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Link Up



Photo by Marlene Dance

A Message from the President

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It is said, "A picture speaks a thousand words". That being so, you will see by the photos enclosed in our Link-Up newsletter, what folks in our Chilliwack Branch have been doing these past two months.

On October 13, 2012, six of our members attended the Vancouver Branch 80th Anniversary Founder's Dinner held at the Vancouver Yacht Club. The venue is an exquisite setting with a beautiful view of the ocean. Special Guests were our UELAC President, Bob McBride UE, and First Lady, Grietje McBride UE. Dr. Peter Moogk spoke on the War of 1812, a plethora of certificates was given out, the 2012 Phillip E.M. Leith Award was presented to Gwen Dumfries UE, gifts and prizes won, a wonderful program, all topped up with a delicious meal!

Remembrance Day Ceremonies were attended by a goodly number of Branch Members. Marlene Dance, our Editor, presented the UELAC – Chilliwack Branch Wreath. Following the Service, family and friends, joined together at the Canton Restaurant for lunch.

I have just learned a new word from President, Bob McBride UE. Peregrinations! Those of you who receive "Loyalist Trails", the on-line UELAC newsletter, will have noted Bob's use of this word in the latest edition (Nov. 25, 2012). He refers to his "Presidential Peregrinations" (meaning the act or process of travelling). It is true! President Bob is making treks back and forth across our Country Canada, to visit the UELAC Branches. As noted above, he was here in Vancouver in October, and returned the weekend of November 17 with First Lady, Grietje, to be Guest Speaker at the AGM of the Victoria Branch. Early that morning, Judy Scholz UE and I, picked up Pacific Regional VP, Carl Stymiest UE and Pacific Councillor, Mary-Anne Bethune UE, and crossed the seas (actually, the Georgia Strait) via ship, to be in attendance at the Victoria event. It is always a joyous time when we meet together! Immediate Past President, Bob Ferguson UE was awarded the Phillip E.M. Leith Award. With his excellent liaison with Government House, and His Honour, Steven Point, Bob was instrumental in securing our Annual B.C. Day Loyalist Proclamation (July 22), and made possible, the opportunity for some of us to attend the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event last February 6, 2012.

Would you believe that it is Membership Renewal Time already! I trust that all of you will continue your support of our UEL Association and Chilliwack Branch, in order to foster the important work that is being done by so many volunteers. This newsletter will reach you in time to remind you about our annual Christmas Tea on December 8th, beginning at 1:30 at Carman United Church (see page 2).

May the Blessings of this Christmas Season be yours in abundance!

Loyally, Shirley.



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2012

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

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Victoria Celebration of the Fall Fleet November 17, 2012



Our President Shirley Dargatz UE and Treasurer Judy Scholz UE attended the Victoria meeting. UELAC President Bob McBride UE and wife Grietje were also in attendance. The Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial award was presented to Victoria member Bob Ferguson UE by Vancouver President and Pacific Regional VP Carl Stymiest UE. To the left are Judy Scholz UE and Shirley Dargatz UE. The picture to the right includes Carl and Bob together with Mary Anne Bethune UE of Vancouver Branch.



Pictures courtesy of Vancouver Branch web site.

Christmas Tea and Meeting

"Memories of Christmas Past"

December 8th @ Carman United Church Hall

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Sandwiches and goodies provided by the members

Fruit Tray, Coffee, Tea and juice.

Certificate Presentations, Poems, Stocking Stumpers.

The General Store will feature fresh Holly, sweets and some baking.

Mark on your calendar and celebrate with us.



Calendar of Events for 2012/2013

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.

Note any changes to these times below.

December 8th - Christmas Tea and meeting 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Note time change. Details above.
- **For 2013 -**

February 16th - Heritage at Carman United Church Hall

May 4th, 2013 - Celebrate the arrival of the Fleet at the Aboriginal Gathering Place @ UFV Campus.

June 22nd - Strawberry Tea @ Carman United Church Hall

July 1st - Canada Day and July 22nd - BC Loyalist Day

August - Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days

September— Fall UEL Kick-off

Send information to be included in the next publication to: wmdance@telus.net



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Celebrate the Arrival of the Fleet!
Aboriginal Gathering Place @ new UFV campus in Sardis.
Gathering Time 10:00am

UELAC President & Guest speaker Bob McBride & wife Greitje to attend.



