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A Message from our Branch President

Yes! "A Centennial Experience" We had! Celebrating 100 Years of the UELAC!

I would like to give you some highlights of the 2014 Conference held at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, June 5 – 8, 2014, not only to share this event with each of you but, also, to encourage you, our members, along with your families and friends, to think seriously about planning to attend next year's conference being held within our own province in Victoria. The opportunity to meet up with others of our Canada-wide United Empire Loyalist Family is, indeed, a most worthwhile and enlightening experience. During these gatherings, one realizes the width and breadth of our Association and the importance and responsibility we have to preserve the history of our Canada. Many of us got off to an early start on the Thursday afternoon with a Membership and a Genealogy meeting. At the Welcome Reception on Thursday evening, we were privileged to hear legendary, well-known Canadian journalist and writer, Peter C. Newman who commented on his book "Hostages to fortune: the vanguard of a great nation". Also, Fred Hayward UE, compiler/editor officially launched our book "LOYALLY YOURS: 100 years of the UELAC" at this Meet and Greet evening. (Chilliwack Branch members had an early view at our Strawberry Social in June, just a couple of days after it was hot off the press. And, for those who prepaid for their books, they received them just a few days later). I am sure there are some of you reading this message who would still like to have a copy, or two – they make excellent gifts. Please notify Shirley Dargatz via e-mail: ksdargatz@shaw.ca or phone: 604-858-6748.

Friday was a day of seminars, or the tour "Discover Mississauga's Loyalist Past". Friday evening's venue was Burwash Hall (University of Toronto) which resembles Harry Potter's Hogwarts. It included a wonderful meal, great camaraderie and delightful entertainment by the band "Muddy York". On this evening, Pacific Region attendees performed their "Loyalists Come West, 2015 – yu'all come" song and dance routine. Well, not so much song and dance but a poem – "Quest for the West".

The Annual General Meeting claimed Saturday morning, and a Dominion Council Meeting Saturday afternoon. There is always much to discuss and for which to plan. The Gala Celebration Banquet Saturday evening honoured past presidents of our UELAC.

Ten past presidents were in attendance. Fred Hayward UE was the recipient of The Lord Dorchester Award. A well-deserved standing ovation was awarded him for his enormous dedication and long years of service. Plus his most recent accomplishment "Loyally Yours"! Entertainment was a mini opera entitled -"Molly of the Mohawk".

At the Church Service on Sunday, June 8, I felt truly blessed to have been asked to do the Address. The Service was held in the beautiful Chapel of St. Alban-the-Martyr, Royal St. George College, Toronto. A heavenly boys' choir, a magnificent pipe organ and organist, and singing next to our song-bird President, Bonnie Schepers UE, was a most treasured and memorable

way to end the Conference. **THANK YOU!** Martha Hemphill and Centennial Celebration Committee! **WELL DONE!**

Loyally yours, Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

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Pacific Region Events:
Fall Fleet Celebrations
hosted by Vancouver Branch
October 5, 2014 (see page 7 for registration)
Centennial Pavilion in Queens Park,
New Westminster, BC
Special Guest: Bonnie Schepers UELAC President

2015 Dominion Conference

May 28 - 31st
the Coast Harbourside Hotel
146 Kingston St. Victoria, BC
 More information will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. Please reserve these dates and join us in Victoria. We would love to see a great branch turnout at this event.



BC Loyalist Day Picnic @ Queens Park, New Westminster - July 20th - hosted by Vancouver Branch.



Chilliwack Branch was well represented by Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE, Margaret Strocel and Jan Ouellet. Light rain did not spoil the fun, nor the camaraderie. Introductory remarks were made by Carl Stymiest UE. Diane Faris UE, Pacific Regional VP reviewed the plans for the 2015 conference in Victoria. An update on Vancouver Branch's publication "Moving ever Westward, Loyalists descendants in British Columbia's History" was given by Dr. Peter Moogk UE editor. This publication will be available at the Oct. 5 Fall Fleet celebration. (see page 7).

