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Historic Saranac Lake Publishes new Biography of Dr. E. L. Trudeau

Saranac Lake, NY -- August 1, 2016 Historic Saranac Lake announced the release of a major biography of Dr. E. L. Trudeau by Mary B. Hotaling. The book, entitled *A Rare Romance in Medicine: The Life and Legacy of Edward Livingston Trudeau*, is now available to purchase from Historic Saranac Lake and will soon be for sale in local bookstores.

The new biography expands upon Dr. Trudeau's *Autobiography*, published posthumously in 1915. The doctor's great great grandson, Doonesbury Cartoonist Garry Trudeau, wrote the Foreword. Dr. Andrea Cooper, former Francis B. Trudeau Chair in Tuberculosis and Related Research at the Trudeau Institute, and Dr. Ian Orme, professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology at Colorado State University, contributed the closing chapter. The final chapter sets Dr. Trudeau's work in the context of the continuing study of the cellular immune response to TB.

The book is the fruit of years of research by Historic Saranac Lake's former Executive Director and Architectural Historian, Mary Hotaling. "Mary has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this project, and we are so proud of her," said Historic Saranac Lake Executive Director, Amy Catania. "This is the book that the public has been demanding. It is an important historical record of the man who defined Saranac Lake as a world-wide center for patient care and scientific research. We are thrilled to have this new book."

The book resulted from a partnership between a number of regional organizations. Historic Saranac Lake led the fundraising effort. Trudeau Institute supported early planning. The Saranac Lake Free Library provided research assistance and photographs. Adirondack Life designed the book and managed the printing.

Caroline Welsh, Director Emerita of the Adirondack Museum, served as Project Manager, shepherding the book to publication.

Generous gifts from the New York Newspaper Foundation, the Henry Uihlein II and Mildred A. Uihlein Foundation, and Finch Paper, LLC supported the book's publication. Private donations and book subscriptions from over 160 individuals also provided essential support for the project.

Historic Saranac Lake welcomes the public to a free book launch signing event on Saturday, August 13 from 2:00-4:00. The event will be held in the John Black Room of the Saranac Laboratory Museum, 89 Church Street. Call 518-891-4606 for details. Books can be purchased at the museum or online at www.historic-saranaclake.org/store.

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