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Kingston and District Branch was granted its charter November 4, 1978.

We hope you have all survived the ice, snow and cold! The date for our upcoming meeting is Saturday, March 28th, 2015, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, corner of Monteral & Queen Streets. Lunch is being provided and served at 12:00 noon.

Our speaker is Ms. Sue Bazely, well known in Kingston and beyond for her work in archaeology. When we last spoke, I believe she had gleaned some very interesting findings.

Do come and join us – and BRING A FRIEND!

JANUARY 24th MEETING

Our speaker, Mr. Maxime Chouinard gave a presentation “The Doctor Will See You – Early Medicine in Canada”, an overview of medicine as it was practiced prior to the 20th century.

He explored the different approaches to the field of medicine which were introduced to Canada in the 18th and 19th centuries. What was the rationale behind certain treatments and how individual discoveries helped to change our perception of disease.

The late Dr. James Low had started a collection of medical memorabilia in 1988. By 1991, the collection had grown and became known. In fact, the Academy of Medicine in Toronto donated most of their collection to the Health Care Museum Kingston. Now it is the largest in Canada. Dental, nursing artifacts, and other strange instruments soon added up to 40,000 artifacts – many are in storage.

Early skills working with limited knowledge in medieval times focused on the four fluids of the body – blood, phlegm, choler, and black bile. Later, red and white barber poles were displayed as a symbol of the “bleeders’ trade” and rags were used to stop the bleeding and to clean up afterwards.

Consumption, tuberculosis, cholera, gangrene – all were attended by surgeons who used cutters with ivory or ebony handles. Dr. James Douglas, Sr., was the best surgeon in the country – he amputated in a minute!

The American President, James Garfield, was shot; a surgeon removed the bullet, but Garfield died the next day.

Louis Pasteur made discoveries in immunology, microbiology and rabies.

KINGSTON REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR

The Fair this year is on Thursday, May 7th for the day to be held at McArthur Hall, Queen’s University . We will be doing some setting up on the Wednesday evening. We certainly welcome all the support you can muster, from resources to funding to judges to volunteers in any other capacity. Please inform your U.E. friends, and all others, that we welcome their participation. There is a form for volunteers to complete on our Kingston Regional Heritage Fair site, and that site also provides lots of information. Thank you again! See you in May if not before. The volunteers’ page is <http://www.krhf.ca/about/volunteers>

- submitted Ellie Deir

SILVER BADGE OF SERVICE

The Silver Badge of Service was presented to Marlene McCracken by Her Honour, the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at the annual Monarchist League of Canada's Accession Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in Toronto on Sunday, February 8, 2015.

- submitted by Marlene McCracken



MEMBERSHIP & BADGES

All those folks who have been attending our Branch meetings will have noticed our re-designed name badges thanks to Lorraine Sherren. (The yellow ones identify the members of our Executive Committee.) Many of our members have worked long and hard tracing their Loyalist Ancestors and have received their U.E. certificate(s). We are recognizing that by including the name of the Loyalist ancestor on the badge, to wear proudly and for all to see.

There may be some of you who received your certificate prior to joining our branch. To ensure that I have acknowledged ALL Certificates, if you have one or more, could you please contact us and let us know the name of your Loyalist(s).

- submitted by Lorraine Sherren

A reminder: 2015 memberships are now past due.!!

PERMANENT LIBRARY COLLECTION

The Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is delighted to announce an agreement to place their collection of about 170 history books on permanent loan at the Central Branch of Kingston Frontenac Public Library.

Kingston and District Branch's fine collection of general and family Loyalist histories has been built over the past thirty-odd years by purchases and donations under the leadership of long-time branch librarian John Chard (died 2013). John Chard's abiding passion was for educating all Canadians about the role of the Loyalists in the establishment and growth of this country. He would have been pleased that we are now able to share this collection on a non-circulating reference basis with anyone who wishes to use it – genealogists, students, and anyone interested in Canadian history. UEL volumes will be added to the KFPL catalogue with the identifier "UELAC".

The United Empire Loyalists were generally those who had been settled in the thirteen colonies at the outbreak of the American Revolution, who remained loyal to and took up the Royal Standard, and who settled in what is now Canada at the end of the war. Perhaps one Canadian in ten has at least one Loyalist ancestor. This library collection covers not only those United Empire Loyalists who settled in eastern Ontario but also Loyalists who went to the Maritimes and other parts of Ontario, as well as source materials to help trace their lives in New York and New England prior to the Revolution. (It is now on shelves across the room from Kingston Branch OGS's collection.)



Chief Librarian Patricia Enright and Peter Milliken, President of Kingston & District Branch UELAC, shake hands after signing agreement to place the UEL branch's book collection on permanent loan at KFPL.
Photo: Nancy Cutway

The UEL Association of Canada was formed in 1914 as an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Canadians through knowledge of the past, in particular the history of the United Empire Loyalists and their contribution to the development of Canada. Kingston and District Branch, one of 27 across the country, was established in 1978. Some of the founding members descended from Michael Grass and the Associated Loyalists who were the first to arrive to settle Kingston in June 1784.

For further information about Kingston and District Branch UELAC, please visit

www.uelac.org/kingston

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- photo & article submitted by Nancy Cutway

KINGSTON BRANCH O.G.S.

The Kingston & Area Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will meet in the Wilson Room of Kingston Frontenac Public Library, 130 Johnson Street, on Saturday, April 18th @10:00 a.m. Janet Connor from Lanark will speak on Social Media and Internet Sites for Genealogy – for beginner to advanced.

Visitors welcome. Further information at www.ogs.on.ca/kingston

- submitted by Margaret MacDermaid

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