















**The Honourable Judith Guichon OBC**  
**Lieutenant Governor of B.C.**  
*Sworn into office on November 2, 2012*

<http://www.ltgov.bc.ca/default.htm>

### The Piper's Toast



No explanation of "The Piper's Toast" would be complete unless some dissertation on the origins of the Piper and the pipes was provided.



**City of Vancouver Proclamation congratulating the Vancouver Branch UELAC on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### Bagpipes are a Weapon of War

"The bagpipe is the only musical instrument deemed a weapon of war because it inspired its troops to battle and instilled terror into the enemy. The skirl of the pipes stirs men's and women's souls and its power and influence in battle as in life, is measurable".

The effects of the pipes on friend or foe are legendary crossing all cultural, geographic, economic and historical barriers. An examination of the origins and development of the pipes, their use among the ancient Celts and in modern warfare and life reveal their true and enduring significance.

The origins and history of the pipes is interesting as the world has known the pipes in one form or another for more than 5,000 years. Bagpipes were invented when people found they could make music by blowing into a hollow reed and eventually the idea of harnessing a bag for a reservoir of air evolved. References to pipes are made in the Pharonic literature of Ancient Egypt, the Ancient Holy Land Scriptures. During the days of the Roman Empire there are numerous references to the pipes being played and in fact it is widely believed that Nero himself played the pipes and that Rome fell to the sound of the pipes, not the fiddle as previously thought. It is quite probable that the Romans brought the pipes to Scotland during their invasions.

For more information search [www.rcmpvetspei.ca/resources/.../The%20Piper's%20Toast.doc](http://www.rcmpvetspei.ca/resources/.../The%20Piper's%20Toast.doc)

## *In Memory of members...*

### *Joyce Tiplady UE*

*Nov 23 1930 – Jan 15 2013*

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Joyce was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan but lived most of her life in Kerrisdale and West Point Gray, Vancouver.



She led an active social life and belonged to many varied groups including the Red Cross Water Safety and Royal Life Saving Societies, where she was an instructor. She belonged to the YWCA, the New Leaf Club, to the BC Genealogical Society, and the Dunbar United

Church. At one time in her life she was a Fuller Brush saleswoman and Joyce's son, David commented that she took a long time to make her rounds as a lot of her time was spent chatting with everyone. Joyce was a stamp collector, lawn bowler, bowler and she loved ballroom dancing and tap dancing. She was an avid gardener and a voracious reader. She had many, many friends, young and old, new and lifelong. Joyce was a woman who loved life and plunged in and enjoyed all that life offered her. She loved to travel. Joyce was fiercely independent and encouraged her children to be so.

*Live life on your own terms.*

At Joyce's service her UE Certificate and a picture with Carl were displayed.

#### **Mary Anne Bethune UE**

Margaret Joyce Tiplady UE received her long sought after UE certificate on 04 June 2005 at the Gala Banquet of the Annual Conference in Regina, SK. Joyce, who has lived most of her life in Vancouver, BC, was born in Moosejaw, SK. It was a thrill to see Joyce's surprise when Doug Grant UE, UELAC President, called Joyce to the podium to receive her certificate and Loyalist pin [Loyalist Ancestor: Arthur Orser UE] from Vancouver Branch Genealogist and Pacific Regional Councillor, Carl Stymiest UE.

(The Loyalist Gazette September 22, 2005)

#### **Carl Stymiest UE**

### *Duncan Cameron UE*

*Apr 19 1927 – 20 Jan 2013*

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Duncan was born in Stormont County, Ontario, the same place that his Loyalist ancestors – the McGregors, Munroes and Camerons - settled 225 years ago.



#### **Below is Carl Stymiest UE's account of Duncan's service**

I just returned from the Celebration of Life for Duncan followed by a wonderful reception after. The service was great with the sharing of the Slide presentation that is on

the Memorial site, as well as different people telling stories and relating events in which they had known Duncan.

