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<http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/>

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Photo by M.L. Dance UE

A Message from our Branch President

You will see by the articles and pictures in this Link Up that the UELAC Chilliwack continues to be very active throughout the Summer months. Lots of planning and pre-preparation is required to stage these various events. However, when the work is done and the activity comes to fruition, it is all worth it.

In this issue, I am referring particularly to our UELAC Centennial Project, the Commemorative Plaque Celebration. We are all especially appreciative to our Museum Director, Ron Denman and the Museum staff for the immense support and help that they gave us. Likewise, our Mayor Sharon Gaetz is a great encourager.

And, we are always honoured when representatives and friends from the Fraser Glen Camp 220 join our festivities.

As well as the presentation of our UELAC Centennial Plaque, it was an absolute delight when nine members received their UE Certificates. Some of the recipients have waited a long time to finally realize the fulfillment of their wish. And we all rejoiced with them.

Thanks to all who attended for the gift of your presence.

Next year, in October 2015, our Chilliwack Branch will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Once again, we plan to secure the Chilliwack Museum where our Charter Ceremony took place.

On October 5th a contingent of our Chilliwack Members are looking forward to seeing our UELAC President, Bonnie Schepers UE at the Fall Fleet Celebration hosted by the Vancouver Branch. The "UELAC Family" has an enormous domain – from sea to sea and we love to connect with each other as often as we can.

That is certainly how this writer feels.

Having just had another Planning Committee Meeting (Sept 20) in Victoria for our 2015 "Loyalists Come West" Conference, this too is a great opportunity to further strengthen the UEL "Family Ties" that bind us together. The Pacific Region is excited about hosting the Canada-wide conference, and we are working hard to make it a special and memorable event.

So, Pacific Region Members and "Across Canada Members", please make a supreme effort to celebrate with us in Victoria. "Let us entertain you"!

Placing our wreath on November 11 at the Chilliwack Cenotaph followed by our usual no host lunch at the Canton Restaurant will be our next gathering event.

Lastly, I would like to make mention of the enormous amount of time and effort that Marlene Dance UE puts forth to help our members

with their research and subsequent certificate applications. Remember, these are volunteer hours.

We appreciate enormously the yeoman job that she does!

Thank You, Marlene!

Loyally yours, Shirley Dargatz UE

(please note locations at right for items mentioned in the President's message)



**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 @ 11:00am

Centennial Pavilion in Queens Park,

New Westminster, BC

Special Guest: Bonnie Schepers UELAC President

We have a number of branch members attending. See you there!

2015 Dominion Conference

May 28 - 31st

the Coast Harbourside Hotel

146 Kingston St. Victoria, BC

**Mark these dates on your calendar and
plan to be there. The city is waiting for us!**



This tentative schedule will give you an idea of the events being worked on but is subject to change:

THURSDAY: May 28th

Registration in the hotel Ballroom 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Genealogist meeting 1:45 to 2:30 pm

Membership meeting 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Exhibit Room opens at 8:00 am

Hospitality Room opens at Noon

Evening Reception from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm location to be confirmed

FRIDAY, May 29th

Registration 8:00 am to Noon

Hospitality Room and Exhibit rooms open (hours and locations will be posted)

Workshops scheduled include: 1) A day in the Life of a Fur Trapper

2) Adding DNA to your Genealogy and Family History Tools

Buffet Lunch "Build it your way"

Bus tour of UEL Cemetery and Government House Gardens (if time permits for both)

A second Bus tour option is being planned.

Fun night/social in the Coast Ballroom: a Loyalist Fare menu/drinks from the 1700's

With UEL certificates presented, The Leith Award presented and a local historian and tour leader as guest speaker

SATURDAY, May 30th

AGM from 9:00 to Noon . Dominion Council meeting immediately following.

Buffet lunch 12:30 pm

Self guided tours available for those not attending AGM

Victoria Walking tour with guide John Adams

Hospitality and Exhibit rooms open (hours and locations will be posted)

Pre banquet meet and greet with no host bar 5:00 pm

6:00 pm GALA BANQUET begins with the Piper leading the colour party and parade of dignitaries

Musical entertainment "Greater Victoria Police Chorus"

SUNDAY, May 31st

Service at James Bay United Church.

Time and final arrangements still being developed

Walk in Period Dress Parade to the Church (it is only about 5 blocks)

or ride in a carriage drawn by horses (you will need to book)

Or a Bus will leave 30 minutes before the ceremony.

The conference ends!

We will advise you where to register on line and the costs as soon as they are confirmed. Reduced hotel rates have been negotiated for the event. A reduced West Jet rate has been negotiated for those who will fly in for the event.



Chilliwack Branch Centennial Project

The Council Chambers of the old City Hall, now the Chilliwack Museum was the location September 20th, where President Shirley Dargatz and special guest Mayor Sharon Gaetz welcomed the gathered assembly to witness the presentation of the plaque at left to the Chilliwack Museum. The chamber was arrayed with displays focusing on the Chilliwack Pioneers of Loyalist descent and a poster of their names was a focal point at the front of the room. The Mayor presented the plaque to Museum Director Ron Denman on behalf of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch with kind words of support and appreciation to Chilliwack Branch for its continued preservation of local and Canadian history. Nine Loyalist certificates were then presented to their proud descendants. Marlene Dance UE announced each name with background information on the Loyalist.

