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## A Message from our Branch President

### IT'S OUR UELAC CENTENNIAL YEAR! LET'S CELEBRATE

How shall we do that? Let me count some ways!

- 1) Let us give "Thanks" that our ancestors chose to come to Canada after the American Revolution in order that we, their descendants, could live in this wonderful land!
- 2) Let us possess an "attitude of gratitude" to those who had the foresight to establish our United Empire Loyalists' Association in 1914, and to those members who continue to volunteer countless hours to preserve our Association and keep it alive and vibrant.
- 3) Purchase the 'must have' book – "LOYALLY YOURS" 100 YEARS of the UELAC (see page 4 for details and ordering)
- 4) Renew your membership if you have not already done so. Your Membership this year comes with an exquisite Centenary Celebration Pin.
- 5) Encourage other family members and friends to "get on board" with their Membership in order that they too, can play an important part in preserving our rich Canadian Heritage.
- 6) Come to meetings and events of your Branch and the Pacific Region branches to learn more about "The Loyalists" - their interesting lives and their contributions to the making of Canada.
- 7) Celebrate the Annual British Columbia Loyalist Day on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 8) Meet our UELAC President, Bonnie Scheppers, at the Fall Fleet Celebration on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the Centennial Pavilion in Queen's Park, New Westminster. (how appropriate for our 100<sup>th</sup>. year).  
See page 6 for registration form.
- 9) If you hurried, you could probably get in on the 2014 Centennial Conference in Toronto.
- 10) Start planning now to attend the Canada-wide UELAC 2015 Conference in Victoria B.C. – May 28 – 31, 2015. "LOYALISTS COME WEST" hosted by the Pacific Region Branches.

The above ideas could make a great bucket list for the next 2 years!

#### **REMEMBER OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL:**

"100 Members in this our Centenary Year"

Help us to reach this milestone! At our Leadership Team Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, the count showed that we are at 79! Following our May 10th gathering, we are at 80. Only 20 more to go! WE CAN DO THIS! Also, 2015 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Charter establishing our Chilliwack Branch. Another reason to celebrate next year too.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.  
Loyally, Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada**

**Chilliwack Branch**

Your Executive 2014

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

Secretary: Margaret Strocel

Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE

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Mildred Hall UE

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Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

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Director: Irving Reid UE  
Director: Gordon Vance UE

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

Pacific Regional VP:  
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 (see page 6 for registration)**

**Centennial Pavilion in Queens Park,**

**New Westminster, BC**

**Special Guest: Bonnie Schepers UELAC President**

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**2014 Dominion Conference to be held June 5-8th.**

**Toronto, Ontario celebrating the 100th**

**anniversary of the founding of the UELAC.**

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**2015 Dominion Conference**

**May 28 - 31st**

**the Coast Harbourside Hotel**

**146 Kingston St. Victoria, BC**

**More information will be published**

**later in the year.**



**UELAC Vancouver Branch - B.C. Heritage Fair - April 19, 2014**



**They know their Canadian History and are proud to show it. Photo's courtesy of Carl Stymiest UE  
These are just a few of the competitors. Winners will be announced at a later date.**



## Chilliwack Branch Centennial Project

2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. In this regard every branch in Canada has been asked to undertake a project celebrating the event. Here on the west coast we do not have access to all the heritage sites that are an important part of the eastern provinces' Loyalist heritage, so we have looked to other ideas in commemoration. We wrote to the Mayor and she recommended we contact the Chilliwack Museum. We have had one meeting with the Museum Director and will follow closely.



