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A Message from our Branch President

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As we move into the New Christian Year of Advent and Christmas, it prompts some of us to remember past Christmases in our lives. Our Christmas Tea theme of "Heirlooms and Memories" will be a most apropos subject in which Marlene Dance UE will lead us. (see page 2)

Please bring an item and/or story to share with everyone.

How do you remember?

For me, it was a special time of mystery, excitement, anticipation, hope, getting ready, aromatic baking scents, finding the perfect tree, participating in the Christmas Concert, finding my stocking early on Christmas morning (eating only the orange - not the candies and nuts) and then, after breakfast, finding our one special gift under the tree. In

our older years, we may try to recall and recreate those fond memories, but we come up short of our expectations.

May I suggest that this Christmas, we take time to count our blessings and focus on those memories from our past for which we can be truly thankful. Now that I know about my heritage, I have a deep sense of gratitude for my Loyalist ancestors who made the difficult decision some 230 years ago to leave all behind and come north to Canada. And here, I ponder and wonder what challenges they had to endure. And then, as their descendants set out for new frontiers to span this great country of ours, we are the benefactors who have been gifted with this legacy.

Truly, Canada is the best country in the world!

We have much for which to be thankful!

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit –
hope, joy, peace and love –
bless you and yours this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Loyally,

Shirley Dargatz UE

PS: Please don't forget to renew your membership.

Your registration form is on page 5. Thanks.



United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2013

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

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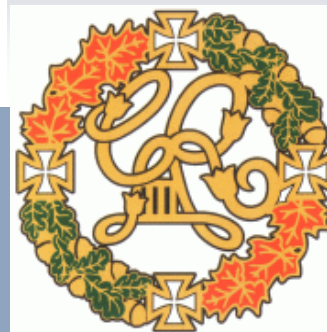
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

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Diane Faris UE
Pacific Regional Councillor:
Marlene Dance UE



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Pacific Region Events:
Fall Fleet Celebrations
hosted by Vancouver Branch
October 5, 2014
Centennial Pavilion in Queens Park,
New Westminster, BC
Special Guest: Bonnie Schepers UELAC President

2014 Dominion Conference to be held June 5-8th.
Toronto, Ontario celebrating the 100th
anniversary of the founding of the UELAC.

2015 Dominion Conference
May 28 - 31st
@ the Coast Harbourside Hotel
146 Kingston St. Victoria, BC
More information will be published
in the new year



Remembrance Day

November 11, 2013 Chilliwack Cenotaph

Deleine Perrie UE presented the wreath on behalf of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch. The Chilliwack Progress reported large turnouts at ceremonies held here and in the Sardis area. Here we see Deleine with her father Jerry Brown UE and a most well behaved addition to the clan "Selyca" - note the poppy on the dog's collar. Also note the badge on Jerry's jacket. This is the RCAF crest from his wedge hat.



Photo by Shirley Dargatz UE

CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, December 7th

Theme: Heirlooms and Memories
 @ 1:30 pm

Carman United Church Hall
 Presentation:

Family treasures & keepsakes
 by Marlene Dance UE
 Members "Show and Tell" to follow:
 please bring a favorite item from
 home to share, or tell of a special
 Christmas remembrance.

Christmas carols and stories to follow.

Members are asked to

contribute some Christmas
 baking or sweets for the
 refreshment table.

See you there!

Bundles of Holly and special
 note cards will be for sale.



Best Christmas Rum Cake Ever!

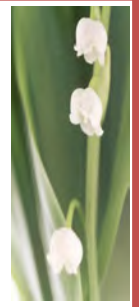
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| 1 or 2 quarts of Rum | 1 cup butter |
| 2 c. flour | 2 large eggs |
| 1 cup dried fruit | 1 tsp. soda |
| baking powder | brown sugar |
| lemon juice | chopped nuts |
| 1 tsp. sugar | |



Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. Good isn't it? Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, spoons spatula etc. You know what stuff you will need. Check the rum again. It must be just right. You probably need to drink about 7 1/2 ounces at once just to be sure.