The Mayor and Museum Director took turns presenting each certificate. Of special note is Marion Avery Claxton, who just turned 94. She had been waiting years for someone to turn up the elusive proofs needed to fill in the gaps connecting her to her Loyalist ancestor Richard Carman. Her mother had always said they were Loyalist, and now she had the certificate in hand. A photographer from the local Chilliwack Progress was present to record the event and family and friends took lots of pictures. A complete list of certificates presented and the Loyalist ancestor is included on page 5. Pictures of the gala event are on page 6 and 7.

Check out www.thevalleyvoice.ca and the Chilliwack Progress Wed. Sept. 24, 2014

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does! William James.

Re-dedication Ceremony at Mount Johnson

<http://qahn.org/news/re-dedication-ceremony-mount-johnson>

Go to the above web site and read about the re-dedication ceremonies that took place on September 2, 2014. We have selected a few pictures below to give you an idea of the ceremony. UELAC President Bonnie Schepers UE (picture left) was one of the speakers. The UELAC gave a Grant to assist with the restoration project. About 125 people were in attendance and while he didn't get into any pictures I could find, we are proud to say that branch member Jeff Curtis UE (a descendant of Sir John Johnson) was in attendance for the ceremonies.



Photo's courtesy of Robert J. Galbraith Photo-Journalist

Vancouver Branch Programme -- 2014 Heritage Fair Presentations

Awards were presented by Carl Stymiest UE, Christine Manzer UE, and Gwen Dumfries UE.

On Sept. 16th, UELAC Vancouver Branch was treated to its third annual programme of BC Heritage Fair Presentations. Four students came with their parents and families to present their projects and receive their awards. Vancouver Branch adjudicated over 350 presentations before announcing the winning students of the 2014 UELAC Vancouver Branch Award. This event is held yearly in local schools in Vancouver during

March, April and May. We featured a few entries in the June news-letter and wanted to follow-up.



Winners are as follows:
Top left: Hudson's Bay Company by Fritz Rehms;
Middle: Alexander Graham Bell: More than just an Inventor by Farbod Nematyfar
Right: Freedom Train: the Underground Railroad by Amy Lui
Bottom Left: War of 1812 by Sermoe Kim (seen with his proud family)

Ft Langley Brigade Days Picnic - August 4th, 2014 pictures from Langley Advance and Shirley Dargatz





**Last Post
Lois Martin**

A member of our Branch for many years, passed away on Sunday evening, August 31st. Her long battle with cancer is now ended. She was

determined to remain at home to the end, and did so with excellent homecare.

She is survived by her husband Alan Martin UE, and her sister Grace Purdy.

Alan is planning to relocate to Ottawa, Ontario later this year.

There will be no local Services.

A celebration of life will be held in her hometown of Thurso, Quebec later this fall.

Our prayers go out to Alan and the family.

Good bye dear friend.

**CHILLIWACK BRANCH UE
Certificates awarded Sept 20th**



- 1) Marion Avery Claxton 3rd Great Grandfather
Loyalist Richard Carman
- 2) Alice Mansell for 4th Great Grandfather
Loyalist John Thornton
- 3) Patricia Huth and brother Earl Saunders
for 3rd Great Grandfather Loyalist John Cole
- 4) Betty Hawryluk for 4th G Grandfather
Loyalist Richard Whittle
- 5) Maxine Cox and brother Fred Reid for 4th
Great Grandfather Loyalist Jeremiah Lapp
- 6) Rio Thomas Andrade for 6th Great Grandfather
Loyalist Frederick Shaver
- 7) Marlene Dance UE for 3rd Great Grandmother
Loyalist Agnes Hutchinson

Congratulations everyone!

See Certificate presentation pictures on page 7

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

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 Nov 11th - Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph by the Museum . Lunch following at the Canton Restaurant, Yale Rd., Chilliwack, BC

Dec 6th Christmas celebrations

2015 Feb TBA—Celebration of the Spring Fleet

April TBA

May 28—31st Dominion Conference in Victoria, BC

October - celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of our Chilliwack Branch at the Chilliwack Museum. Date, time and program to be announced in the new year.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and pictures for the publication to: wmdance@telus.net



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

100th Anniversary of the UELAC 1914- 2014

September 20th @ Chilliwack Museum (Old City Hall)

The write up for this event appears on page 3 and page 5.

Pictures courtesy of April Neave, Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE and Judy Scholz UE. Thank you. The picture of the Old City Hall at left, from the Chilliwack Museum Website.





It was a lovely event and very well attended. We would like to extend a special thanks to all our special guests for participating: Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Museum Director Ron Denman, Gabrielle Loosdrecht representing the office of Laurie Throness MLA, Chief of the Fraser Glen Camp 220 of the Sons of Scotland, Sheila Campbell and husband Brian, together with Ken and Beryl Wilson of the Sons of Scotland.