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A Message from our Branch President

100 YEARS - 100 MEMBERS! WE DID IT!

We set this goal for our UELAC Centenary Year, and we achieved it!

AND, we got to the top ranking of the 27 UELAC Branches. Thirty-two more members than 2013 which brought us to 152% of our previous year. This Centennial Project was in addition to the Commemorative Plaque Presentation we did at the Chilliwack Museum honouring the many pioneers of Chilliwack of Loyalist descent. Kudos to our hard working Genealogist, Marlene Dance UE who did a yeoman job encouraging numerous members of both her and her husband, Wayne Dance UE family, to apply for their Certificates. Marlene also researched and assisted many other folks who have been waiting to prove their Loyalist Ancestors (see page 4 for recent recipients). Chilliwack Branch Members, Leon Merchant UE together with Irving and Marion Reid UE's, have also helped, getting certificates for extended family.

Now we are moving into a "New Year" and we must start the process all over again. Be sure to renew your membership. The form is on page 6.

Your Branch Executive meets December 1st so we will be setting new goals. Do you have any suggestions? Please contact us.

YEAR 2015 – UELAC CONFERENCE in Victoria - almost at everyone's doorstep.

I urge you all to make a concerted effort to attend this "so close to home" Conference. The Pacific Region Committee which includes four Chilliwack Branch Members has been working diligently these past two years to ensure that we have a great venue and superb programs and activities.

I have on hand more copies of the book **"LOYALLY YOURS – 100 YEARS of the UELAC. They make wonderful Christmas Gifts!**

Only \$31.00 which includes tax and shipping. Contact me directly please.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our "T'was the Night before Christmas Tea" on December 6th with special music by Dale Warr and the Chilliwack Early American Consort.

In closing, I would like to

"Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Loyally Yours,
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

Genealogists: Marlene Dance UE
Mildred Hall UE

Social Convener : Jan Duellat

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Director: Marian Reid UE
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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Vancouver Branch Events:



Vancouver Branch members attended the ceremonies at the New Westminster Cenotaph on Nov. 11th followed by a luncheon.
Dec. 7th, 2014 Christmas Gathering at the home of Warren Bell UE
January 10, 2015 Meeting @ 1:30 pm Bonsor Rec Center, Burnaby, BC
 Featuring a slide show of the branches "Year in review"
 with commentary and music.

A new schedule for 2015 will be published on the Vancouver branch website.

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!**



Highlights of the events being planned - 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 and the Leith Award presented. Also 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.

**Vancouver Branch 100th Anniversary Celebration - October 5th, 2014
Centennial Pavilion, Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC**



Chilliwack Branch was well represented at this event by l-r: Marlene Dance UE; Cindy Lyftogt UE; Judy Scholz UE, April Neave and Pres. Shirley Dargatz UE. Dominion President Bonnie Schepers UE and husband Albert were the guests of honour. The program was filled with fun, laughter, prizes and certificate presentations. Our branch had presented our certificates at the Sept. 20th gala, but we took the opportunity to announce them again with another certificate being presented to Marlene for her Loyalist ancestor Capt. Wm. Hutchinson father of her Loyalist Agnes Hutchinson. Vancouver branch presented their 100th anniversary project, the first edition of the book "Moving Ever Westward: Loyalist Descendants come to British Columbia" edited by Dr. Peter Moogk UE, a Vancouver Branch member. Of special note is the submission by our branch member Lynn Bokamyer UE whose family submission appears on page 117—The Proctor Family Comes West.

Christmas spells out love, hope and joy. Pass it on to everyone in your life. Have a wonderful Christmas.



**Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th
Chilliwack, BC**

Always a special day on our calendar. We were pleased that Bradbury Keller UE with his mother April Neave presented the wreath on behalf of the branch. It was a cold, sunny day with one of the largest turnouts in some time.



L-r:
Honour guard, Bradbury Keller UE, April Neave,
Legion member; Mayor Sharon Gaetz.

