



McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

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A little bit of history

March was originally the first month of the year in the Roman calendar because of its association with the first day of spring. The vernal or falls during this month between the 19th and 21st. March also marked a time when war would resume after the long winter months. January became the first month of the calendar year around 700 BCE. Although January 1st is New Year's Day, many cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.





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.

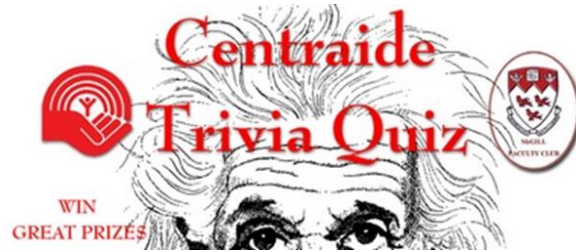
As for the famous St. Paddy's Day parade, it initially began on March 17th in 1824. Michael O'Sullivan, lawyer and Member of Parliament of Lower Canada, was the principal organizer of this celebration and was appointed Chief Justice of Lower Canada in 1836. He died in 1839.



Bridge: Tuesdays, March 1st, 15th and 29th -- Maude Abbott Room. 13h15 to 16h15

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 \(LINK\)](#) and/ or 514-932-8478.





Centraide Trivia Night Round 4 SOLD OUT
Wednesday, March 16th, Faculty Club Ballroom, Registration at 17h30, Quiz at 18h00

Our host, Faculty Club President Dr. David Harpp, will be back to bring you the 4th round of the Trivia Centraide 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. "Cashew" is currently the leaders, but it's still anyone's game! To check your standings and updates, visit: www.mcgill.ca/facultyclub/trivia



Mediterranean Week from March 21st to March 24th
The McGill Faculty Club offers you a different kind of "Club Med" – a week filled with dishes from abroad! Discover Mediterranean food from a region where meat, fish, vegetables and other delectable menu items are adorned with a dash of exotic spices.

[Upcoming Events]

- Centraide Trivia Quiz: Round 5 – Tuesday, April 12th, 2016
- Lobster Festival from May 17th to May 27th 2016

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