



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

November 2, 2021

It was a wonderful return to some sense of normality as we met in person for the first time since March 2020.

Although Zoom filled a void and kept the membership entertained and engaged, it could never replace seeing the faces of our members filling the hall.



We had 69 people in attendance and everyone respected physical distancing and masks when appropriate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Peter Hunton, Dan Clements and Mark Maloney for their exceptional effort in making Zoom work for all of these months.

Most of us had never heard of Zoom and had to be trained and coaxed along. A tremendous effort and incredible results.

We had two very special guests – Marion White, a veteran who served with the RCAF, and Martin Capper, our District Director of PROBUS Canada.

I had the honour of presenting the President's Golf Trophy to the winning team of Brian, Marchant, Bernard Marchant, Mike Pengelly and Miles Lauzon. Well done gentlemen.

After we recognized our members who are veterans, Martin van Eerd shared his memories of growing up in Holland during the second World War while living near the bridge that was the subject of the book and movie – "A Bridge too Far".

Ivan Robinson's recitation from memory of "In Flanders Fields" was mesmerizing and very emotional.

Mike Pengelly introduced our guest speaker, Ted Barris who regaled us with the true facts of the Canadians who were instrumental in the real life “the Great Escape”.

We were surprised to learn that Mike’s father was one of those brave Canadians. It was evident that Ted had spent over fifty years talking to and listening to our veterans, and is using that knowledge to educate Canadians of our proud heritage.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to a friend who may be a prospective future member. Consider also providing your friend's email address to Bob McBlain, our Membership Chair, for further follow-up.

. . . Ron Woynarski, President



Recording of October 27 Meeting

Click on the 'Watch the Meeting Recording' button below to view our last meeting recording. Once started, you can skip ahead to one of these segments:

08:05 Murray Mills leads a recognition of each of our veterans

12:20 Martin van Eerd shares his WWII memories as a 9-year old in Holland

33:20 Ivan Robinson's poignant reading of "In Flanders Fields"

36:20 Hank Nykamp shares some WWII memories from Holland

37:55 Ted Barris' guest speaker presentation about "The Great Escape"

Watch the Meeting Recording

Paul Langan Local Author and Historian

Paul will be our guest speaker on November 24 - he's a member of our club!

His presentation will be based on his newest book, released January 2021, *Tragedy in Galt - The May 2nd, 1956 CP Rail Crash*.

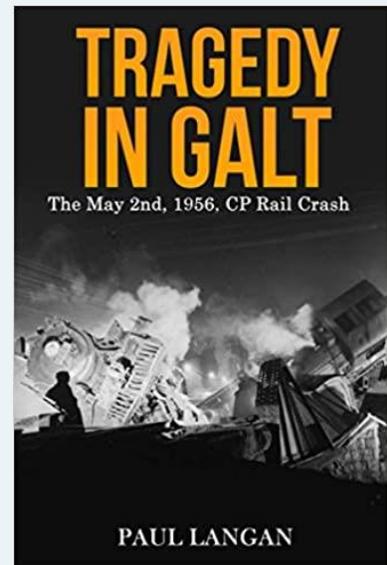
Paul has written five local history booklets and one book on a national topic, *Forgotten Monorails of Canada* (2020). He was also responsible for a compilation book.

He currently is working on his next two books for release in 2021 titled:

"Tales of Opera" - Waterloo County/Region 1885-2020

and

"Remembering Glen Christie" - History and Stories of the Village of Glen Christie, ON.



Ted Barris **Military Historian and Author**

Ted was guest speaker for our October 27th meeting. His presentation was based on his book - *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story* (2013).

To experience Ted's dramatic presentation, click on the 'Watch the Meeting Recording' button above. Once started, you can skip ahead his presentation at the 37:55 mark.

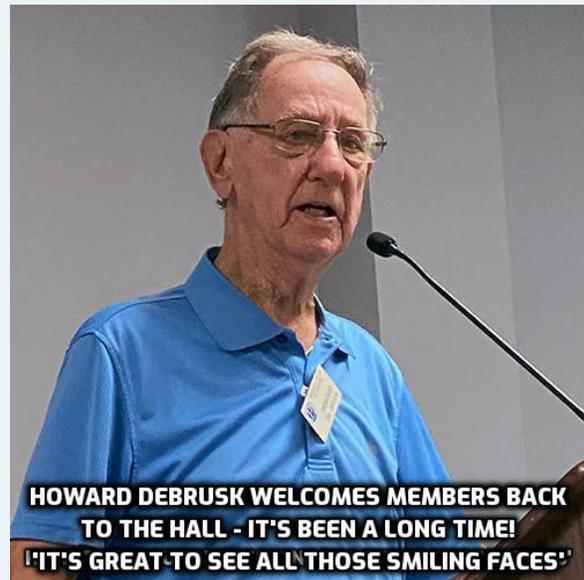


*Ted delivered an exciting presentation about how *The Great Escape* is really a Canadian story!*

