



TRENT HILLS PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2022

Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success is Participation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



After two in-person meetings in April and May, I think it's safe to say we are back in business and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on June 8th. Our speaker, David Black, is former military, former police, private investigator and local cattle farmer. But none of that is what David is going to talk about. He will tell us about his strong desire to help Ukraine and specifically how he was involved in helping Ukrainian refugees at the Polish border. This is a compelling story so please join us and, as always, please feel free to bring a guest.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, regrettably the trip to Quinte Botanical Gardens on June 11th is cancelled as the owners are unable to open for business this year.

However, we do have our picnic to look forward to on July 13th at Lang Pioneer Village and I urge you to sign up on line using the link provided in this newsletter.

Our newsletter has been a great way to keep us connected over the last two years but now that we are resuming in person meetings, we will return to sending out a newsletter every other month. Don't worry about missing anything because we will send out an email on the in-between months to remind you of the upcoming meeting and any events that Lesia is planning.

As you know, as we have been unable to meet in person for over two years, we have not been charging any membership fees. However, now that we are meeting, we will reinstate the membership dues in September and in the August newsletter we will let you know how much that will be and the different methods of payment.

I look forward to seeing you on June 8th and please be mindful of the fact that we are still being cautious with regard to Covid. This means that we require you to wear your mask upon entering and exiting the auditorium and when moving around the room. It is obviously your choice to keep your mask on or off when you are seated.

Also, please try and bring exact change for refreshments (\$2.50) as we still prefer not to handle cash and bring some cash for the 50/50 draw. Congratulations to our last winner – Hugo Iturralde!

Thank you and see you on the 8th.

Hazel Farley

JUNE GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, June 8th, 10 am

Location: St. John's United Church Hall

Speaker: David Black



When the war started on February 24, 2022, David's initial reaction was that he needed to do what he could to help the people of Ukraine.

As he has military training, David's first thought was to volunteer to fight but friends and family quickly reminded him of his age and physical limitations.

David learned that there was a huge backlog of refugees at the Polish border trying to get to friends, family and other safe havens throughout Europe. He decided this was something he could help with and in his presentation, he will tell us about his journey and experiences over 26 days in Ukraine.



We request that masks be worn upon entering and while circulating in the hall.

Don't forget your name tag! Guests are welcome. Please bring \$2.50 to help cover the cost of refreshments (exact change only). Our 50/50 Draw will take place for those who wish to partake.



LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER SYNOPSIS by Bev McComb

Ted Barris was our Probus Speaker on May 11, 2022.

Ted is a noted author. He and his pile of books arrived in time to speak to the members.

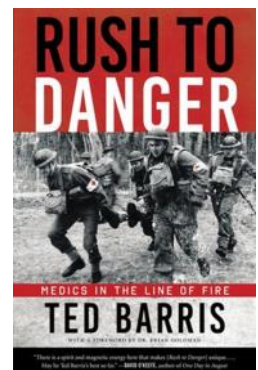
The topic was mostly about his father, Alex, who had gone into the army as an unqualified Medic. At that time Medics were not recognized by any other groups of the army as being essential, they were called "mommies".

Ted grew up taking his father Alex's path in life as a journalist and a free lance reporter, publishing books along the way such as Danger, Victory, Juno, Great Escape, Dam, and Rush to Danger. He also wrote 8 Non-Fiction Military History books.

Ted was a Centennial College School Teacher in Toronto. He was invited to attend a trip walking the same route the 94th Infantry Division 1945 had taken in the Battle of the Bulge where his Dad had been. He resigned his position at the school and joined the group.

When he returned home, Ted took the last book he had written "Rush to Danger" and rewrote it with all the new information he had obtained on his journey.

What an enjoyable , interesting story he presented. You could almost feel the excitement of his journey.





Events Committee Report

Lang Pioneer Village has been booked for our Annual Picnic on July 13th.

Please sign up by clicking on the link below by **June 8th**. Currently only 10 people have signed up and we need to know how many are coming so we order the correct amount of food.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEAE2BA3F5C70-probus2>

For questions re this event or to suggest a new one, please contact Lesia Karas, Events Manager

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On the Lighter Side...

Thanks to Bev McComb for this one!

Robbing the Old Lady

An old maid was held up in a dark alley. She explained she had no money, but the robber insisted that it must be in her bra and started feeling around.

"I told you I haven't got any money", the spinster said, "but if you keep doing that, I'll write you a cheque."



Message from the Editor...

I didn't receive any photos of spring growth from members for inclusion in this newsletter.

Thanks a lot to Bev McComb for volunteering to do summaries of the speakers at our meetings for the Newsletter.

As Hazel mentioned, we are going to return to our bi-monthly format for the Newsletter now that our in-person meetings have resumed, so next Newsletter will be August 1st.

Looking forward to our first picnic in three years!

Laura McCulloch,
Newsletter Editor

