



# McGill Faculty Club Newsletter

## Faculty Club Newsletter September 2017

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. During the summer we completed the work in the new McTavish Lounge, but because of some delays with the furniture it will only be open at the beginning of September. The new lounge will be for members and their guests only. The new McTavish Lounge will have a Happy Hour every day of the week from 16h00 to 19h00. I hope that you will all like the changes that we did and that you will take advantage of this beautiful space.

I would like to mention that our beloved President Dr. David. N. Harpp has ended his term and has passed the reins to Dr. Ian Butler. I would just like to say that David has been a positive force for the club and we thank him so much for his precious time - he will still be taking care of the Trivia nights.

As most of you are aware our beloved Chef Majois has retired, the Faculty club has hired a new Executive Chef. Niko Karagiannakis is a chef with over 20 years of culinary experience, who has leveraged several years as a private chef for many well-known celebrities and Quebec's elite, such as Martin Scorsese, Leonardo DiCaprio, Hugh Jackman, Herbie Black, Huguette Bombardier & Marcel Dutil to name just a few, into a successful career that also includes having been a culinary instructor at Lasalle College, a consultant and caterer on many successful engagements for customers in Montreal, New York, Miami, Greece and Belize, as well as an Executive Chef for established restaurants in both Montreal and Toronto.

Known for his strong leadership skills, as well as creative and innovative cuisine, Chef Niko quickly established himself as a passionate chef with both strong culinary and pastry skills who can deliver high quality, innovative dishes, develop future chefs and provide valuable insights on how to drive efficiencies. I hope that you all welcome him to the Club.



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### **Bridge: Tuesdays, September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Maude Abbott Room, 13:30 p.m. to 16:00 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 a month on Tuesdays from 13:30 p.m. to 16:00 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: [dorothy.thomas\\_edding@mcgill.ca](mailto:dorothy.thomas_edding@mcgill.ca) or by phone: (514) 932-8478

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**Dinner followed by an Opera and Operetta Performance. Faculty Club Ballroom, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 18h30, dinner served at 19h00 and Opera at 20h30.**

James McGill's 273<sup>rd</sup> Birthday will be celebrated by the beautiful voices of McGill University's Schulich School of Music. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner followed by great music of Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Saint-Saëns, Bizet, Lehar, et al. Arias, duets, ensembles from your favorite operas and operettas will be performed for your after-dining pleasure. Come and enjoy! Great music will fill the air!

Reserve early as places are limited. Reservations for the Dinner and Opera night @ \$41.00: (514) 398-5537 or [web page](#)

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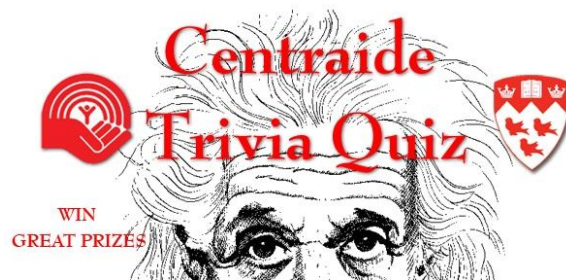
**Oyster Festival from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, Faculty club M. Dining room**  
**Oyster Night Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 18:30 p.m., Faculty club Ballroom**

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 our new Chef Niko Karagiannakis. Information will soon be available online as well as on flyers posted throughout the Faculty Club.

Reservations for the Oyster night and menu: (514) 398-5537 or [web page](#)



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**Centraide Trivia is back!!!** David Harpp returns for the 8<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. The dates have not been finalized yet, as soon as they are we will publicize them.

- **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**
- **November 2017 (to be confirmed)**
- **January 2018 (to be confirmed)**
- **March 2018 (to be confirmed)**
- **April 2018 (to be confirmed)**
- **May 2018 (to be confirmed)**

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We are pleased to announce a reciprocal agreement has been made with **The College Club of Boston**  
[www.thecollegeclubofboston.com](http://www.thecollegeclubofboston.com)  
Members of ACUC reciprocal clubs are offered also discounted rates on their overnight accommodations.  
For your letter of introduction, please contact Natasha Sharma (Membership Associate) at  
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We wish you all a successful 2017 – 2018 academic year. Please remember to update your agenda by checking the McGill Faculty Club website: <http://mcgill.ca/facultyclub>. For information or special requests, please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Sharma: [natasha.sharma@mcgill.ca](mailto:natasha.sharma@mcgill.ca)

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