**United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada  
1914—2014**

**On the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UELAC this plaque has been placed to honour the many Pioneers in Chilliwack of Loyalist descent who found their way to the Fraser Valley, creating the wonderful oasis we love today. In opening these new frontiers, they once again exemplified the true spirit of adventure and individualism expressed by their forbearers who left their homes beginning in 1783, in search of a place where the values of freedom were respected. Placed by the UELAC Chilliwack Branch  
July 22nd, 2014**

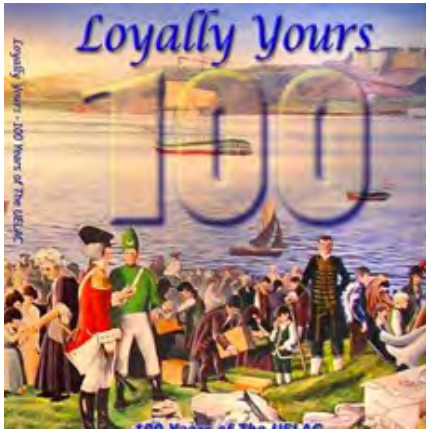
July 22nd is BC Loyalist Day. The event schedule if approved will be as follows: On that day, about 10:00am, place the plaque at the museum and then parade or drive on to City Hall for a Loyalist flag raising ceremony. We will follow with a lunch at a local bistro. Be sure to mark on your calendar. We would love to see a great turnout of well dressed Loyalists to celebrate the occasion.

## 2015 VICTORIA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HAVE PLANS WELL UNDERWAY !



The planning committee for the 2015 Victoria conference, met at 10:30am on April 26th in Chilliwack at the home of Chwk President Shirley Dargatz. Thirteen attended representing all four BC branches. . The agenda covered 44+ items, all of which were dealt with quickly under the leadership of co-chairs David Clark UE and Carl Stymiest UE. The conference is May 28th - 31st, 2015. A welcome at Government House, a gala banquet, workshops, entertainment, local tours, the AGM and a Sunday church service are all scheduled during the four days. A luncheon prepared by members of Chilliwack branch was enjoyed at the break.

Photo's courtesy of Carl Stymiest UE (who didn't get in any of the pictures) (see page 5 a for list of members in attendance)



### “LOYALLY YOURS” 100 years of the UELAC

Our commemorative book of 170+ pages, has gone to the printers and is ready for distribution at the UELAC Centennial Conference and AGM in Toronto June 5-8, 2014.

The price of this “must have” book is \$25 + shipping & handling. (You might want to order extra copies as gifts)

At the moment we do not have a definite amount on the cost of the S&H, so what your Executive is suggesting is that we add \$6 to the cost for a total of \$31.

We have determined a bulk shipping cost for 16 books. Much less than the Canada Post cost.

Dominion Council needs to have the numbers of books wanted per Branch before June 1st. Therefore, I would suggest that folks wanting one could send a cheque for \$31 payable to UELAC-Chilliwack Branch and mail to: Shirley Dargatz UE,

46486 Uplands Rd., Chilliwack, BC V2R 4M5

immediately upon getting this newsletter - to arrive no later than May 28th.

If in doubt as to your cheque arriving by this deadline,

please phone Shirley 604-858-6748 and advise her “the cheque is in the mail”

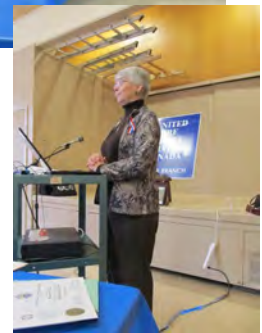
We now have orders for 16 copies and would welcome lots more please!

### “A Shipload of Treasures has arrived” May 10th Spring Fleet Meeting.



The “Shipload of Treasures” at the General Store included plants, hanging baskets, handicrafts, mugs, dishes and much more. It was a busy place. The luncheon was hosted by the Executive and our program included the showing of “Loyally Yours” hot of the press, as well as a presentation by Marlene Dance UE, on what it takes to complete your UEL application (with the proofs needed) to have branch approval to send it to Dominion to then receive your certificate.

It was a lovely afternoon.





### Vimy Ridge Parade & Candlelight Ceremony

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #15, held a memorial at the Cenotaph, Thunderbird Square, Veteran's Way in Abbotsford on April 9th in honour of the anniversary date of the WW1 battle. Margaret Strocel and Jan Ouellet represented UELAC Chwk. The colour party included a contingent of Legion members, Abbotsford Firemen, Police and Cadets who marched to the cenotaph. A cadet band provided the music. PO2 (retired) Jan M. Ouellet CD1, placed a candle at the foot of the cenotaph on behalf of our branch. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Abbotsford Legion. Photo courtesy of John Morrow.



