



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

April 5, 2022

In spite of the prediction and reality of an ice and snow storm we had 70 members plus a few guests for our March meeting, an increase of more than 10 from last month.

I had the honour of filling in for President Ron, who was away, finally fulfilling their plans to visit with their 2 daughters' families in Australia.



With the relaxing of most of Covid 19 protocols the Activity Committee has been busy lining up a wide variety of outings. Please continue to check the website for updates and details.

You won't want to miss the April 27th General Meeting. It will take place at our new venue. The Armenian Community Centre is located right next door to our present site.

At the April meeting we will welcome back Ted Barris. Those who took in Ted's performance at our October meeting will remember his enthusiasm and entertaining explanation of one of his books.

Ted will share highlights from his latest book "Rush To Danger: Medics In The Line of Fire". This is quite fitting as Ivan Robinson served in the war with a medic core and will be sharing his vignette.

April 27 we will also be celebrating Ivan's 100th birthday and PROBUS month with a free lunch following the meeting along with a cash bar. All this and cake too!!

At last month's meeting, Daryl Collins presented his vignette. A summary is provided in the Newsletter and you can view the entire presentation on the meeting recording.

I am pretty sure that our guest, Regional chair Karen Redman, played a large part in our strong attendance showing.

Chair Redman was “interviewed” by our member Tom LeBrun. Thanks to Tom’s stewardship it all went along smoothly with a few laughs along the way.

Karen enlightened us on many regional as well as local municipal matters. She assures us that no matter how many levels of local government we have, all are trying to make the area they represent better for their residents.

The interview was followed by a Q and A where members could ask questions about items more related to their own person concerns.

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.

. . . Bob Howison, Vice President

Recording of March 30 Meeting

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

Interview with Karen Redman begins at the 31:30 minute mark.

Daryl Collin's vignette begins at the 15:30 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Tom LeBrun interviews Karen Redman



Karen Redman was our special guest for our March meeting. She is the Regional Chair of the Waterloo Region, having been elected in the October 22, 2018 municipal election.

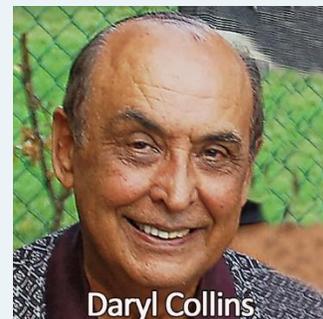
Tom LeBrun is a member and Past President of our club. He led a great conversation with Karen, covering many topics of interest to us all.

To view the meeting recording, click on the [WATCH LAST MEETING](#) button above. The speaker portion begins at the 31:30 minute mark.

March Vignette

Daryl Collins was born in Bhopal, India in an Italian Prisoner of war camp. His father was a Sergeant Major in the British Army and his mother was a nurse in the Military Hospital.

He graduated from Barnes High School in 1959 and completed an Industrial four-year apprenticeship at Tata Mercedes Benz.



Daryl Collins

In the year 1964, he applied for immigration to Canada and left India in the summer of 1964 for Toronto. His career took him thru companies of Massey Ferguson, Consolidated Dynamics, Mack Trucks, Wajax International and Vickers Hydraulics.

He come from a family of five, two brothers and twin sisters. He married Patsy his wife of 53 years in 1968. Patsy was born and raised in Nassau, Bahamas.

Colin pursued academics thru evening courses at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute for a Mechanical Technologist Diploma and then to York University for a Computer Science Degree. He had to drop out, five credits short due to financial reasons.

In 1989 he formed a company called CADD TECH Services with two other partners which was very successful but had to dissolve in 1992 due to the economic downturn in Ontario. He left for the Bahamas in 1993 and opened up a business called Lignum Technologies, a training Institute in Computer and Business application courses.

Patsy and he returned to Canada in 2015 and retired in Cambridge.

They love to travel and play golf. He still freelances doing mechanical design on CAD. He loves sports, played a lot of tennis, was an avid certified scuba diver and a second-degree Black belt in the Japanese art of Karate.

To view the meeting recording, click on the WATCH LAST MEETING button above. Colin's vignette portion begins at the 15:30 minute mark.

New Meeting Location Starting in April



The Armenian Community Centre is located at 15 International Village Drive, Cambridge, ON N1R 7M5, right next door to our current site.

Our previous meeting room has been rented out full time, but fortunately our landlord owns both properties. The new room will provide us with an ideal venue and we will continue under the same financial terms as before.

Special April Meeting

In our April 27 meeting we have a lot to celebrate.

April is PROBUS month and PROBUS Canada will be represented at the meeting by our District Director Martin Capper.