Pictures courtesy of Linda Nygard UE

Chilliwack Branch Centennial Project

2014 marks the 100th 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 meetings with the Director, Deborah Hudson, and discussions with her



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

The UELAC was established by Royal Charter as a means of bringing together the descendants of those Loyalists who left the Thirteen Colonies at the time of the American Revolution (1775-1783) in order to remain under a Constitutional Monarchy.

The Loyalists were multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-religious.

It is estimated over 50,000 refugees came into what became Canada.

This plaque is placed to honour the many families of Loyalist descent who traversed the continent westward and crossed the Rockies finding their way to Chilliwack beginning in the 1850's.

These names are memorialized throughout the District on landmarks, streets, parks and buildings. In moving west they helped to open another frontier exemplifying the true spirit of adventure and individualism expressed by their Loyalist forbears who had left their homes in search of a place where the values of freedom were respected.

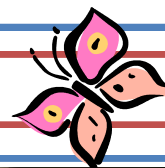
Placed by the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC

September 20th, 2014

have resulted in expanding the wording of our dedication on the plaque. (see new wording at left). This gives a fuller understanding of what the UELAC is, and adds significance to the plaque. Scheduling difficulties at the museum have moved the date of dedication to Sept. 20th, rather than including it with the BC Loyalist Day flag raising. This will allow us time to invite dignitaries and put together certificate presentations.

This item has been included in the Schedule of events on page 5 and email/phone calls will be made to members to advise details and ask for RSVP's.

Have you been bitten by the Genealogy bug? Its contagious and incurable!



Spring Fleet - Strawberry Social



Carman United Church Hall was the gathering place for the Strawberry Social on June 21st. The theme colour of the day was strawberry red with a little white tossed in for effect. Following a delicious and ample serving of Strawberry Shortcake with whipped cream piled high, (I have a list of those who had seconds or more) our program commenced. Shirley Dargatz UE gave us an overview of the recent conference in Toronto. (see page 1 for highlights). Marlene Dance UE told of her recent genealogy adventures and searches during her trip to England. Included was a WWII search for a RAF officer/father separated from his son for the past 69 years. A good example of the lengths to which we genealogists go to "find our man".



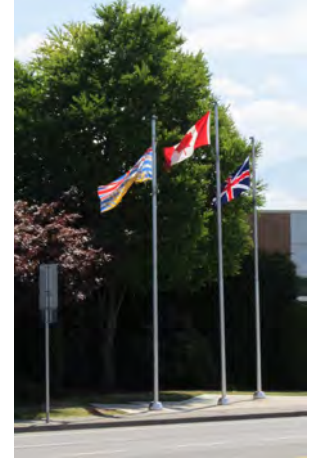
**THE UNITED
EMPIRE
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ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA
CHILLIWACK BRANCH**



Chilliwack Branch celebrated BC Loyalist Day on the steps of City Hall - July 22nd, 2014



At 10:00am, a parade of flags began the program to celebrate BC Loyalist Day in Chilliwack. Special guests included Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Jeremy Giesbrecht representing the office of MP Mark Strahl and Deborah Hudson, Director of the Museum & Archives in Chilliwack. Highlights included: greetings from UELAC President Bonnie Schepers, MP Mark Strahl and Fred Hayward UE; excerpts from the BC Loyalist Day Provincial Proclamation, the Loyalist Prayer and a presentation of a copy of 'Loyally Yours' Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UELAC to the Mayor rounded out the program. The gathering then paraded to the flagpole, where the Mayor hoisted the standard for all to see. The company then adjourned for lunch at Canton Gardens on Old Yale Road.



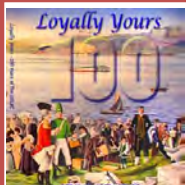
See more pictures on page 6.

Victoria Branch celebrated BC Loyalist Day July 22nd pictures courtesy of Carl Stymiest UE



Beacon Hill Park: Victoria President Aurelie Stirling (at the podium) welcomes everyone. Special dignitaries include Lt Gov. of BC Judith Guichon OBC (left in green jacket), UELAC President Bonnie Schepers (left at back) and Victoria Mayor Dean Fortin (right of podium). The event was the rededication of the commemorative stone honouring the 1939 Royal Visit to BC and Victoria of King George V1 and Queen Elizabeth. This well attended event, was covered by the Victoria Times and the local TV news crew. Picture at the far right shows President Bonnie Schepers on the left and Victoria Branch President Aurelie Stirling on the right.





