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AGM & Spring Social

April 18th, 2015, 11:30 am

Macie's Best Western

Off Carling Ave. across from Westgate Mall

Speaker: Brian Tackaberry

*Topic: Loyalist Settlements of Eastern Ontario
including the Rideau Valley*

He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a retired high school music and math teacher (Almonte District High School), and author of many articles and books on Loyalists, especially in the Bay of Quinte area. He is the conductor of the First Citizen's Band in Perth. He has been 30 years on the North Lanark Highland Games Board of Directors in Almonte. He is also on the North Lanark Historical Society for which he recently edited a book "The Lost Generation of Mississippi Mills". As branch president of the Bay of Quinte for many years he has supervised the construction of the United Empire Loyalist Heritage and Park on 72 acres at the historic landing site of the Loyalists in Adolphustown, part of Greater Napanee. The branch has maintained the Loyalist cemetery on the site and Brian has been instrumental in the renovation of the Loyalist monument there.

Menu:

Salad

Choice of :

- a) Beef Stroganoff on a bed of rice,
- b) Chicken kiev with Roasted Potatoes, and seasonal vegetables,
- Or
- c) Vegetable Lasagna with garlic bread

Rolls and butter
Strawberry parfait

Tea or coffee

Please send cheque for \$30 made out to Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC to Bob Adair at 34 Briardale Cres., Nepean, Ont. K2C 1C2.

Indicate choice of main course.

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UCLAC Annual Conference Toronto, June 5-8, 2014

By Sylvia Powers

We met at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto with sunny weather. The subway running from Bloor to Union was closed for repairs so I got to line up for buses coming and going from my room north of Bloor. From our branch came Marg Hall, Lynne Webb, Gary Bagley, and myself. Little did we know that this would be Lynne's last conference.

On Thursday at the welcome reception we heard Peter C. Newman give a witty preview of his book "Hostages to fortune: the vanguard of a great nation" due to be published next year. Fred Hayward presented the book he had edited "Loyally Yours: 100 Years of the UELAC" in which a history is given of the events leading up to the formation of the association and includes histories from the various branches across Canada.

On Friday we had a choice of taking a bus tour to explore Mississauga's Loyalist past or attending the seminars. I attended the latter. We were told how to preserve our documents (Do not use paper clips). Todd Braistead spoke of the military records of The New Jersey Volunteers, 1776-1783. Marian Press showed us how to add social context to our family history by using online sources. Jane MacNamara told us what was available in Prerogative, Probate, and Surrogate courts, as well as wills in land records. Lesley Anderson demonstrated how to find pre-confederation records through Ancestry.ca. Buses came to shuttle us to Burwash Hall, Victoria College, at the University of Toronto. This brought back fond memories to Marg Hall of her time there in the Gothic building. After a delayed dinner (due to waiting for a bus which seemed to have become lost for a while), we listened to a group called "Muddy York" sing traditional songs of the past.

After the AGM on Saturday, we could chose a walking tour or a rest. I chose to check out the Toronto Branch library and then have a short rest. Dressing in period dress, I took the subway to catch a bus part way to the hotel in time for the gala reception and dinner. A few past presidents including Okill Stuart, Bernice Flett, Bill Terry, Myrna Fox, and the four in the last decade were honoured. Dinner was really good and my need for gluten-free and vegetarian food was well met. The Dorchester Award was presented to Fred Hayward for his efforts on the Association's behalf. The Opera "Molly of the Mohawks" was presented. It was wonderful.

It was a very enjoyable conference. Next year the conference will be in Victoria, May 28-31, 2015. I plan to be there. How about you?



Notes on Fall Social

November 22, 2014 11:30am

Macie's Best Western, Carling Avenue

This year's Fall Social began with some informal social time before lunch. A good opportunity to meet with other members and catch up on happenings within the Branch and to greet new members.

The formal program kicked off with the advancement of the colours by Bill Powers and Barry Gilmore. Sylvia Powers welcomed everyone to the luncheon and the group then sang God Save the Queen. The toasts to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and King George III were made by Ron Richards. A moment of silence was held in memory of 2 branch members, Lynne Webb and Bill Francis who passed away in the last year.

Sylvia then introduced our new President, Beth Sweetnam. Grace was offered by Marg Hall. The luncheon served by the very efficient staff of Macie's was again this year up to a high standard. After lunch, the staff were thanked by Bob Adair for another job well done.

Before the introduction of our guest speaker, Gary Bagley and Dorothy Meyerhof gave brief reports. Gary reported that there have been 17 new members since July 1 and that 12 of them have applied for certificates. Two certificates were presented to Bill Powers by UELAC President Bonnie Schepers and Gary for his ancestors Rulif Ostrum and Col. William Marsh.