Additional special speaker to be announced in the spring.
 Catered lunch & entertainment.
 Displays and Silent auction.
 Invitations will be extended to Thompson/Okanagan,
 Vancouver and Victoria Branches.
 Tickets approx. \$25 each.
 Please wear period dress and
 come out to enjoy the program in
 this wonderful new facility.



PACIFIC REGION EVENTS:

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

May 30/ June 2, 2013 - Annual Conference in Hamilton, Ontario
2014 - Annual Conference will be in Toronto, Ontario
2015 Annual Conference is scheduled for VICTORIA, BC

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EATING TIPS FOR ALL:

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots leave immediately and go next door where they are serving rum balls
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. It only comes once a year.
3. **DO NOT** have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating.
 The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other peoples food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
4. If something comes with gravy - use it. That is the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on everything.
5. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Years. That is what January is for.
6. Did someone mention Fruitcake? Granted it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid at all cost.
 I mean, have some standards.



Plum Pudding

Most families have their favourite recipe for Christmas Pudding. Banned by the 17th century Puritans as being "unfit for God-fearing people", it became popular once again due to George I so enjoying the Plum Pudding which was served at his first Christmas dinner in England. Later, the Victorians developed it into the familiar, even richer Dickensian 'cannonball'.

4 oz. self raising flour	½ teaspoon mixed spice
4 oz. currants	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 oz. raisins	½ teaspoon grated nutmeg
4 oz. breadcrumbs	2 eggs
4 oz. dark brown sugar	Juice and rind of a lemon
4 oz. shredded suet	4 tablespoons dark rum
1 large apple, peeled, cored and chopped	1 cup milk

Grease a 2 pint pudding basin. Mix all the dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the eggs, lemon juice and rind and rum and sufficient milk and stir well to produce a dropping consistency. Put the mixture into the basin. Cover and seal with greaseproof paper and kitchen foil and steam for 3 hours, topping up with boiling water as necessary. If the pudding is to be kept for a while before eating, steam for a further 3 hours before using. Serve with Hard Sauce. Serves 6.



Marlene Dance remembers
 Her Grandmother making a pudding
 like this every November. She
 wrapped it in cheese cloth, stored it
 in a metal tin and dribbled rum on it
 regularly. On Christmas Day
 she would serve it with a warm
 vanilla sauce.

Sometimes the sauce even had a
 bit more rum added.

Wow what a taste.

Recipe courtesy of
 "Favourite Christmas Recipes" Booklet
 on page 8. Published by
 J. Salmon Ltd., Sevenoaks, England

Remembrance Day - Nov. 11, 2012 Chilliwack, BC

Left: Cenotaph following the presentation of over 75 wreaths by various businesses and organizations in Chilliwack.
Right: Marlene Dance presented the wreath on behalf of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC.
Lunch followed for 16 of our members at the Canton Gardens.
Below: Someone's dessert plate was extra tasty. Ha Ha!



VANCOUVER BRANCH CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY



Vancouver Branch hosted a gala luncheon at the Vancouver Yacht Club to celebrate their 80th anniversary. The event got off to a grand start with the Colours being piped into the dining room (bottom left).
Attendees from our branch were: Shirley Dargatz UE, Judy Scholz UE, Vicki Heibner UE, Koralee Heibner UE, Becky Heibner UE & Margaret Strocel in lower right.
Right: President Bob McBride and wife Greitje cutting the cake. Below centre Vicki Heibner UE and top left Judy Scholz UE with Audrey Viken UE.
Some pictures are courtesy of Vancouver Branch Website.



MEMBERSHIP FORM 2013



Dear Members.

Firstly, **THANK YOU** for renewing your memberships this past year.

It is "Time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2013.

As you have heard me say so many times, "*with your membership, you are doing a very good thing.*"

You are helping to preserve the history of our country and of the Loyalist era in particular".

The fees are as follows:

Individual Memberships:

\$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$10.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$50.00

Family Membership:

\$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$10.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$65.00

Please make your cheques payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

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Please return this portion with your cheque or payment:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor: _____

Membership Fees:

Please check:

Individual \$50.00 _____

Family \$65.00 _____

Please send to our Treasurer,

Judy Scholz UE
6100 Arlington Dr.
Chilliwack, BC V2R 2J5

Many thanks for your continued support. Loyally, Shirley Dargatz UE President

Please try to have your memberships submitted by Jan. 15th for us to meet the Association deadline of February 1, 2013