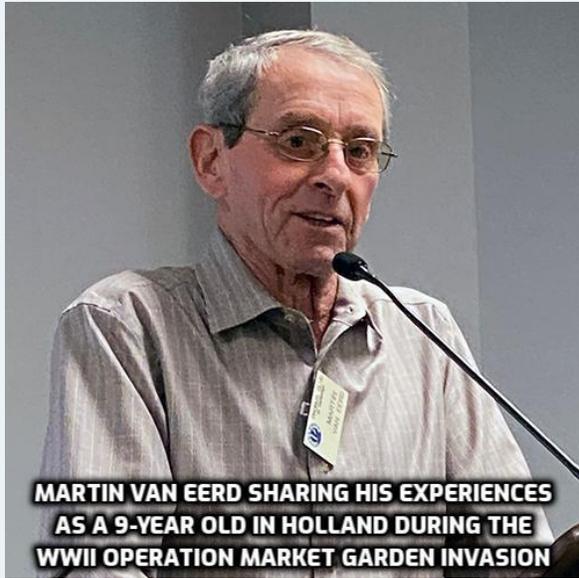
Meeting Highlights



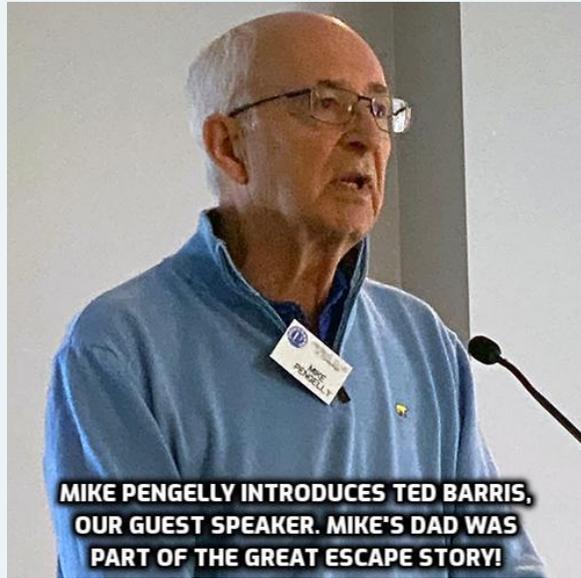
CLUB PRESIDENT RON WOYNARSKI OPENS THE MEETING AND EXPLAINS THE RULES!



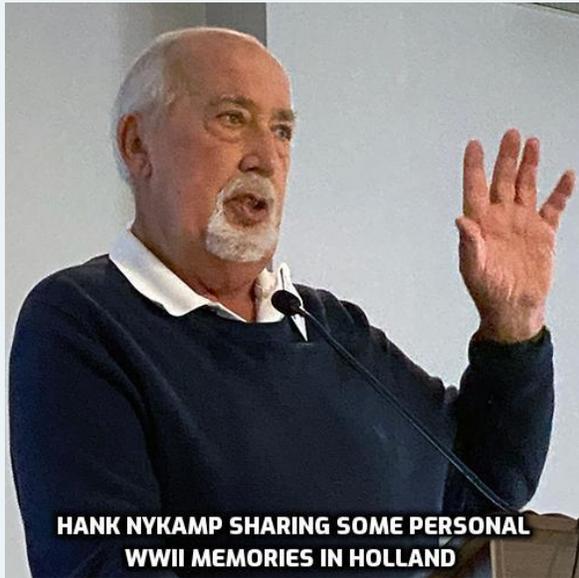
**HOWARD DEBRUSK WELCOMES MEMBERS BACK TO THE HALL - IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
'IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL THOSE SMILING FACES!'**



