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# Link Up



Photo by Marlene Dance

## A Message from our Branch President

Special thanks to everyone who attended our successful Spring Fleet Celebration on May 4, 2013, at the Aboriginal Gathering Place. The gift of your presence and your participation was greatly appreciated. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Marlene Dance UE who did a fantastic job of organizing a myriad of tasks which contributed to a very smooth running event. Five of our young Loyalists were very helpful workers.

As guests arrived in the parking lot, they were greeted and directed by Ethan Lyftogt in full Loyalist uniform. Kole, Koralie and Korissa Heibner took on a number of tasks, and Shay Thornton assisted her Grandmother, Elva McManus, at the registration desk.

The dessert, a "Fleet of Cupcakes", was made by Vicky Heibner UE.

This fleet was not only delicious, but also most eye-catching.

Congratulations to 5 Chilliwack Branch Members, Marlene Dance (Ancestor William Siprell), Lynn Bokamyler, her daughter Lisa Olsen, granddaughters Samantha and Cassidy Olsen (Ancestor Adam Young), who were delighted to be presented with their official UE Certificates at this Regional Conference.

It was indeed my pleasure to host UELAC President, Robert McBride UE and First Lady, Grietje McBride at my home from Thursday evening until Sunday afternoon when Darlene Jones of the Thompson-Okanagan Branch picked them up to take them to Vernon. There they spent a couple of days doing activities with the Branch.

I am looking forward to the 2013 Conference, hosted by the Hamilton Branch.

The Conference and AGM runs from May 30<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I so enjoy meeting up with many friends in our "Loyalist Family" who hail from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean and all points in between. I will include a report in our next Link Up with information on this "At the Head of the Lake" Conference.

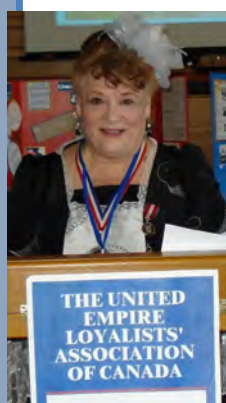
Speaking of oceans, you are no doubt aware that the 2015 National Conference will be held on the Pacific Coast, in Victoria, B.C.

The Victoria Branch, spearheaded by President, Liz Aberdeen, and Vice President Dave Clark, had already done an enormous amount of preparation and pre-planning prior to the meeting of representatives of the B.C. Branches on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Liz Aberdeen. This conference "Loyalists Come West", will be an ideal venue for many members of our Pacific Region Branches to attend – being so close to home.

Please note upcoming events noted in the Link Up.

I hope to see a goodly number of you at our Strawberry Social on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Loyally yours  
Shirley Dargatz UE.



**United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
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**Chilliwack Branch**

Your Executive 2013

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Chair: Marlene Dance UE

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Genealogist: Mildred Hall UE  
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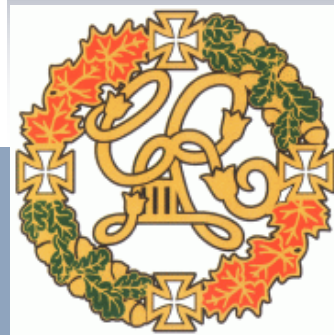
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## Happy 67th Anniversary!



Irving & Marian Reid UE's  
June 20th, 1946 - 2013  
With love & best wishes from  
all the members of  
Chilliwack Branch.  
Keep on Kissing!

## City of Chilliwack will fly our flag for "BC Loyalists Day"

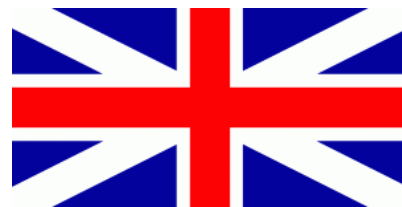
Chilliwack District Hall has offered to fly the First Union Flag to commemorate our 2nd annual B.C. Loyalist Day on July 22nd.

The flag will be flown on the weekend of July 22nd.

It would be wonderful to have a contingent of Chilliwack Members, in period dress, if possible, to be present at the raising of our flag.

Once the time is confirmed, we will forward an e-mail to our members regarding details.

The date of July 22 was chosen to mark the day that Alexander McKenzie, a Loyalist, reached the Pacific Coast.



Members of our branch who will be attending the 2013 Hamilton/Burlington, Ontario Conference are Shirley Dargatz UE and Jan Ouellet.

### Report from Pacific Regional VP Carl Stymiest

- published in Loyalist Trails Newsletter May 12, 2013

#### Pacific Regional Mini-Conference Sat. May 4, 2013

Four Pacific Regional Branches attended the Regional Mini Conference hosted by Chilliwack Branch UELAC. Members and Guests from Chilliwack, Vancouver, Victoria and Thompson-Okanagan Branches were feted to a days Celebration commemorating the arrivals of the Spring Fleets in 1783. Special Guests attending were Dominion President Robert McBride UE and his wife, Grietje McBride UE.

The excellent program was held at the **Aboriginal Gathering Place** located on the campus of the University of Fraser Valley (UFV) in Chilliwack. Hosted by the Chilliwack Branch, organizers Shirley Dargatz UE and Marlene Dance UE wonderfully organized the entire day's program including a delicious catered luncheon. MC for the program was Shirley Dargatz UE, President Chilliwack Branch. The Gathering Place designed as an aboriginal long house served as the perfect venue for the Presentation of the Six Nations Flag donated to Vancouver Branch UELAC by David Kanowakeron Hill Morrison UE. The presentation of the flag and its significance to the theme for the day certainly was in synchronicity to the superb historical skit presented by Bob & Grietje McBride on his loyalist ancestor, Adam Young and Adam's son's connection to the Six Nations and Joseph Brant.

