



McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

Faculty Club Newsletter, March 2018 Edition

A friendly reminder that we have a reciprocal agreement with the **Cornell Club-New York, located in Midtown Manhattan**. Members of ACUC reciprocal clubs are offered discounted rates on their overnight accommodations. You may contact them at frontdesk@cornellclubnyc.com or (212) 986-0300. For your letter of introduction, please contact Natasha Sharma (Membership Associate) at natasha.sharma@mcgill.ca or ext. 6388.



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 March equinox 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, a 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 6th and 20th -- Maude Abbott Room. 1:15 – 4:15 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.