MARTIN VAN EERD SHARING HIS EXPERIENCES AS A 9-YEAR OLD IN HOLLAND DURING THE WWII OPERATION MARKET GARDEN INVASION



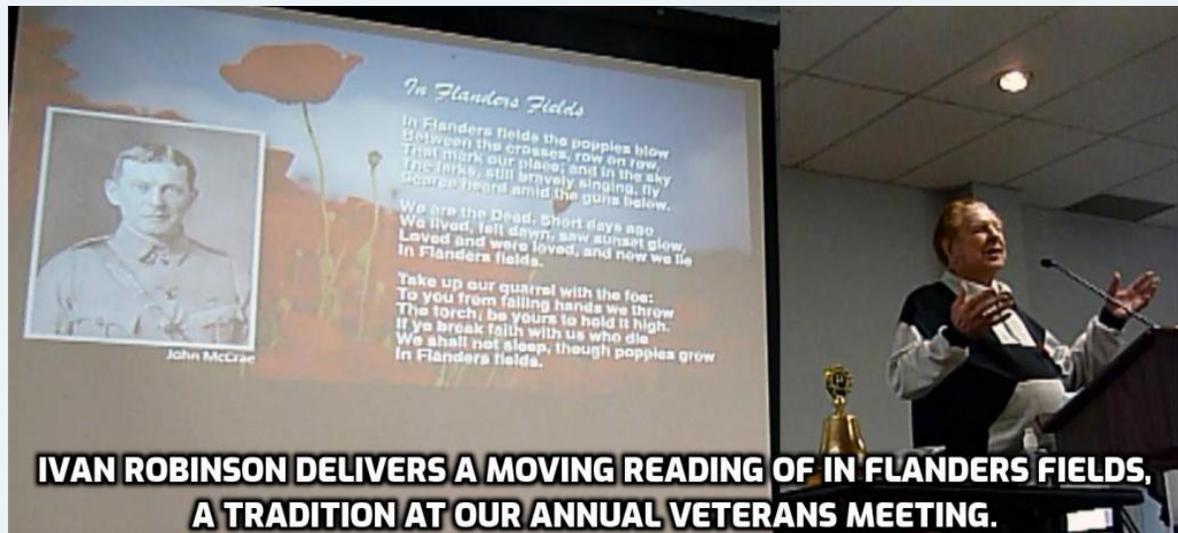
MIKE PENGELLY INTRODUCES TED BARRIS, OUR GUEST SPEAKER. MIKE'S DAD WAS PART OF THE GREAT ESCAPE STORY!



HANK NYKAMP SHARING SOME PERSONAL WWII MEMORIES IN HOLLAND



GUEST SPEAKER TED BARRIS GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THINGS



IVAN ROBINSON DELIVERS A MOVING READING OF IN FLANDERS FIELDS, A TRADITION AT OUR ANNUAL VETERANS MEETING.



RON WOYNARSKI PRESENTING THE PRESIDENTS GOLF TROPHY TO BRIAN MARCHANT, BERNIE MARCHANT, MILES LAUZON AND MIKE PENGELLY

Honoured Veterans

Our October meeting every year is our annual tribute to our club veterans and their service. Murray Mills recognized each of these veterans in turn.



**Christmas Lunch
Portuguese Club
Thursday, December 9 at 11:30am**

Our Christmas luncheon is open to all members and a guest. If you wish, you can request to share a table with friends.

[Click here to register!](#)

The cost is \$60 per person, we encourage registration and payment online.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated and all public health regulations will be carefully adhered to. Masks must be worn unless seated. Maximum six people per table.

On arrival in the hall, enjoy a welcoming non-alcoholic cocktail and appetizers. Followed by a served traditional turkey meal, a selection of desserts and coffee/tea. Vegan and non-gluten options on request. Cash bar available.

We are in for a real treat immediately after lunch! Some terrific talent will regale us with well-known segments from some popular operas. The artists performing are:

- Caroline Déry, soprano
- Louisa Cowie, mezzo soprano
- Corey Arnold, tenor
- Douglas Tranquada, baritone
- Heidi Gallas, piano accompanist

Our last Christmas lunch was two years ago, it's time to celebrate!

Trivia Contest

The winner of our October 20 game was Dennis Souder. Dennis is a repeat champion and has contributed many questions to previous games.

He will put together a greatest of the previous year of trivia for next month. His questions have local content, current information and are always well prepared.

To register for our monthly Trivia Contest activity, you must first log in to [our web site](#), then visit the Activities section, find the Trivia Contest item and click the Register button.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Mark Maloney, 519-241-0349



Cambridge Community Players

The Cambridge Community Players production of “Burs of a Feather” opens November 12th. It was originally scheduled for April 2020.

The cast had been rehearsing on ZOOM and more recently the Cambridge Arts Theatre has come to life rehearsing and preparing for opening night.

I have been involved with the Cambridge Community Players (formerly Galt Little Theatre) for a number of years and continue to enjoy volunteering with this wonderful group of people.

For additional details click on the link below.

. . . Peter Hunton

["Burs of a Feather"](#)

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