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# Link Up



Photo by Marlene Dance

## A Message from the President

This third edition of our on-line "Link-Up" follows closely on the heels of our "Harvest Time" fall meeting which was held at our usual venue, Carman United Church, just two days ago on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Several of our members often wear their period dress which always adds additional ambiance to our festivities. Our editor, Marlene Dance, wore her new Loyalist ensemble for the first time. Complete with an apron upon which she had embroidered delicate flowers, she looked every bit a lovely Loyalist Lass. Judy Scholz UE organized the "UEL Country Store" which included harvest vegetables, fruits and bulbs, as well as many miscellaneous items available for those present to buy.

Thanks to our generous members who always bring a wide variety of delicious food for our lunch, we dine and enjoy each other's company before we begin our program. Vicky Heibner UE, organized the kitchen tasks. Our Young Loyalists, Karaline, Sydney and Koralee Heibner (all UE's) helped wherever needed. Our ever faithful Flag Bearer, Alan Reid UE, always in period dress, performs his duties handsomely at all our meetings. Marlene Dance educated us on several topics including the ElderCollege program here in Chilliwack and the latest edition of "Canada's History". She closed her presentation with the importance of recording and learning from family stories and then shared a few stories from her own family tree. We offered our heartfelt congratulations to Allan Kennedy UE who was the recipient of a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his assistance to Navy Veterans, and to Deleine Perrie UE on the wedding of her son (also grandson of Jerry Brown UE), Tyler Perrie UE to Rebecca Wurtz this past July 7th in Abbotsford.

Our greatest admiration goes out to Judy Scholz UE who having just recently lost her husband Wolfgang, still carried out their commitment to be at the Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days, August 2- 5, 2012, as Black Powder Re-enactors. With help from two of her grandchildren, Sydney Heibner UE and Ethan Lyftogt UE, they set up their encampment which is no small feat. On the Monday of that week-end, Chilliwack folks Allan & Jacqueline Kennedy UE's, Jan Ouellet, Karen Hallam and Leon Merchant UE joined me along with members of the Vancouver Branch, to picnic under our favourite big tree, and, of course, participate in the events and visit with the Black Powder contingent.

Sadly, I attended the "Celebration of Life" for Laura Merson UE on September 19, 2012.

Until just the past few years, Laura was a long-time, faithful and hardworking member of our Chilliwack Branch.

A contingent of Chilliwack Branch members are looking forward to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Vancouver Branch on October 13, 2012.

Loyally yours- Shirley Dargatz UE.



**United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada**

**Chilliwack Branch**

Your Executive 2012

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

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Asst. Marlene Dance

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Director: Irving Reid UE

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE



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### August 3 - 6th Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days

Re-enactors from our local Branch were Sydney Heibner UE, Ethan Lyftogt UE and Judy Scholz UE.

Judy set up her tent and stayed for the weekend events. Great Fun. A few other members came for the picnic on Sunday.

Fur Brigade Days include many demonstrations ... spinning, candle wicking, music, weaving, washboards... all set up in the large courtyard. The buildings were open for you to explore. At one point during the day 100 plus visitors - led by a bagpiper - made their way through the heart of Fort Langley to the Fraser River. A re-enactment of the first landing of Fort Langley includes a number of canoes rowing downriver from Mission - filled with people in period dress. Harry Hunt photo of canoes below. All others from Shirley Dargatz.



Allan & Jacqueline Kennedy



Grand Parade!



Above Carl & Mary-Anne of Vancouver Br. with visitors to the event. Left Judy in her tent. Above right Ethan. Then Jan, Judy and Sydney. Right: The band in the tent next door to Judy. Was it hard to sleep at night?





### LAST POST

#### Laura Louise Merson UE (Jan 27, 1924- Sept 13, 2012)

She was born in Atchelitz on Jan 27, 1924 & passed away at Valley Haven at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her husband Richard. She is survived by her daughters: Judy (Bob) Stevenson, Gayle Cross, Bonnie (Frank) Reisig, Faye (Dennis) Koivula; grandchildren: Shelly (Graham) Grigg, Leanne Cross and Bill, Brad Stevenson, Jamie (Sandy) Reisig, Carmen (John) Williams, Travis (Alea) Koivula, Grant Koivula, and nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Laura married Dick in 1942 and settled in Rosedale where they raised their four daughters. They were married 60 years until his passing in 2002.

