

**2016 SPRING BANQUET
KINGSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH UELAC
Held Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Minos Village Restaurant**



As people gathered and found a seat, there was much conversation.

Some conversation was about how well Major-General Sir Isaac Brock looked, almost 200 years after the report of his death. Anne Redish was also dressed in a style more of 1812 than 1776...

...but Peter Johnson from Quinte Branch UELAC came in his Revolutionary War uniform.





Speaker Dr. Marcus Letourneau, Chair Peter Milliken UE and Eastern Ontario Region UELAC Vice-President Anne Redish UE prepare to take their seats while other guests chat.

[below] Jim Long helps the speaker get set up for his presentation. Chris Shelley as Isaac Brock made a colourful addition to the event.

Dominion UELAC President Barb Andrew brought greetings from the Association ...



.. and then presented Loyalist Certificates to Ronald Storing and Mary Ann Bell for their proven descent from Hermanus See UEL. Doris Wemp accepted the certificate for her sister Mary Ann, who was unable to be present.



After our delicious lunch, Anne Redish introduced Marcus Letourneau, who spoke on “Creative Directions, Changes and Opportunities in Heritage: Best Practices”.



Among other interesting ideas, Marcus suggested that various heritage groups could work cooperatively to “sell” cities on the need for preservation and promotion of heritage; that buildings and places may be of some interest for saving and re-purposing, but it’s the stories of the people who lived in them, worked there or built them that need to be told. We all went home feeling encouraged to get the stories of our Loyalist ancestors – and the generations that followed them – down on paper or computer, for others to read in the future. If elected officials and bureaucrats don’t know the importance of folks like Michael Grass or Molly Brant, John Asselstine or Edward Hicks or Henry Young, in founding Kingston and other areas, we need to tell them.

Jim Long UE carries out the Loyalist flag while the rest rise for the singing of *O Canada*. With this, a delightful luncheon banquet comes to an end.



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