We are pleased to announce that we have sold all copies ordered of "Loyally Yours", celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UELAC. Our branch is also pleased to announce that copies of this book were gifted to the following:
**Mayor Sharon Gaetz and
 The Chilliwack Museum and Archives.**



Special Celebrations for IRVING REID UE

There were two big celebrations in the Reid household this past June. The first was the 68th wedding anniversary of Irving and Marian Reid on June 20th (1946—2014) and the second was on June 25th when Irving celebrated his

90th Birthday.

Congratulations and best wishes from all your friends at the UELAC Chilliwack Branch!



After the game, the King and the pawn go
 into the same box.
 ~ Italian proverb



Wedding Bells for Branch Members

Member Chris Hay UE was pleased to announce the marriage of his two sons. On March 15, 2014 Stephen Andrew Hay UE of Maple Ridge, BC married Chelsea Dawn Nickel of Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. And on April 26, 2014 Kevin James Hay UE of Maple Ridge, BC married Christie Rose Kromar of Coquitlam, BC. Congratulations!
 We await the newest little UE's to apply for their certificates!

GOD SPILLED THE PAINT!



Temblor Range, west of Bakersfield, California
 Image found online originally in 2002— no credit given to photographer but since that time a number have claimed credit.

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** August 4th - Ft. Langley Fur Brigade Days Picnic with Vancouver branch under our Oak Tree.
 Sept 20th - Chilliwack Museum UELAC 100th Anniversary dedication - details to be emailed to all branch members. Certificate presentations will be included in the program.
 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



**United Empire Loyalists'
 Association of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch - BC Loyalist Day July 22nd

Pictures courtesy of: Jamie Leggatt, Communications Manager/Administration for City of Chilliwack; Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE and Chris Gadsden



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come - Greeting

WHEREAS the United Empire Loyalists, and their descendants, have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada since they arrived as refugees, a result of their loyal support of the monarchy during the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the son of a United Empire Loyalist, was documented as being the first European to successfully cross the North American continent north of Mexico on July 22, 1781, and

WHEREAS the Pacific Region of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada wishes to annually celebrate this historically important event, in both Canada and British Columbia, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to grant Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002,

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 22, 2002, shall be known as "Loyalist Day"

In the Province of British Columbia,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made, Printed and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Keith Borchers, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Presence, this twenty-second day of May, our thirtieth day of Our reign.

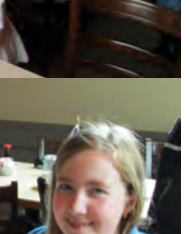
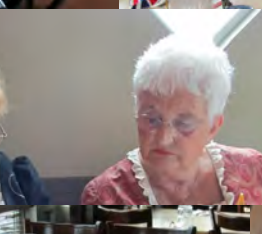
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Shirley Dargatz
Administrator of British Columbia
Province representative for the event

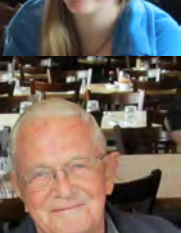
J. H. Borchers
Administrator

Mayor Sharon Gaetz

Museum Director Deborah Hudson



Jeremy Giesbrecht



A big thank you to everyone who came and stayed for lunch. We had lovely weather - the rain held off till late afternoon. Thanks also to The Canton Garden who opened their doors early for us and who's friendliness, good food and great service keep us coming back again and again. (I have named our special guests—the rest of you know who you are!)

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**Pacific Regional Fall Fleet Centennial
Chilliwack, Victoria, Thompson-Okanagan Branches**

Hosted by

Vancouver Branch

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

Sunday 05 October 2014

Centennial Lodge

Queen's Park, NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

(1st Street & 3rd 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"

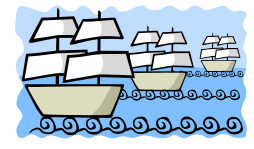


**Dr. Peter Moogk UE... *"Moving Ever Westward"* -
Vancouver Branch's Project 2014 "Book Launch"**

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.

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