Branch Genealogists, Linda Nygard UE, Vancouver Branch, and Marlene Dance UE Chilliwack Branch assisted presentation of twenty-seven "UE" certificates by Dominion President Robert McBride UE and Pacific Regional Vice President Carl Stymiest UE. Twenty-two certificates presented to Vancouver Branch members and five to the Chilliwack Branch. Congratulations to all! The highlight for all attending was the presentation to Brody Wilkinson, one-year old grandson of Vancouver Branch member, Janet White UE. Brody's Loyalist Ancestor is John Carl Sr. Brody definitely stole the show!

Carl Stymiest UE, Pacific Regional Vice President and Mary Anne Bethune UE, Pacific Regional Counsellor, retiring from their Dominion Council positions and roles thanked the Dominion Council and the Pacific Region for their support in their respective duties over a number of years on various Council Committees /positions. Shirley Dargatz UE hosted the business portion of the meeting. Successful Nomination for Pacific Regional Vice President and Pacific Regional Counsellor were elected. These positions to be ratified at AGM, Burlington 2013 on Saturday 01 June:

**Diane Faris** UE, Vancouver Branch, Pacific Regional Vice President

**Marlene Dance** UE, Chilliwack Branch, Pacific Regional Councillor

The Phillip E M Leith Memorial Award 2013 recipients for the Pacific Region were **Linda Nygard** UE, Genealogist, Vancouver Branch UELAC and **Catherine Fryer** UE, Treasurer, Victoria Branch UELAC

Carl Stymiest UE, Pacific Region Vice President

A selection of pictures from this event can be seen on pages 5 & 6.

Pictures thanks to Linda Nygard UE & Shirley Dargatz UE

### Pacific Region Events:

**2013** - May 30 - June 2nd, Conference in Burlington, Ontario

July 21st - BC Loyalist Day @ Queens Park in New Westminster, BC

Aug 5th, Monday @ Ft. Langley - Fur Brigade Days - Picnic



**2014** Conference to be held in Toronto

**2015** Conference May 28th to May 31  
@ the Coast Harbourside Hotel  
146 Kingston St.  
VICTORIA, BC

More news of events planned will be published as they develop. Please plan to be there!



**Heritage Regional Fair– hosted by Vancouver Branch @ Vancouver City Library this past Apr. 27th.**



Enthusiastic students studying Loyalist History put on a great display of what they have learned of Canada's history.

## Be in Victoria in 2015 for the UELAC Conference "Loyalists Come West"

Our first meeting accomplished a good deal: the date was fixed, the motto agreed to, the venue was selected,



a schedule of conference events outlined, a "Victoria" brochure was selected for this year's conference package in Hamilton to announce our event, and logo ideas were tossed around. A full afternoon. More to come. Members include: Dave Clark, Liz Aberdeen, Robert Ferguson, Carl Stymiest, Shirley Dargatz, Judy Scholz, Mary Anne Bethune, Diane Faris, Bob Ferguson and Marlene Dance. See page 3 for the new details. Photos thanks to Bob Ferguson UE -

In a London, England cemetery:

Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid  
But died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England :

On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle  
went out of tune.

## Calendar of Events for 2013

Clip off and save on your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall,  
on Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC.

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served.

Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table unless noted below.

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

Note any changes to these times below.

### For 2013

June 22nd - 1:30 pm Strawberry Tea @ Carman United Church Hall

(As this event is Hosted by the Branch - no food contributions are needed thanks)

July 1st - Canada Day (proceedings to be announced)

July 19th - Chilliwack City Hall—raising of the First Union Flag for BC Loyalist Day

July 21st - BC Loyalist Day Picnic in Queens Park, New Westminster, BC

August 5th - Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days—Picnic under our usual Oak Tree.

September - Fall Fleet celebration date to be announced

Nov 11th - Remembrance Day presentation of our wreath at the cenotaph.

December date to be announced for our Christmas gathering

Send information to be included in the next publication to: [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)



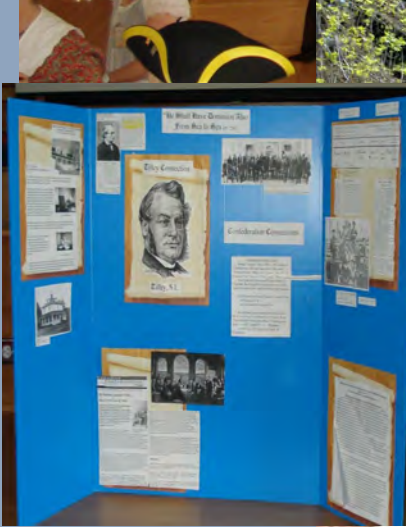
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# Pacific Regional Conference

May 4th, 2013 Aboriginal Gathering Place

@ UFV Campus Chilliwack, BC

See write up page 2.



There were 72 registrants for the conference. Special Guests included Robert McBride UE President of the UELAC and wife Grietje McBride UE, Ken & Beryl Wilson from Sons of Scotland and Piper Jim McNeil and wife Maxine. The program included the presentation of 27 certificates to Chilliwack & Vancouver Branch members.



← Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award for 2013. Recipients Linda Nygard of Vancouver Branch & Catherine Fryer of Victoria Branch. Well deserved honour ladies!

Highlight of the day was Brody Wilkinson, age 1 who rec'd his UE certificate.