### Ft. Langley Tree Planting Ceremony

Ft. Langley Community Park at the corner of St. Andrews Ave and Nash St was the site of the 2014 Arbour Day event in Langley on April 27th. Fruit trees were planted by members of Langley Township Council to commemorate members of the community who passed away the previous year, but left a lasting legacy. Brad Reid, son of Irving Reid UE and Marian Reid UE was among these honourees. His "last post" appeared in the August 2013 edition of this newsletter. He was noted in the ceremony as a "Township of Langley pioneer and farmer in certified organic chicken farming". Taken from the Langley News online.



### Shay Thornton UE

With a first place win at the Science Fair at her school, Shay earned an opportunity to compete in the Regional Fraser Valley Science Fair in April of this year.

The project titled "Enumerating Salmon" was an in depth look at how to count and mark salmon fry so that 5yrs later when they return to spawn the numbers can be compared; which won her the third place Bronze Medallion. Well Done Shay! photo courtesy of Elva McManus



From pictures on page 3: The Planning Committee members are: Co-chairs David Clark UE and Carl Stymiest UE; Diane Faris UE, Shirley Dargatz UE Chwk President, Judy Scholz UE, Jan Oullete, Gwen Dumfries UE, Mary Anne Bethune UE, Liz Aberdeen UE, Aurelie Sterling UE Victoria President, Catherine Fryer UE, Darlene Jones UE Thompson/ Okanagan; Marlene Dance UE.



"Remember me in the family tree; my name, my days, my strife.  
Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an endless life." ~ Linda Goetsch

## Calendar of Events for 2014

Clip off and save on your calendar



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.

- 2014** June 21st - Strawberry Social - 1:00 pm at Carman Church (note time change)  
July 1st - Canada Day - event location to be announced  
July 22nd BC Loyalist Day - time and location to be confirmed shortly  
August 4th - Ft. Langley Fur Brigade Days Picnic with Vancouver branch under our Oak Tree.  
Oct 5th - Fall Fleet Celebrations at Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC hosted by Vancouver Branch  
Nov 11th - Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph across from the Museum  
Dec TBA Christmas celebrations
- 2015** May 28-31st Dominion Conference in Victoria, BC  
October - celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of our Chilliwack Branch

Be sure to send suggestions, information and pictures for the publication to: [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)



**United Empire Loyalists'  
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1914 - 2014  
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**Pacific Regional Fall Fleet Centennial  
 Chilliwack, Victoria, Thompson-Okanagan Branches**

Hosted by

**Vancouver Branch**

**COME CELEBRATE THE ASSOCIATION'S  
 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHARTER (1914 - 2014)**

**Sunday 05 October 2014**

**Centennial Lodge**

**Queen's Park, NEW WESTMINSTER, BC  
 (1<sup>st</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue)**

**11:00 am... Registration, Meet 'n Greet**

**12:00 noon... Luncheon, Colour Party, Toasts, Speeches**

**Special Centennial Cake Dessert**

**1:00 pm... PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Guest Speaker: Dominion President**

**BONNIE SCHEPERS UE**

**"WE'VE COME A LONG WAY"**



**Dr. Peter Moogk UE... *"Moving Ever Westward"* -  
 Vancouver Branch's Project 2014 "Book Launch"  
 UE Certificate Presentations (All Branches)**

**Phillip E M Leith Volunteer 2014 Award**

**Scottish Piper - Pin Sales - Door Prizes - Loyalist Provisions Centennial Draw**



Register EARLY with Judith Ueland at (604)435-3927

**Adults: \$35... Youth: \$15.**

Make Cheque Payable to: **Vancouver Branch UELAC**

& forward to...

**MRS. JUDITH UELAND  
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**Period-Historical or Semi-Formal Attire**