I was so impressed with his eulogy and they not only mentioned his love of the Vancouver Branch UELAC and his great pride in receiving his certificate for Hugh McGregor several years ago, but also had his UE Certificate and Tricorn hat with his pin on it on the Altar Table. The Pastor had everyone close their eyes and picture a time or place when we were with Duncan. Immediately, my image was that of him receiving his certificate and Wendy and I presenting his Tricorn and pin. George Baldwin and wife, Bobbie were also present and George's image was that of Duncan phoning each month to relay that the meeting was happening and what the program was. George said he could not get a word in "edgewise" until Duncan finished his message; then the conversation began.

When the Pastor was going over the photos and items on the table, he did not quite know what the "hat" was called, so he asked. Not missing a chance to educate the masses I stood up and said that it was Duncan's TRICORN which he received with his "UE" certificate, something that he was very proud of achieving.

### **Web Sites that I Enjoy**

#### **Mary Anne Bethune UE**

#### **Historical Clothing and Accessories**

<http://americanduchess.blogspot.ca/>

This is a delightful site which I have no idea of how I came across. I was probably looking at shoes for my UE outfit! There was Lauren, with a site focusing on "Historical Costume from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century". Lauren is thoroughly enmeshed in re-enactment clothing and accessories and has provided an excellent source of ideas, links and shoes.

I confess that I've bought shoes from the "Duchess", not 1 pair, but 3 pair. Two of the pairs I've bought are the "Kensington" leather 1770 -1790 shoe, one red pair and one black pair. They are very comfortable and they have garnered many compliments. I have a pair of her buckles to fasten them. I have yet to succumb to the clocked silk stockings.

Lauren has created a site which will give you no end of ideas for the clothing of the Loyalist lady, her hairdos, corsets, undergarments, dresses and accessories. Read the site and weep, turn green with envy, but above all, enjoy!

#### **The Social Security Death Master File**

<http://sscmf.info>

An ominous name for an informative file. All the information is public information. You can look through this by calendar year from 1800 onwards, earlier Gregorian calendars provided for research convenience. You can also sort by name. This is an American site but I've found information about Canadians, depending of place of birth or residence, and also information about possible ancestors from other countries. There is a free link to information such as birth announcements, the father's occupation, addresses and who the informant was. Further links may necessitate joining other sites, but on this site you never know who you might find.



## 2013 Vancouver Branch Executive, UELAC

President	Gwen Dumfries UE
Vice President	Leslie Hammond
Treasurer	Judith Ueland
Secretary	Diane Faris UE
Past President	Carl Stymiest UE

### Appointed

Genealogists	Linda Nygard UE, Lynne Charles UE
Membership	Linda Watson UE
Archivist	Carl Stymiest UE (liason with City of Vancouver Archives)

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY MEETING "Black History Month"** 19 February 2013 (7:30)  
*Wayde Compton speaker <http://www.waydecompton.com>*

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** 17 March 2013  
*Followed by lunch at a local restaurant*

### **NO MARCH MEETING**

**APRIL MEETING "Peter Warren Dease"** 16 April 2013  
*Warren Bell UE speaker*  
[http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/dease\\_pw.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/dease_pw.shtml)

**B.C. Heritage School Fairs** April/May

### **NO MAY MEETING**

**Multicultural Festival, New Westminster Quay** 19 May 2013

**Spring Fleet at Chilliwack** 4 May 2013  
*Dominion President Bob McBride UE will present certificates*

**UELAC Conference (Burlington, ON)** 30 May – 2 June 2013

### **JUNE MEETING TBA**

**B.C. Highland Games, Coquitlam** 23 June 2013

**B.C. Loyalist Day** 21 July 2013  
*Queen's Park, New Westminster (Shelter #2)* 11:00 – 2:00

**Brigade Days, For Langley** 5 August 2013  
*Summer Branch Picnic*

### NEWSLETTER

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