Dorothy reported that the Branch library now has approximately 900 books. The library catalogue is available on the Branch website and is a searchable PDF file. A link to the catalogue is also available through the UELAC website. She encouraged everyone to come into the library which is situated within the City of Ottawa Archives building at 100 Tallwood Drive.

After a brief break, Sylvia introduced our guest speaker Bonnie Schepers. Bonnie has a long standing association with the UELAC since 1998. Her Loyalist ancestor is Abraham Pastorius. During her association with the Loyalists, Bonnie has been Branch secretary with Bicentennial Branch, Central West Region Councillor and Vice-President. Bonnie has also served on a number of committees: Loyalist Burial Site Committee, Volunteer Recognition Awards Committee, Grants Committee among others. She became President of the UELAC in 2013. Bonnie presented her topic "History, Heroes and Hope". A very interesting presentation on the past 100 years of the UELAC. Where we have come from and where we as an organization hope to go in the future. Bob Adair thanked Bonnie and presented her with a small token of our appreciation.

The announcements included with this years programme are:

1. The Branch needs a Vice-President. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time.
2. Conference 2015: Loyalists Come west, May 28-31, in Victoria, BC.
3. Ottawa Branch, OGS, meeting stake place at the City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood Dr., generally on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00pm.
4. Donations to UELAC can now be made on-line at www.canadahelps.org. The key word "UELAC" takes you to the donor page. Canada Helps issues a tax receipt immediately.
5. To advertise in the Loyalist Gazette email Pat Adair at Gerry.pat@sasktel.net. Volunteers are needed to do book reports for the Gazette.
6. Gene-o-Rama, held by Ottawa Branch OGS will be held Mar 27-28, 2015 at the Confederation Education Centre, 1645 Woodroffe Ave. <http://ogsottawa.on.ca>

7. Add your Loyalist ancestor to the Loyalist directory at uelac.org
8. Articles for the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Newsletter are always appreciated. Please send them to our Newsletter Editor, Michelle Lawless mlaw19@gmail.com
9. If you have not already done so, please send your membership renewal to Bob Adair, 34 Briardale Cres, Ottawa, ON K2E 1C2.

The social came to an end with the Retiring of the Colours and then the singing of O Canada.

for more photos of the event, please visit <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o7jlxza3y1pcra/AACW6ilxn9UhCYucxnNJQZUya>

Ottawa Branch
Ontario Genealogical Society

Presents the 31st

GENE-O-RAMA
March 27-28, 2015

Confederation Education Centre 1645
Woodroffe Avenue Ottawa, Ontario (Corner of Hunt Club & Woodroffe) Check out their website to register

Loyalists Come West

Annual UELAC Conference in Victoria May 28 to 31, 2015

The conference will take place in Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina which stands facing Victoria's Inner Harbour with excellent views of the bay and close to many tourist spots. Details about the event and an application form can be found on the UELAC.org home page. If you register before April 23rd, you will receive a formal invitation from the Lieutenant Governor of B.C. Early Bird registration is by April 27, 2015 in which you can save up to \$30 by registering early. Many branch members are planning to go. See you there.

Our new newsletter editor is Michelle Lawless. If you have articles to contribute to the next newsletter, please email her at mlaw19@gmail.com

We welcome Beth Sweetnam as our new president. She can be reached at beth@pbcsweetnam.com, or by phone at 613-831-9955

"To Dream The Impossible Dream"

William. J. "Bill" Francis passed away peacefully in Ottawa on the 12th of July 2014 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Gail Aldus for 58 years and loving father of their five children; Brent (Lucia), Darrell (Erin), Janet (Angus MacDonald), Matthew and Daniel (Ronalda). Survived by his nine loving grandchildren; Ben, Alex, Graham, Hilliard, Alastair, Laura, Christine, Billy and Selina. Also surviving Bill is his sister Doris Rose (late Ivan), brother Reginald (Lyn), and he was predeceased by his brother Hugh (late Lois). Dear brother-in-law of Dave Aldus (Eleanor) Peterborough. Bill began working with his father H.G. Francis in 1953, selling and servicing home comfort products, eventually taking over the business and growing it to become one of the largest independent firms in the petroleum, heating and air conditioning industry in Canada. In his memory, donations to the Kidney Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Condolences, tributes or donations may be made at www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com

"To Dream The IMPOSSIBLE DREAM"
Bill, has Reached the Unreachable Star
"God Bless"

Sir Guy Carleton Branch

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

NEW MEMBER _____ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by e-mail: No: _____ Yes: _____

Please Choose Membership Category:

Family* (2 or more at same address) \$65: _____

Individual \$50: _____

Branch \$15: _____ Name of home Branch: _____

*Names of additional Family Members: _____

UEL Ancestors: _____

Preference for the spring social: _____

I agree to allow my name, address and telephone number information to be included in the Sir Guy Carleton Branch membership list for circulation only to members of the Branch.

Agree: _____ Disagree: _____

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