



McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

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A Little Bit of History

After the Irish soldiers' conquest of the Montreal Garrison, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in this city since 1759. The year 1817 marked the beginning of Montreal's Irish community. That same year, the observance of St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with special dinners and religious services. St. Patrick's parade festivities first began on March 17th, 1824. Michael O'Sullivan, lawyer and Member of Parliament of Lower Canada, was the main organizer of this celebration. He was appointed Chief Justice of Lower Canada in 1836, but died soon after in 1839. The St. Patrick's Society of Montreal was founded by prominent Montrealers of Irish heritage on March 17th, 1834, who organised the parade until 1892. Parades of that era were held in Old Montreal to display a manifestation of Irish success in the community. Church services would take place prior to the parade and a banquet was held afterwards with numerous celebratory toasts.



A friendly reminder that the Faculty Club serves the best breakfast on this side of McTavish, every day of the week starting at 7:30 am; it is always better to reserve. Also, take advantage of our Happy Hour every day of the week from 4:00-7:00 pm.





Bridge: Tuesdays, March 5th and 19th -- 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.



Centraide Trivia Night Round 4, Thursday, March 14th, Faculty Club Ballroom, Registration at 5:30 pm, Quiz at 6:00 pm

Our host, quizmaster extraordinaire, 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! It is still anyone's game! To check your standings and updates visit: [Here](#)

Maple Festival Week from March 25th to March 29th



March makes us think of Spring and, of course, maple syrup. We all love to take a yearly outing with our family and friends to our favorite sugar shack. Let the Faculty Club bring the sugar shack experience to your table. During maple week, Chef Léo and his team will prepare each day a different dish flavored with maple. Enjoy also a traditional pea soup or baked beans.

Upcoming Events

- Centraide Trivia Quiz: Round 5 – Wednesday, April 10th, 2019
- Centraide Trivia Quiz: Round 6 – Wednesday, May 8th, 2019
- Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12th, 2019

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