Laura was a long time member of the United Empire Loyalists and was an active member of the Royal Purple for many years. A Service of Remembrance was held on September 19, 2012 at Woodlawn Mt. Cheam Funeral Home, 45865 Hocking Ave, Chilliwack.

Map Quest really needs to start it's directions at #5. I think I know how to get out of my own neighbourhood.

### PACIFIC REGION EVENTS:

## United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Vancouver Branch 80th Anniversary Founder's Dinner

Open to All..... Come CELEBRATE with us  
Saturday, 13 Oct 2012

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club  
3811 Point Grey Road  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

#### WE CELEBRATE:

The bicentennial of the beginning of the War of 1812

The 80th Anniversary of the founding of the first United Empire Loyalist Vancouver Branch

UE Certificate Presentations

Phillip E M Leith Memorial Volunteer Award

1100 Bells- Registration, Meet 'n Greet &  
Socializing [CASHBAR]

1200 Bells- RVYC Chef's Founders' Lunch

Speakers:

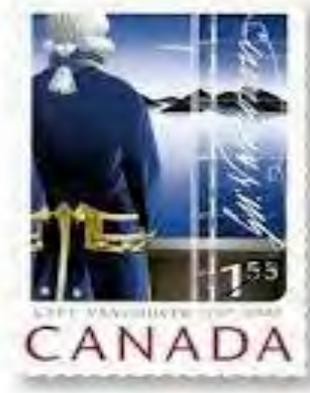
Dominion President, Robert McBride UE

Dr. Peter Moogk, UE Vancouver Branch

Tickets:

Adults - \$35.00 Age 2 to 13 - \$9.00

Contact Carl Stymiest @cstymiest@gmail.com



This story and picture is making the internet rounds. I have found it reported a number of different places on UK sites. If this really happened, it is delightful and amusing. If it didn't happen this way it is still a pretty good story. So I thought I would share it with all of you.  
September 09, 2012 - Out of the mouths of babes!

H.M. The Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, paid a Jubilee visit to Nottingham and, during the three hours in the East Midlands city, attended a children's event in which the 5-to-10 year olds were asked to present something to celebrate the Jubilee. Out of the more than 1,000 children attending, six were chosen to give their own speech to the Queen, of 50 words or less, that expressed their devotion and admiration for Her Majesty's long reign. The last child to say his piece was 8-year-old Devon Parker who stood at the microphone 25 feet in front of the Queen and, as a result, the royal photographer caught Her Majesty's reaction and response.

Devon Parker: "Your Majesty, I think you are the nicest old lady in all of England, but I wish you weren't so old because, if you were younger, you would live a lot longer. The Queen's reaction and reportedly her response: "Now, *what* can I say to *that*?"



## Calendar of Events for 2012

Clip off and save on your calendar



**Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC. Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served. Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table.**

**Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch.**

**The meeting portion will commence at 12:30pm.**

**Oct. 13th - Vancouver Branch's 80th Anniversary 11:00am to 3:00pm @ Royal Vancouver Yacht Club with UELAC Dominion President Robert McBride UE and wife Grietje as special guests.**

**Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony Chilliwack, BC at the cenotaph.**

**December 8th - Christmas Tea and meeting 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (details to follow)**

**Details of the schedule of events for 2013 will appear in the December issue.**

**In May we will celebrate the arrival of the Fleet and hope to have UELAC President Bob McBride UE.**

**Details to follow. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.**

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**United Empire Loyalists'  
Association of Canada**



**Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**  
May your stuffing be tasty. May your turkey be plump.  
May your potatoes and gravy have never a lump.  
May your yams be delicious and your pies take the prize.  
And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs!



**Queen's Jubilee Medal.**  
It was awarded earlier this year to Allan Kennedy UE in recognition of his services to veterans. Allan has helped many apply for and receive medical benefits due them for their service to Canada. Shown here with wife Jacqueline Kennedy UE

**Sept. 29th Harvest Time Luncheon**



**Judy Scholz UE with granddaughter Sydney UE set up and operate the General Store.**



L-r: Marian Reid UE; Marlene Dance; Alan Reid UE; Shirley Dargatz UE. in front: Koralee Heibner UE  
All in period dress.



**Jerry Brown UE, and daughter Deleine Perrie UE proudly showing wedding pictures of grandson Tyler Perrie UE and bride Rebecca Wurtz.**



Marian Reid UE, Irving Reid UE and Alan Reid UE listen to the guest speaker.

