



# McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

## Faculty Club Newsletter November 2015 Edition

November literally means "ninth month." However, it is now the eleventh month in the modern calendar and has remained this way for over 2000 years. The duration of one year in the old Roman calendar was only ten months long and November was in fact the ninth month. But this changed when two months were added to the year, and subsequently in 153 B.C. the Roman Senate moved New Year's Day to January 1st. Curiously, the names of the numbered months were not altered in relation to their new positions. November replaced Blotmonað in the Old English Calendar. The English considered it as the "blood month" when animals were sacrificed and slaughtered for preservation throughout winter.

Initially, the month of November lasted 30 days, but the second King of Rome Numa Pompilius, removed a day circa 700 B.C. Julius Caesar then added the day back when he reformed the calendar in 46 B.C. July and August had been named for the first two Roman Emperors, Julius and Augustus. The Roman Senate offered to change the name of November to "Tiberius," but Caesar wisely refused saying: "What will you do if you have thirteen emperors?" None of these facts will appear on Trivia Night.

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The Faculty club hosted the very popular Oyster night buffet on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>; the evening was a great success. Special thank you to members who attended the event, we appreciate your support.

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### **Bridge: Tuesdays, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> in the Maude Abbott Room, 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.**



As usual, all bridge players are invited to the Faculty Club. The event takes place on Tuesday every two weeks and new participants are always welcome. Organised by the McGill Committee for Retired Professors, the game nights are perfectly combined with a drink and a snack during matches. For more details, please contact Dorothy Thomas Edding *via* email: [Dorothy.thomas\\_edding@mcgill.ca](mailto:Dorothy.thomas_edding@mcgill.ca) or by phone: (514) 932-8478

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### **Hunt Festival from November 9<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Chef Majois will incorporate each day on the table d'hôte a different plate based on the hunting theme, you will be able to enjoy, duck tourte, reindeer medallion with a Baden-Baden sauce, pheasant with figs and onion preserve.



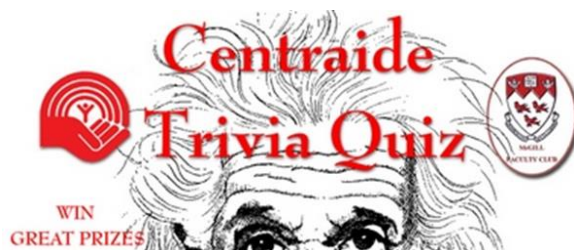
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### **Rijstafel week from November 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Come and enjoy the Rijstafel plate and get a taste of Indonesian cuisine. The plate is composed in part by, chicken and beef satay peanut sauce, Tempeh, Nasi Goren and Mie Goren.

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### **Centraide Trivia with Professor Dr. David Harpp**

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Faculty Club Ballroom, Registration starts at 5:30 pm, Quiz at 6:00 pm.**

We wish a warm welcome to all newly registered teams. Centraide Trivia Season is well under way. It will certainly be a tight race to the finish. Don't let your guard down at any time, because every point counts if you want your team to stand a chance to be crowned Trivia Champions. Be sure to register your team early, as places are limited.

*Also, please advise us if your team will be absent from a round, so that other teams have a chance to register. If a registered team does not arrive by the latest at 17h55 their table will be given to a team on the waiting list.*

*A minimum of 5\$ donation is required for admission.*

The date for the following trivia have not yet been chosen, as soon as they are decided each member will receive an email with the exact dates.

- January, 2016 (round 3)
- March, 2016 (round 4)
- April, 2016 (round 5)
- May, 2016 (round 6)

**Registration for November 12<sup>th</sup> is closed, we sold out quickly!**

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### **[Upcoming Events]**

- Faculty Club Holiday Lunch – Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Brunch and Children's Christmas Party – Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Update your agenda regularly by visiting the McGill Faculty Club website: <http://mcgill.ca/facultyclub>

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