill Centraide Campaign

Overall, there were some 55 different teams that registered although some teams changed their names. Six teams competed in each of the six events while many others competed in 4 or 5 contests. The entire group averaged 54% correct answers and the Ananas team scored 78% on the first night for the highest score of the season. Overall, The Ministry of Truth led the competition with 71% correct for all the events.

The clear majority of players were from the multitude of support groups on Campus including representatives from several libraries, Public Affairs, the Principal's office, University Services, Communications, DAR and Planning. About 10% were undergraduates or graduate students and 15% or so were not directly from McGill. Clearly this smart crowd has cowed the professoriate as there were relatively few Faculty members who dared to compete.

One of the professors who were there for all but one event was David Covo of Architecture. He helped his Hotel de Ville team to second-place finishes in the last four contests (collecting books and other prizes each time). This team is clearly the chief threat for next season to the Ministry of Truth. It should be pointed out that David did not know the name of the beads of an Abacus in spite of having many versions of this historic counting device in his office. It should also be mentioned that only one of the ~95 players in the May event (from Ananas) knew this answer (calculi). I had to look it up.

I look forward to seeing some of the professors come out of hiding to take on this challenge. Drinks of all kinds along with snacks are available during the event or the short break in the middle of the contest. There are 7 rounds of 10 questions involving all sorts of information. Music and pictures are used along with all of the questions being posed on PowerPoint for all to see. The first event is scheduled for October and will be along the same lines as this year starting at 6 PM and ending about 8 PM.



This report leads us to the plans for the Fall:

- Bi-weekly mini “food festivals” in the Main Dining Room
- Trivia Evenings in support of Centraide
- Méchoui and Apple Picking at McDonald Campus (Family Event)
- Wine and/or Scotch tasting
- President’s Cocktail Party
- Music events (Opera, Jazz, Classic, etc.)
- Cooking classes with Chef Pierre Majois
- Annual Christmas Buffet
- Children’s Christmas Party and Brunch
- A variety of Sunday Brunches including the well-attended Mother’s Day Brunch

We look forward to hearing about more ideas you may have that we can possibly schedule.

### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM in the Heritage Room.

Best wishes for the summer

David Harpp  
President

