

## **Faculty Club Newsletter September 2013**

The McGill Faculty Club staff would like to wish all members a warm welcome back. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer holidays and that each and every one of you is full of vim and vigour ready to tackle a new academic year. The club has made some improvements to its website making it user-friendly where you will be able to find a range of information relating the club and its activities.

The entire team at the Faculty Club would like to extend their best wishes to McGill University's new Principal, Dr. Suzanne Fortier.



Please note that our Maître d', Mr. Anthony Austin, is retiring after more

than 35 years of remarkable service. He will be greatly missed by all. In his honour, the Faculty Club will organize a cocktail on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00. Members will have the chance to wish him well in his future endeavours. Please RSVP to Natasha Sharma at (514) 398-5537 or <u>natasha.sharma@mcgill.ca</u>

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### Bridge

# Tuesdays, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Maude Abbott Room and Gold, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 pm

Let the games begin! The McGill Committee for Retired Professors is launching its new season for bridge sessions. The popular event takes place twice on month on Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All levels are welcome. So come show off your bridge skills or pick up a trick or two.

For more details, please contact Dorothy Thomas Edding via email: <u>dorothy.thomas\_edding@mcgill.ca</u> or by phone: (514) 932-8478

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### St. James Literary Society "Understanding Pain" Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



This month, the topic will be about pain. It is the most common reason people seek medical attention, but remains a biological enigma. Most of the time, feeling pain is a form of protection. Its effects are sensory as well as emotional. This form of sensation is complex because there is no way to measure it objectively. While people suffer, the economic impact becomes steep. Research shows that the cost of healthcare and absenteeism at work is estimated at \$10 billion per year in Canada. This economic burden is greater than the one onset by diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined.

Fernando Cervero, MD, PhD, DSc, is the Director of the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain (AECRP) at McGill University. He is the author of a recently published book on this topic titled: "Understanding Pain," which is directed toward the layman as well as the specialist. Dr. Cervero is the Research Chair of the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) as well as full professor in the Department of Anesthesia and the Faculty of Dentistry. Pain research at McGill University is conducted at AECRP, bringing together researchers from the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Science. Its main goal is to unite basic and clinical pain researchers at McGill and help them promote their work about cures for chronic pain.

For information and reservations please contact Mr. Sam Browman at (514) 484-0146 or info@stjamesliterarysociety.com

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#### Mussels Festival October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>

Everyone's beloved shelled event is back again this year! The Mussels Festival will tempt your taste buds for an entire week during the month of October. Explore various mussel dishes each day of the week. Our executive chef only works with the best ingredients to prepare and serve you an assortment of mouth-watering meals which will make you come back for more.

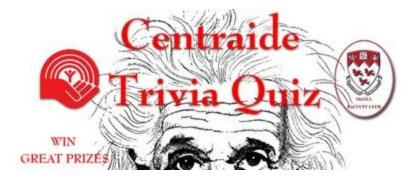
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**Oyster Festival from October 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> Oyster Night Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** We are hosting the Oyster Festival and Oyster Night again this year. Enjoy different meals throughout the week. As for the evening buffet, get ready to crack open your oysters and enjoy delicious menu items prepared by the master himself, Chef Majois. Information will soon be available online as well as on flyers posted throughout the Faculty Club.

For reservations and menu: (514) 398-5537



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**Centraide Trivia is back!!!** David Harpp returns for the 4<sup>th</sup> season as quizmaster with the help of Kim Stephenson (Bookstore) and from exceptional undergraduates who will assist in grading and judging the event. Exercise your brain so that it can face intense sessions of questioning. Mark the following dates in your calendars. Please register early as we were sold out at most of last year's events.

- Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013
- Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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[Upcoming Events]

- Asian Festival from November 9<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Brass Night Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

We wish you all a successful 2013 – 2014 academic year. Please remember to update your agenda by checking the McGill Faculty Club website: <u>http://mcgill.ca/facultyclub</u>. For information or special requests, please do not hesitate to contact Nicolas Zrihen: <u>nicolas.zrihen@mcgill.ca</u>

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