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Photo by Marlene Dance

A Message from our Branch President

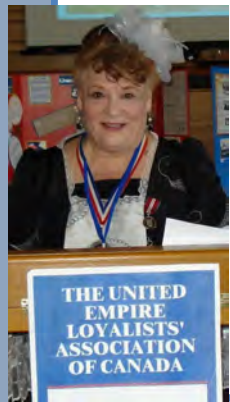
In this message, I am going to start with our most recent event and work back to our last Link Up publication. With heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Sharon Gaetz and the City of Chilliwack staff, we held our first "Flag Raising" ceremony to celebrate our second annual "Loyalist Day" on July 22. Her Honour Mayor Gaetz and the Honourable Mark Strahl Member of Parliament for Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon, gifted us with their presence as we gathered at 9:00 am at the Chilliwack City Hall. Piper Jim McNeil opened the ceremonies and continued to play as our faithful Standard Bearer, Alan Reid UE, led the youthful entourage which included Graeson Lounsbury and Caden Clayton bearing flags and Olivia Lounsbury carrying the Loyalist Day Proclamation. Following the ceremony at the steps of City Hall, the participants, led by the piper, made the short walk around the corner of the building to the trio of flag poles. How thrilled we were to witness our First Union Flag raised and fluttering in the wind alongside the Canadian and B.C. Flags! After lots of picture taking, a contingent of participants gathered across the street for brunch at Jimmy J's restaurant.

Harkening back to June 22, we celebrated the 200th Anniversary of Laura Secord's Walk. Our Guest Speaker was 11 year old Olivia Lounsbury who, in period dress and with her school poster project on Laura Secord displayed, delivered an excellent, fully memorized speech on this Canadian Heroine. During the Certificate Ceremony, Marlene Dance UE received certificates on behalf of her husband, Wayne, daughter, Corene, and grandson, Alex Merritt Dance Coblentz in the name of Loyalist Ancestor - Joseph Merritt.

I was thrilled beyond measure when Deleine Perrie UE gifted me with a native drum made by one of her students, Lexxy Hubbard Robinson. Her students were taught to make these drums by none other than our previous B.C. Lt. Governor The Honourable Steven Point. In First Nations Culture, it is customary to give away the first drum that one makes. Lexxy offered her drum to be given away and I am so honoured that Deleine thought of me. Also, we unfurled the Six Nations Flag gifted to our Branch by David Hill Kanowakeron Morrison UE. With so much to celebrate, we continued our festivities with bowls of Strawberry Shortcake.

At the 2013 Conference (May 30 to June 2) hosted by the Hamilton Branch, themed "Meet Us At The Head of Lake Ontario" I was joined by fellow branch member Jan Ouellet. It was an excellent conference! I am pleased to announce that our new UELAC President is Bonnie Scheppers UE.

Loyally yours,
Shirley Dargatz UE



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2013

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

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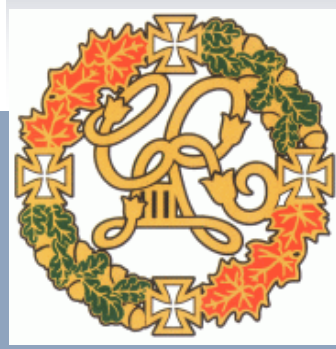
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Pacific Regional Councillor: Marlene Dance UE



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Strawberry Social - June 22nd

Special Guest speaker - Olivia Lounsbury

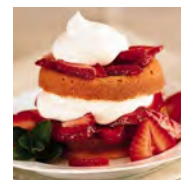
A Grade 5 class project on "Canadian Heroes" had Olivia not wanting to choose from the list handed out to the class. She convinced her teacher that "Laura Secord" was an important historical figure and should be on the list. She won her point and the result was the display and oral presentation she gave our meeting. I hope she got a good mark for her class project because she got an A+ from us.

Olivia is Shirley Dargatz' great niece. Is it any wonder at her interest in all things Loyalist. Thanks so much, Olivia.

Other highlights of the meeting included: a slide presentation of the recent mini conference together with a wrap up report on the event. Deline Perrie UE made a special presentation to Shirley Dargatz UE of a hand made native drum. The flag of the five Mohawk Nations, which was gifted to our president at the recent Dominion Conference was displayed below. (purple banner)

And lastly, three UE certificates were presented to Marlene Dance on behalf of her family.

Then strawberry shortcake for all!
Delicious!



Pacific Region Events:

2013

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

2014 Conference to be held in Toronto June 5-8th.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UELAC in 1914.



2015 Conference May 28th - May 31st
@ 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!



Sunday, July 21st Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC 2nd Annual Loyalist Day Celebration and Picnic

A lovely day and a nice turnout for the Vancouver Branch hosted picnic. Chilliwack Branch members in attendance were Allan & Jacqueline Kennedy UE's, Margaret Strocel, Jan Ouellet, Karen Hallam and Shirley Dargatz UE. Vancouver Branch presented a number of Certificates. Greetings were read from Bonnie Scheppers UE, Dominion President UELAC by Diane Faris UE, Pacific Regional Vice President (bottom pic next to Shirley).

Pictures from: Shirley Dargatz UE and Linda Nygard UE



BC Loyalist Day July 22nd at 9:00am

Loyalist Flag Raising Ceremony - Chilliwack City Hall

A beautiful breezy sunny morning greeted us as we assembled for the ceremony. Special guests included Chilliwack Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Mark Strahl, MP for Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon and Piper Jim McNeil.



Photo credits: Office of Mark Strahl by Matthew Barker, Kyla Lounsbury and Marlene Dance UE. The flag will be flown at City Hall until July 28th.



LAST POST
Bradley Reid
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We are sad to announce the passing of Brad, son of Irving Reid UE & Marian Reid UE, both Directors of our branch. Bradley is survived by his wife

Karen and four boys Nico, Paul, Jonny and Dave as well as his parents, six brothers, a sister and many nieces and nephews.

A well attended memorial service was held in Aldergrove on July 16th at the Alliance Church. A reception followed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Irving, Marian and all their family.

It's a BOY!

Born July 22nd on BC Loyalist Day,
@ 4:24pm London time weighing 8 lb. 6 oz.
Prince George Alexander Louis
Third in line to the throne of England.
Parents the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



Picture taken from online news sources - not credited to any photographer.



AUGUST 5TH, 2013 - Fort Langley Picnic at NOON - under our usual Oak Tree
Join with Vancouver Branch for this annual event. Report and pictures in our next issue.

Calendar of Events for 2013

Clip off and save on your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall,
on Vedder Road, 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 - then a planned program.

Note any changes to these events below.

For 2013

September 9 - Executive meeting

October 19th - Fall Fleet celebration details to be announced

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

December 7th - Christmas gathering

For 2014

February 22nd Heritage week

May - Spring Fleet Celebration - date to be announced

June - Strawberry Social - date to be announced

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



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