

## Kawartha Branch Fall Banquet: 20 October 2012

I had the pleasure and honour of attending my own Branch's Annual Fall Banquet on 20 October 2012 with my wife, Grietje, hosted by the Kawartha Branch President, Doreen Thompson UE, Master of Ceremonies being CHEX television personality, Graham Hart UE. After I brought greetings



from the Association, Deputy Mayor, Henry Clarke, brought greetings from the City of Peterborough, followed by our Member of Provincial Parliament, Jeff Leal.

The guest speaker was Lt. Col. Stephen Borland UE, son of long-time member, Keith Borland UE, and his wife, Deneysel, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past July. Stephen gave a presentation about his service in Afghanistan, accompanied by a visual display using Power Point. Highlighting the beauty of the countryside and the multi-layered cultural beliefs in this part of the world, he showed us, in part, what challenges face our forces working to train local police and military units in Afghanistan. As well, he praised the highly skilled personnel and medical corps for their lifesaving work with wounded soldiers and





civilians.

Our support of Canadian forces serving in other countries is part of our heritage. Many of our own loyal ancestors fought to protect home and country in the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Many Branches across Canada will join in observances of Remembrance Day on November 11.

Mary Christina (Tina) Lloyd UE received her



UELAC certificate for her Loyalist ancestor, Robert Land Senior, from our Kawartha Branch Genealogist, Joan Lucas UE, who has worked very hard to process about sixty-five certificates this summer while “*on holiday*”. Joan was honoured this summer to have received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for her volunteerism in the community and her work as Branch Genealogist.

We all have skills and talents to share. Teamwork lightens the work of each individual and enriches the times when we can get together.

Sincerely and loyally,  
Robert C. McBride UE,  
UELAC Dominion President 2011 – 2013.