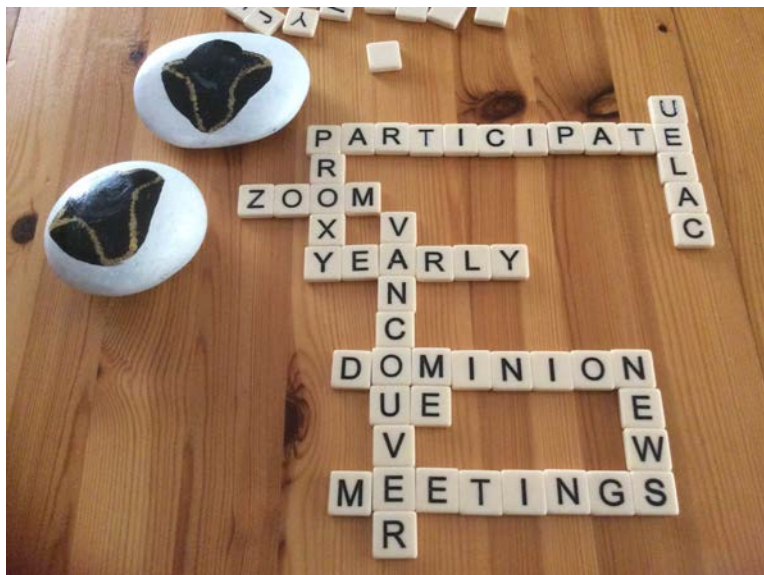




Update #2 for members during COVID -19 restrictions.



Zoom meetings are happening. Should we try it?

Zoom is a web conferencing platform that is commonly used for audio and video conferencing. It is designed for one-on-one or group calls and is done at your computer.

After hearing that the Zoom meeting of the 2023 conference committee co-chairs went well and also experiencing a very successful BCGS monthly meeting myself via Zoom I am inspired to try to host a virtual gathering of our members. This would not be a formal meeting (no minutes to approve or record) but would be based on the theme of introducing our Loyalists.

We could tell each other who our Loyalists were. Where they settled or re-settled. How we discovered we were Loyalist descendants or if it was always known in our family lore.

An ideal time would need to be chosen. Since many of us are retired I would like to have this on either a Wednesday or Thursday.

Before I determine what level of Zoom to invest in I would like to hear what you think of this idea. I would be happy to hear from you at cemanzer@mac.com.

Christine E. Manzer, UE President, Vancouver Branch.

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Will we meet for our picnic?

It is still a possibility so please save the date!

Your Branch Executive with the assistance of New Westminster 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 Westminster 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.

The annual Loyalist Day buttons have been ordered for 2020 and will be shared when we can. There is a limited edition of 50.



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 virtual AGM is on Saturday June 27, 2020 starting at 9 am from the comfort of your own home.

We want to ensure that you all have the opportunity to register to attend this Virtual meeting or are able to appoint a Proxy.

Deadline for sending in your proxy is Friday, June 19th, 2020.

Responding address or e-mail is included on the forms found on the website.

Thank you to those who have sent their proxy to the UELAC Dominion Secretary. There is still time to take part. Please mail or e-mail your proxy as soon as possible.


Annual General Meeting: Details Available Now

Notice of Meeting: Now publicly posted at UELAC.ca

Meeting details: Now available in the Members' Section, log-in at UELAC.ca

Here you will see:

- Overview
- Notice of Meeting
- Attending the Virtual AGM (Registration and deadline)
- Not Attending? Send Your Proxy (Registration and various deadlines)
- AGM General Items
- Executive Reports
- Committee Reports
- Motions



**Are you filling out
the proxy form?**

The following executive members have indicated that they will be at their computer for the virtual AGM and are willing to have their names made known to the Vancouver Branch members as someone who could hold their proxy:

Coco Aders-Weremczuk, Diane Faris UE,
Christine Manzer UE, Glenn Smith UE, Carl Stymiest UE

Pacific Regional FALL FLEET Postponed.

Our regional celebration of the arrival of the Fall Fleet of Loyalists to the shores of Nova Scotia and the mouth of the Saint John River is a special event for the hosting branch. Planning a theme, a speaker and the lunch in order to host our friends from around the province is enjoyable work.

Since it is our desire to have many people participate and to make wise financial decisions the Vancouver Branch executive has postponed the October 3, 2020 luncheon and celebration involving all 4 Pacific Region Branches to October 2, 2021. (This is a tentative date but we expect that the lead-time will mean that our chosen venue will be available to us.) There will be more details to follow as we move beyond this COVID-19 crisis.

The Vancouver Branch members who were planning to join the Victoria Branch for the Spring Fleet Luncheon earlier this month missed seeing you all then. And thinking about the Strawberry tea that happens in June each year in Chilliwack, we are “berry” sad to be missing that event.

And now a word from our Pacific Regional Vice President about the 2020 Phillip E M Leith Memorial Award:

In light of the Pandemic and the postponement of the Fall Fleet for Oct 2020, we will not be presenting the Volunteer Memorial Phillip E M Leith Award this year. If you have a possible nomination, please keep it safe and submit when called in 2021.

Do you know the name of the ship that brought your Loyalist to the colony of Nova Scotia or Quebec?

See:

<http://uelac.org/Loyalist-Ships/Loyalist-Ships.php>