T'was the night before Christmas

This is the theme of our Christmas Tea
December 6th @ 1:00 pm
Carman United Church Hall (see page 4 for location)

Special Musical Guests:

Dale Warr and the Chilliwack Early
American Music Consort

The General Store is open: gifts, holly, and
Chwk Branch note cards

Program includes: Christmas poems, songs and
Certificate presentations.

Tea, coffee and juice will be served.

Members are asked to bring goodies for the Tea.

Let's share stories of Christmas' past
and enjoy each others company as we
get ready for another Christmas
with family and friends.
Merry Christmas to you all!





LAST POST

Beverly Jean Bengé UE

Beverly, sister of Judy Scholz UE, passed away suddenly on Nov. 11, 2014 in Chilliwack at the age of 73 years.

She was born in Chilliwack in 1941, one of eight children. She is survived by her husband John, children Debbie, John, Ruby (Simon), Liz (Paul), and Raewyn (Martin). 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held on Nov. 19 at the Solid Rock Church in Chilliwack.

Online condolences may still be offered at www.woodlawn-mtcheam.ca. click on right .

Farewell dear friend.

WE MADE IT!!!!

As of this issue our membership is 102!

Our goal for this centenary year was 100 and we did it with two to spare. We have also had a banner year for certificates earned by our members. As of this issue we have had 19 approved. And 4 awaiting approval.

What a great year!



Mail your packages early. That gives the post office plenty of time to lose them in time for Christmas. - Johnny Carson



CHILLIWACK BRANCH

Latest certificates approved and received for our members:

- 1) Carman May Knowles UE for Loyalist Richard Carman
- 2) Louise Avery UE for Loyalist Richard Carman
- 3) Leon Merchant UE for Loyalist John Elliott
- 4) Gary H. Barr for UE Loyalist Joseph Merritt
- 5) Marlene Dance UE for Loyalist Capt. Wm Hutchinson
- 6) Leon Merchant UE and family 4 certificates!

Dominion Council Meetings - Toronto, Ontario

October 24-25, 2014

Branch member and Pacific Regional Councillor, Marlene Dance UE, attended the recent council meetings in Toronto. She reported back to the leadership team the results of the "Where do we go from here" strategy meeting on the 24th and the Dominion Council meeting on the 25th.

A number of committees have been set up to look into: updating our Mission statement; Improving communications between the Branches and the office; storing, archiving and making genealogies more readily accessible to branch genealogists; our privacy policy; and improving the UEL application process, to name a few of the reviews in progress.

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.

Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

Note any changes to time starting listed below

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served at most meetings.

- 2014** Dec 6th ****1:00 pm **** Christmas theme "T'was the night before Christmas"
Trooping of the flag will commence at 1:00 pm - followed by light refreshments, then a program.
Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table.
- 2015** Feb 7 - Heritage Week
April 25 - Celebrating the Spring Fleet
May 28-31st Dominion Conference in Victoria, BC
June 27 - Strawberry Social
July 22 - BC Loyalist Day Flag raising and luncheon
August - Fur Brigade Days Fort Langley
October - celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Chilliwack Branch Charter. Details TBA
Nov 11 - Chilliwack Cenotaph

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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Luncheon at the Canton Inn

Chilliwack saw one of the largest turnouts in years on a sunny but very cold and windy Nov. 11th at the downtown Cenotaph. Immediately following, 29 members, family and friends joined us for a no host lunch with lots of time to warm up, eat and have a good visit. It was lovely to see such a good gathering and of special note, to see charter members Art and Bette Keller able to join us. Here are a few of the pictures from that day. The photographer was too busy snapping pics to get into any of them herself.



Happy 80th Birthday Alva McManus





UELAC Chilliwack Branch MEMBERSHIP FORM 2015

Dear Members.

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

It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2015.

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

(Family membership is for family groups residing at the same address)

Please make your cheques payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

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Please return this portion with your membership:

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor(s): _____

Membership Fees:

Please indicate with a tick:

Individual \$50.00 _____

Family \$65.00 _____

Please send to:

Shirley Dargatz UE
46486 Uplands Dr.
Chilliwack, BC V2R 4M5

Many thanks for your continued support.

We have had a record year for both membership numbers and for Certificates issued.

Please support us again and we will do even better in 2015.