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# Link Up



Photo by Marlene Dance

## A Message from the President

Happy New Year Everyone!

A "New Year" encourages us to look to the road ahead and make plans for the "2013 Journey".

Your Executive was delighted with the attendance at Our Christmas Tea "Memories of Christmas Past" – on December 8, 2012! (see pictures on page 2)

We have some Event Dates coming up which include the Heritage Week meeting on February 18, a Spring Fleet Celebration on May 4 with our UELAC President Bob McBride UE and First Lady Greitje McBride; a Strawberry Tea on June 22, and our second annual B.C. Loyalist Day on June 22.

Thanks to Marlene Dance, the Spring Fleet Celebration which will also be a Pacific Regional Conference will be held at the new "Aboriginal Gathering Place" venue on the campus of the University of the Fraser Valley - formerly C.F.B. Chilliwack.

See details at the top of page 2.

Our Annual UELAC 2013 Conference ( May 30 – June 3 ) is being hosted by the Hamilton Branch. I so look forward to seeing the folks from all across Canada, And, the opportunity to once again view the magnificent "Loyalist Monument" in Hamilton. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend this Conference as it gives one a wider view and understanding of our United Empire

Loyalists' Association.

Looking two years to the future, the 2015 Conference is scheduled for Victoria B.C. Victoria Branch is already busy seeking out the ideas for program events and venues. The Pacific Region Planning Committee, consisting of representatives from all the four Branches, is already in place and will meet in April, 2013. Two years ahead may seem in the distant future, but there are always many details that need to be worked out and accomplished. Chilliwack Branch Members who have volunteered to be on this committee include; Marlene Dance, Judy Scholz, Margaret Strocel and Shirley Dargatz.

**Memberships:** Many of you have already submitted your 2013 Membership Fees. I am certain that others of you are planning to do so as soon as possible as they are due in Dominion Office by the end of January.

There is a Membership Renewal Form included with this Link Up. Members, please consider sending articles and /or pictures to our "Link Up" Editor, and recently appointed Vice President of our Chilliwack Branch, Marlene Dance.

Hoping to see a goodly number of you at many of our branch activities in 2013. Loyally, Shirley.



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2013

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Chair: Marlene Dance

Secretary: Gordon Vance UE

Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE

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Asst. Marlene Dance

Social Convener : Jan Oulellet  
Asst. Margaret Strocel

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE

Newsletter: Marlene Dance

Director: Marion Reid UE  
Director: Irving Reid UE

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

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Pacific Region VP - Carl Stymiest



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**Saturday, May 4, 2013  
Pacific Regional Conference - 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 have been extended to Thompson/Okanagan,  
Vancouver and Victoria Branches.  
Tickets approx. \$25 each  
Includes parking at the university.  
Please wear period dress and come out to enjoy  
the program at 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**

**“Memories of Christmas Past”**

Stories, poems, entertainment, a quiz with prizes, group carol singing and Certificates were all part of the fun agenda at the Christmas tea & meeting held on December 8th. A total of 45 members, friends and family enjoyed the tasty food and camaraderie. The General Store did very well selling fresh Holly, sweets, baking and Christmas ornaments.



Festive table settings of red and White together with the lovely Stage décor helped set the festive mood.



Above:  
Koralee Heibner UE entertained the gathering.



Left to right: Cousins Bev Benge, Gail More & Phyllis Mitchell all now UE's. Their certificates share the name of John Thornton.

## About *Loyalist Trails*

The UELAC publishes the weekly *Loyalist Trails* email newsletter for members, friends and others containing a variety of information items from the branches, the association, various committees, and individual contributors. Anyone interested in Loyalists and Loyalist-era history is welcome to subscribe to the newsletter. Please tell your friends. Go to the UELAC website.

"[Loyalist Trails](#)" UELAC newsletter 2013-03: January 20, 2013

- The Forgotten Sandemanian Loyalists (3 of 3) – by Stephen Davidson
- Charles William Raymond (1820-1901) by George McNeillie
- "At the Head of Lake Ontario" Highlights: Battle of Stoney Creek
- NWMP and the Loyalist Connection
- UELAC Vancouver Branch Presented with Six Nations Flag
- War of 1812 Novels added to Books for the Young at Heart
- Where in the World is Doug Grant?
- From the Twittersphere and Beyond
- Additions to the Loyalist Directory
- **Queries:**

Just a sample of the contents of a recent issue. Good reading - Sign up now!

### WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS:

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second..... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

## Calendar of Events for 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.

### 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

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](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)



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### HERITAGE WEEK

**Saturday Feb. 16th  
Carman United Church Hall  
@ 11:45 am**

**Theme " Good Neighbours"  
Soup & Sandwich  
with dessert selections**

Members are reminded to contribute sandwiches and sweets for the food table please.



### QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

On Wednesday , Jan. 23rd at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre Mark Strahl, MP for Fraser/Canyon presented medals to more than 25 worthy citizens of Chilliwack.

Among this group was our own Shirley Dargatz whose volunteer résumé is much to long to list here. We all know of her dedication to her church, community, family and of course the UELAC as well as to the Chilliwack Branch. Thanks to Carl Stymiest, Pacific Region VP for these pictures.

**We are so proud of you Shirley!**



Shirley with Mark Strahl

### Victoria Conference 2015

The following branch members have volunteered to be part of the Pacific Region Planning Committee:  
Shirley Dargatz; Judy Scholz, Margaret Strocel and Marlene Dance.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see included in the conference - venues to visit, guest speakers to include, donation ideas for a silent auction item or anything else.

Please do not hesitate to let one of the above members know so your ideas can be discussed at a committee meeting.



The first joint committee meeting will be held in Victoria BC on April 6th . Victoria Branch has kindly offered to meet us at Swartz Bay so that we do not have the expense of taking our cars across. **Well done Victoria. Thanks.**



Ken & Shirley Dargatz w/ Shirley's brother Tim Thornton / wife Marge



The whole group pose for a photo at the end of the presentations.



## 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