



## Update for members during COVID -19 isolation.



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*"Because they were Loyalists, we are Canadians" ~W.S.MacNUTT*

## Meeting cancellations at the Bonsor Recreation Centre

The Vancouver Branch has held 4 meetings per year at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby since 2010. We have a nice working relationship with Maria, the allotment clerk and Monica the recreation clerk who handle our bookings.

A formal letter to cancel the March 17th meeting was sent to her on March 13th. On April 23rd a similar letter was

sent to cancel the upcoming May 19th meeting. Our rental fees will remain on our account with the City of Burnaby in anticipation of future bookings when this time of social distancing is over. For those of you who may wonder... our rental fees are \$72.48 per meeting, including a small amount for insurance. The custodial staff members are always very attentive to our last minute requests for extra chairs or tables. We appreciate them.

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Will we meet for our picnic? Possibly, please save the date!

Your Branch Executive with the assistance of New Westminister resident Gwen Dumfries UE booked and paid for our picnic date, time and location last fall in anticipation of our annual Loyalist Day celebration. We have enjoyed this picnic since the first one was held in Queen's Park in New Westminister in 2012.

We will let you know in good time if this year's picnic, scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2020 will need to be cancelled.



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## The yearly branch picnic celebrates a proclamation!

**B.C. Loyalist Day proclaimed by Lt. Gov. Stephen Point**

The four Pacific Regional Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will continue to celebrate BC Loyalist Day, on the closest Sunday to the 22nd July.

Sunday 22 July was proclaimed as BC Loyalist Day in 2012 by then Hon. Lt. Gov. Stephen Point.





UELAC Vancouver Branch



## Facebook. What is the role of our social media?

The Branch Facebook page is there for information, fun and connection. However, I want to assure those who are not members of this “private group” that Facebook will never be our sole means of communication with Branch members.

For many years our Genealogist Linda Nygard UE has maintained an email list of members. This is how you receive notices of meetings, minutes and other important information.

When members do not renew because they have forgotten or are no longer able to continue as members we keep them on the list for a year or so, to ensure they stay

informed.

The CASL statement at the end of all messages that go to the full group is a requirement. CASL means Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation.

Please ask to join the Facebook page if you would like to. There are 3 “admin” people who vet the requests to join. There are questions to answer. These allow us to decline the request of people who are looking for a platform to sell something or are just looking to increase the number of groups they belong to.

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Hello from Christine Manzer UE.

Creating this newsletter with a Word template was new territory for me. But, with social isolation I had the time to struggle through the process - making good use of the “Undo” Please know that any spelling errors or format anomalies are my responsibility.

It is my privilege to be President of the UELAC Vancouver Branch. With the encouragement of the current Executive I have agreed to extend my role for another year. Although there is plenty to do, the most rewarding part of being the President is that of being with you all at meetings and events and we have not had that opportunity.

To date we have missed out on our March meeting where we would have learned more about a strong Loyalist woman - Grace Growden Galloway. Coco and I hope to present this program in March 2021 to celebrate International Women’s Day. We missed out on our planned tour of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery history museum with our guide, Dr. Peter Moogk UE.

As we wait for encouragement from Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Provincial Health Officer for British Columbia, that we may return to some sense of normal in the coming months we have cancelled the May 19th as I outline on the first page of this newsletter.

We are a big family with members in many places. I hope that you are all feeling safe and comfortable in your own homes whether you are close by in the Lower Mainland, in Victoria or other cities in BC. In Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick in Canada. Best wishes to our members in Washington, Oregon, California and New York in the USA, and to members in Japan and The Netherlands too. If you are at work I hope you will stay healthy. To those of you at home working on genealogy I hope you are making wonderful discoveries during this difficult time.

Peace be with you all.

## UELAC AGM

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Virtual meeting  
June 27, 2020



Please watch your email for details of this important meeting that will now be a virtual meeting because of the cancellation of the 2020 conference in Winnipeg. Proxy forms will be forthcoming.