REPEAT
 With electric mixer beat butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Check that the quality of the Rum has not deteriorated. Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 large eggs, 2 cups dried fruit and beat till high. If druit gets stuck in the beaters, pry loose with a screwdriver. Sample rum again checking for tonsciscitivity. Next sift 2 c. of pepper or salt (depending on your taste). Sample the rum again. Sift 1/2 pint of lemon juice and fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thurger or whatever colour you can find. Wix mel. Grease oven and turn pan cake to 350 dgtrrds. Pour cake in coven and ake. Be sure to set timer in case you steel feepy.

LAST POST:
Violet Phyllis Dickinson (1919-2013)
 Violet is the sister-in-law of Lois Dickinson UE , a founding member of the Chilliwack Branch. Violet came to Canada in 1928 and in 1930 moved to Chilliwack with her parents Will and Flo Craven and siblings Alex and Frances. She married in 1942 and had 2 daughters. Violet volunteered in the community well into her 80's despite failing eyesight. She maintained her own home to the end with the help of her daughter Lynne and granddaughter Vicki. She so enjoyed the birth of her great granddaughter who was born in March 2013. She is survived by many family members including her brother Alex, daughter Lynne and sister-in-law Lois. Services were held Oct. 9th, 2013 at Henderson's Funeral Home.



Celebration of the Arrival of the Fall Fleet

Pictures courtesy of Shirley Dargatz UE and Marlene Dance UE



Thanks to everyone who came out to our gathering on Nov. 2nd, including Honourary new member "Selyca" who said his prayers, and to birthday gal Elva. Also a special thanks to Warren Bell UE who gave us a very interesting presentation on Arctic Exploration by his ancestor Peter Warren Dease, son of Loyalist Dr. John Dease. The food as usual was great and plentiful, and the General Store sold a few items.

Distant war of 1812 helped create B.C.

By Stephen Hume Vancouver Sun on Oct. 26th, 2013.

"This month marks the 200th anniversary of a remarkable series of seldom-remembered events in the War of 1812 that changed the course of history on the West Coast of North America. Indeed, they created the British Columbia we inhabit today.

The curious story of the war's role in shaping Canada west of the Great Lakes has largely been overlooked in the mainstream. Attention has focused on generals and their dramatic battles in Ontario and Quebec. Yet had those events not occurred, the shape of Western Canada might have been entirely different. Oregon, Washington and Idaho might have been part of what's now British Columbia. Or they might have become a separate Canadian province in their own right. Or most of B.C. might have become American states."

A great opening statement don't you think?

I found this article a very interesting read and hope you will too.

For more information type in: <http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Distant+1812+helped+create/9085339/story.html>

or Google the title of the article at the top.

Member Marion Claxton proudly displays both a picture of her mother Muriel Carman and the quilt made by her great grandmother Isabel Black who gifted the quilt to Muriel in 1906. It was then passed on to Marion in the 1950's. Marion has now donated this 100+ year old heirloom to the Chilliwack Quilters Guild. Restoration is not possible as the fabric is so fragile, but the Guild will ensure that it is carefully archived and displayed as a wonderful example of the Quilters' art. Thank you, Marion.



From the Chilliwack Progress Oct. 8th, 2013
Photo: Jenna Hauck/Progress



"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly." Andy Rooney

Calendar of Events for 2013

Clip off and save on your



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall,
7258 Vedder Road, 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 - then a planned program.

December 7th - Christmas Tea - note the announcement on Page 2 please.

For 2014

January 6th Executive meeting.

February 22nd - Heritage week

May - Spring Fleet Celebration - date to be announced

June - Strawberry Social - date to be announced

Be sure to send information and pictures to be included in the next publication to: wmdance@telus.net



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014

Dear Members.

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

It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2014.

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 membership:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor: _____

Membership Fees:

Please indicate with a tick:

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