



# McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

## Faculty Club Newsletter February 2014 Edition

The year 2014 is off to a great start at the McGill Faculty Club! As always, the Rabbie Burns Night was a great success and was sold out two weeks prior to the event. The evening was filled with Scottish traditions : music, dancing, poetry and much more. Fun was had by all amid a festive atmosphere which included haggis, of course.

This February the Faculty Club will be celebrating the XXII Winter Olympics Games in Sochi, Russia. It's an exciting time for international sports fans and a chance to honour top athletes while setting aside differences during this anticipated event. We, at McGill, have our own students representing Canada on the Women Hockey team. Let's wish them the best of luck, cheer them on and hope that they bring back a medal. Go Canada Go!



Soon it will be Valentine's Day and Cupid is ready to aim his arrow. The day of love is traditionally celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup> and is named after two saints: St. Valentine of Rome and St. Valentine of Terni. In pre-Christian times, the middle of February was a period of pagan fertility festivals throughout Europe and a time when birds chose a mate.

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### Bridge

**Tuesdays, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> -- Maude Abbott Room. 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Twice a month, throughout the academic year, the McGill Committee for Retired Professors organises bridge matches. As always, novices and experts are welcome to join in on the games and be in on the fun. It's a great way to socialise with others who share a passion for this friendly game of strategy. A popular event that's both relaxing and challenging.

For more information, contact: [Dorothy Thomas Edding](#) and/ or 514-932-8478.

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**St. Valentine's Day Special Menu**  
**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Main Dining Room.**  
**Lunch and Dinner**

The way to a man's (or woman's) heart is through the stomach! An old adage that certainly can't be wrong. On Valentine's Day, share your meal with that special someone at the Faculty Club. Think of it as Eros or Aphrodite serving you dishes that are sensual to your taste buds. Savour a Pennine with small vegetables, sundried tomatoes and fresh basil. Feel the love by having a bite of seafood gratin with lobster sauce. Cupid is also in on the action by offering butterfly filet mignon with a five pepper sauce. All this and more to warm the cockles or your heart.

Click [here](#) for menu:

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**Southeast Asian Festival**



**February 17<sup>th</sup> to February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Imagine visiting the Orient by savouring Southeast Asian dishes which are out of this world! Flavourful and spicy foods are concocted by the Faculty Club's Master himself, Chef Pierre Majois! Meals include: Nasi Goreng, Malasian curry chicken and Pad Thai. You have all week to try out each item on the menu, so drop by our dining room for a taste of Southeast Asia!

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**St. James Literary Society**  
**Tuesday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m.**

The St. James Literary Society is a non-profit organization founded in Montreal in 1898 and is one of the oldest learned societies in North America.



**The Age of Apocalypse**

The presenter this month will be Dr. Lorenzo DiTommaso, Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion at Concordia University. His topic of discussion will be The Age of Apocalypse. Recently, the 2012 "Mayan Apocalypse" was merely the tip of the iceberg. And over the past 40 years, a global resurgence in doomsday speculation has underwritten the rise of fundamentalism and new religious movements, economics and the environment. It has been expressed in several forms of popular culture -- from Hollywood films to Japanese manga to role-playing video games. This talk will explore the many faces of apocalypticism in the contemporary world while delving into some of the reasons for its resurgence.

For information and reservations, please contact Mr. Sam Browman at (514) 484-0146 or [info@stjamesliterarysociety.com](mailto:info@stjamesliterarysociety.com)

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**[Upcoming Events]**

- Centraide Trivia Quiz: Round 4 – Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - **Be sure to sign up!**
- Middle Eastern Festival – April 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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