



McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

Faculty Club Newsletter March 2014 Edition

As of 1759, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in Montreal, right after Irish soldiers took control of the Montreal Garrison. In 1817, Montreal's Irish community had officially started to form and that same year, the observance of St. Patrick's Day was honoured with celebratory dinners and religious services.

As for the famous St. Paddy's Day parade, it initially began on March 17th in 1824. Michael O'Sullivan, lawyer and Member of Parliament of Lower Canada, was the principal organizer of this celebration and was appointed Chief Justice of Lower Canada in 1836. He died in 1839.



In 1834, the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal was founded by prominent Montrealers of Irish heritage on March 17th who continued to organise the parade until 1892. Back in the day, parades were held in Old Montreal to display Irish success in the community. Church services would take place prior to the parade and a celebratory banquet was held afterwards.



Bridge

**Tuesdays, March 4th and 18th -- Maude Abbott Room.
1:30 to 3:30 pm**

Bridge games just keep on going and continue to bring in participants. Whether or not you're an expert in the game, drop into the McGill Faculty Club and join in on a few matches. The McGill Committee for Retired Professors will gladly welcome you – maybe they'll even reveal some winning tips or a few pointers in this game of strategy. The event is hosted twice a month and can be easily accompanied by snacks and drinks, readily available on site. For more information, contact: [Dorothy Thomas Edding](#) and/ or 514-932-8478.

Caribbean Festival
March 3rd to March 7th

Winter is still looming and keeps giving Montrealers a hard time, but the McGill Faculty Club has found a way to beat the cold, dreary weather blues! We can't bring you to a warm and sunny beach, but we can bring the beach to you – especially a taste of it. The Faculty Club's Master, Chef Pierre, will concoct flavourful and spicy foods to remind you of the South! You have all week to sample each item on the menu, so drop by our dining room for a taste of the Caribbean!





St. James Literary Society
Tuesday, March 4th 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 Society presents: The Age of Apocalypse

The first 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

St. James Literary Society

Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m.

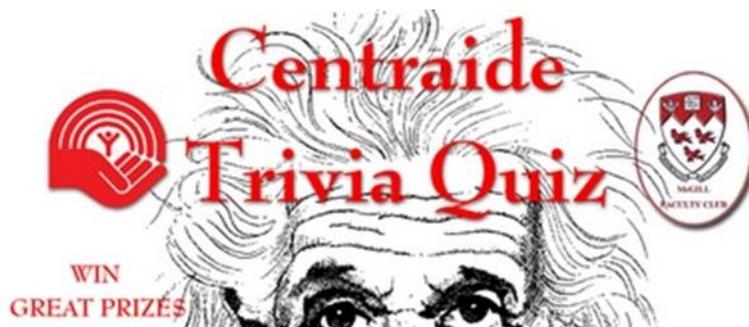
The Society presents: Reducing Genocide to Law "Definition/Ultimate Crime"

The second presenter this month will be Dr. Payam Akhavan, Professor of International Law at McGill University. Dr. Akhavan will tackle the following questions:

- Could the prevailing view that genocide is the ultimate crime be incorrect?
- Is it possible that it is actually on an equal footing with war crimes and crimes against humanity?
- Why should one simple word assume such importance in conferring meaning on suffering and injustice?
- Could reducing a reality into such a fixed category undermine the very progress that such labelling seeks to achieve?

According to our guest, all these questions and more may border on the international law equivalent of blasphemy. Dr Payam Akhavan, who was the first Legal Advisor to the UN Prosecutor at The Hague, will speak on empathy and faith in global justice.

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Centraide Trivia Night Round 4

Wednesday, March 12th, Faculty Club Ballroom, Registration at 5:30 pm, Quiz at 6:00 pm

Our host, Faculty Club President David Harpp, will be back to bring you the 4th round of the Centraide Trivia Night competitions. Cram as much knowledge as you can into your brain, because we're approaching that coveted podium finish!

Five teams are battling it out until the end to reach for the top. “Ministry of Truth” is currently the leader, but it’s still anyone’s game!
To check your standings and updates, visit:
<http://www.mcgill.ca/facultyclub/centraide-trivia-quiz>



Seafood Festival
March 24th to March 28th

When I “seafood,” I eat it!

Always popular at the Faculty Club, our seafood festival brings you an array of dishes from the ocean right to your table. Treat yourself to the best the sea has to offer. Chef Pierre will prepare shrimps, scallops, mussels in the most delicious way possible. We guarantee that these crustaceans will melt in your mouth, whether they’re accompanied by pasta, rice or veggies. Imagine yourself on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean for a week and let our chef decorate your plate

every day of the week with an unforgettable dish.

[Upcoming Events]

- Centraide Trivia Quiz: Round 5 – Wednesday, April 16th, 2014
- Food Festival: Mediterranean Week April 7th to 11th

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