



# NEWSLETTER

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Enriching members with topical, entertaining speakers and social activities

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13 at 9:00 am  
at The HR MacMillan Space Centre**

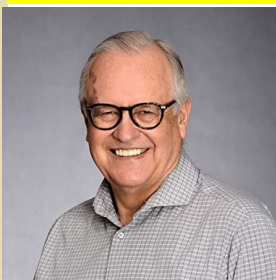
**Speaker: Mike Andruff—Author**

**Topic: “The Russian Refugees: A Family's  
First Century in Canada”**

**NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER**  
**July 11: Dr Jess McIver—Dept. of  
Physics & Astronomy, UBC**

**Topic: “Black Holes 5.0—how we de-  
tect dark cosmic objects using rip-  
ples in spacetime (and lasers)”**

### MIKE ANDRUFF



Mike Andruff has previously self-published ten travel books. This is his first venture into a published non-fiction historical genre. He is a first-generation Canadian and was in a unique position to observe his refugee father, the main character in the book, over the course of his lifetime. The story focuses on the amazing journey Mike's father's family took, to escape persecution in Russia for their religious beliefs. Over a lengthy time, they travelled

across Siberia and entered China where they stayed for several years, then travelled by boat to Vancouver via Japan, finally reaching Canada in June, 1924 almost exactly 99 years ago!

The solitude brought on by Covid-19 and the notion of writing a family history revealed to him the importance of the private sponsorship of refugees in Canada. Mike had a long career in business and is now happily retired. He lives in Vancouver, BC, with his wife, Claire.

### **Honourary Award Presented to Past President Hugh Lindsay**



At the regular May meeting, President Peter Scott had the pleasure of presenting Past President, Hugh Lindsay with an Honourary Life Membership.

Hugh has worked tirelessly for our club since he first joined in July, 2011. Hugh served as our President in 2017 and has continued to serve on the board since then. Hugh is currently our Archivist and Historian. Throughout his time on the board, he has proved to be a dedicated, conscientious and effective presence adding his expertise and experience in governance matters to the benefit of the club. Hugh oversaw the streamlining of our Constitution and Bylaws in 2018. During his term as president, Hugh developed a “President's Tool Kit” which has proved to be invaluable in providing guidance to future Presidents.