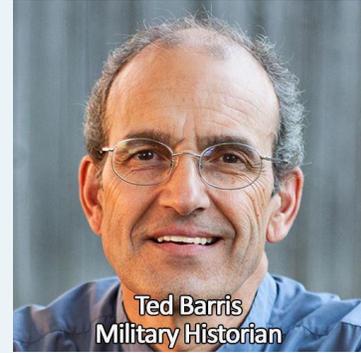
Also, we are celebrating one of our members, Ivan Robinson, who is turning 100 years old!!

Lunch will be provided after the meeting. No cost involved. There will also be a cash bar.

Guest Speaker on April 27

Ted Barris will share highlights from his latest non-fiction book "Rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire"

He is a Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster as well as authoring 18 books, including:



- Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and The Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany (2018)
- Fire Canoe: Prairie Steamboat Days Revisited 2nd Edition (1977)
- The Great Escape: A Canadian Story (2013)
- Victory at Vimy: Canada Comes of Age, April 9–12, 1917 (2007)
- Juno: Canadians at D-Day June 6, 1944 (2004)
- Deadlock in Korea : Canadians at War, 1950-1953 (1998)
- Playing Overtime: A Celebration of Oldtimers Hockey (1995)
- Days of Victory: Canadians Remember, 1939-1945 (1995)
- Behind the Glory: Canada's Role in the Allied Air War (1992)

Ivan Robinson Vignette on April 27

We look forward to hearing Ivan Robinson's life story as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Ivan has had a very interesting life including service as a medic in WWII, which relates to our guest speaker Ted Barris' topic at our next meeting.

Please join us as we celebrate Ivan's significant milestone achievement.

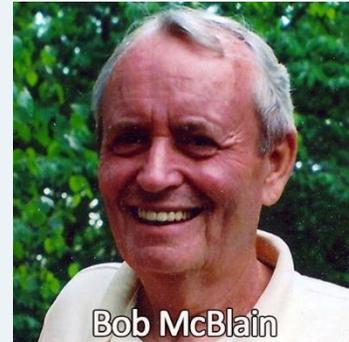


. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair

Welcome Guests

Now that we have resumed live meetings, and activities are gradually being reinstated, I would like to remind you that guests are most welcome.

If you have a friend, relative, or neighbour that you enjoy spending time with, please invite them out. I always enjoy a fresh face in the crowd and being given the opportunity to make a new acquaintance.



. . . Bob McBlain, Membership Chair



Annual Golf Tournament

August 24, 2022

Grand Valley Golf Club

Team scramble event so it doesn't matter what your skill level is.

Tee-off at 12 noon, stay for dinner and prizes after the game!

To register click on:

[Golf Tournament](#)

For more information, please contact:

. . . Miles Lauzon, mileslauzon@rogers.com, (519) 222-5122

Blue Jays Event

Grab your BLUE pen and circle September 13th on your calendar, it's BLUE JAYS day for our Club.

We have reserved a block of tickets so you can have an adult guest join you.

The bus leaves the RONA store parking lot on Eagle Street, just east of Hespeler Road at 11:00 am for a 1:07 pm game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

The game ends about 4 pm and our bus takes us home to Cambridge. There is an optional dinner at a Cambridge restaurant at your own expense (restaurant TBD)

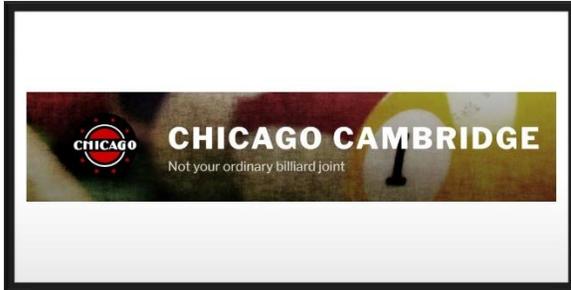
Tickets, including the bus trip to and from, are \$80 per person and reservations/payment can be made on the club website. Simply click on the Activities button under the Blue Jays logo.

For more information, please contact:

. . . Norm Steele, steelenorm013@gmail.com,
(519) 212-0303



Blue Jays



Billiards

Everyone was happy to return to billiards in March. You can still join us for some fun!

We meet at Chicago Billiards at the Delta. Come for 12 noon if you'd like lunch before billiards. Come for 1 pm for billiards.

Registration is easy:

- On our web site click on the Activities menu item
- Find the Billiards activity and click on Register
- Follow instructions
- Once you click on "Confirm" you will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Colin Brighton, 519-267-1182



Billiards

Trivia Contest

This month our questions focused on bands and performers. Dave Ottenbrite provided 50 questions and answers for our March 16th contest.

Dennis Souder won with almost a perfect score and John Snelgrove was a very close second.

Next month Dennis Souder is providing the Trivia material based on information he has recently encountered.

We meet the third Wednesday of of the month. Our next game will be at 10 am April 20th.

All are welcome. 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 "Misery" opens May 20th.

I have been involved with the Cambridge Community Players (formaly 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

Misery

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