

## **INTRODUCTION OF BARB ANDREW, PRESIDENT UELAC**

**T**his evening we are here to welcome our new Dominion President Barb Andrew. And it is my privilege to make the introduction. As UELAC Dominion President, Barb brings a solid background in leadership that began in her teen years. Many of you may not know this but before coming to us as a dedicated member of the executive, Barb had another life as a skilled athlete. From a young age Barb was a competitive sportswoman using her expertise to teach youth swimming and gym classes at the YMCA. In fact she also has close family ties to the NHL and a Stanley Cup Champion. The reason I mention this, is that should you ever be approached by Barb to assist on a committee there is little point in running. Barb is very capable of overtaking you.

For thirteen years Barb has served in executive positions with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, beginning in 2002 as Branch Vice-President and later President at the Manitoba Branch. In 2007 she was elected as Prairie Region Councillor and in 2009 Barb became Membership Chair for UELAC. Four years later Barb was elected Senior Vice-President, becoming UELAC Finance Committee Chair and Chair of the Grants Committee. During this time she was actively involved as treasurer of the Brandon General Museum & Archives Board, Central United Church Board Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #003. Barb has also served on the board of Daly House Museum, the Victorian Garden Committee of DHM, the executive of the SW Branch Manitoba Genealogical Society and is a lifelong volunteer of many not for profit organizations in the City of Brandon. In 2017 and 2018 the city of Brandon, Manitoba is hosting the Royal Canadian Legion Canadian Youth Track & Field Championships with Barb Andrew as Chair.

You might ask where one would find Barb when she actually has down time. Try the local cemetery. Barb will tell you herself that she has a deep-rooted love of history and has spent many satisfying hours in family history research. As a Loyalist descendant and long time member of UELAC Barb recognizes the importance of preserving and promoting the significant role of the United Empire Loyalists in Canada's history.

You've all heard the adage "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." As a busy person, Barb realizes the value of time and of making good use of resources. Once committed to a project, she is willing to go the extra mile to ensure its successful completion.

It has been my good fortune to work closely with Barb for a few years now and I can assure you she is a dedicated individual with great insight and gifts that we as members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will certainly benefit from during her term as President.

by B. Schepers UE  
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