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**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

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A Message from our Branch President

ODE to MEMBERSHIP

M Is for our Members we hold so very dear,
It's up so us to court them, each and every year.

E Is for the Empire, in unity we stand,
To call to mind those people who founded our great land.

M Is for our Membership, the key to our existence,
Ask your family and your friends, and others who may listen.

B Is for the Branches who faithfully trudge on,
To keep our legacy alive – our work is never done!

E Is for each Loyalist to Excite the troops to action,
Their inheritance is left to us, to uphold our main attraction.

R Is for the Royal Decree presented to our forebears,
Their struggle was for our domain – we honour our progenitors.

S Seek out the folks you know, then Search for other Loyalists,
They're in the millions, as we know, and we can be the catalyst.

H Hand-in-Hand together, we keep alive our Heritage,
We celebrate our UE Line, we're loyal to our patronage.

I Invite, Involve, Inform – pass on the Information,
We have a treasure to bestow, on those in any station.

P Potential members do abound in many different places,
Publicize, Promote and Plan, and cover all the bases.



Loyally yours
Shirley Dargatz UE

**“ Let's all get 'on board'
to do our utmost in building
our Membership”!**



Vancouver Branch Events:

**Bonsor Park Recreation Centre,
6550 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby BC**

**FEB. 14th - Saturday 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Guest speaker:
Jean Rae Baxter - Freedom Bound**

MAR. 15th -St. Patrick's day parade - Lunch to follow

**APR. 21st - Tuesday 7:30pm to 9:30 pm @ Bonsor Park
Sale of Period Clothing and Heritage Fair Judging begins.**

Checkout the website @ www.uelac.org/Vancouver/

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 planed - 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.

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!

[TO REGISTER NOW](#) - Go to the UELAC.ca site and under Events click on the conference logo.

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.

Happy 90th Birthday

A double celebration was held over the holidays at the Keller household. First Christmas, then on Dec. 28th about 30 family & friends gathered at the Royal Hotel to celebrate the 90th birthday of Art Keller UE.

A highlight of the event was when daughter Maralynn Wilkinson UE (Victoria Branch) presented Loyalist certificates to Art's grandson Ross Keller and great grandson Tre Angus Keller (son of Ross).

Here is the proud group showing off their certificates:
L-r: Maralynn Wilkinson; Tre Angus Keller; Ross Keller; Art Keller; Bradbury Keller (previously presented)



Picture courtesy of Gordon Wilkinson UE
Congratulations from Chilliwack Branch!



Our flag celebrates its 50th birthday!

On Feb. 15, 1965, for the first time in the country's 98-year history, Canadians raise an official national flag. At noon on Parliament Hill, in front of 10,000 spectators, RCMP constable Joseph Secours, 26, lowers the Red Ensign and hoists the new Maple Leaf atop the Peace Tower in Ottawa. Canadians across the country and abroad do the same. In many of the official ceremonies, members of the Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Navy have the honour of raising the new flag.

The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Calendar of Events for 2015

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.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting.

- 2015** March 21 - Heritage Celebration and St. Patrick's Day
 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/or pictures for this publication to: wmdance@telus.net



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**



Our final event of 2014 was our Christmas gathering Dec. 6th. with special guests "Chilliwack Early Music Consort" led by Dale Warr. There were 5 UEL certificates presented to Leon Merchant UE on behalf of his sister Rolena Krawec, son Daren, granddaughters Emili Rose and Rachel as well as for himself. Their Loyalist ancestors are Samuel Shipman, John Elliot and Lewis Powell. In addition, the following certificates were also announced: Carman May Knowles and Louise Avery for Loyalist Richard Carman; Gary Barr and Corinne Gray for Loyalist Joseph Merritt; and Dorthea Hankin for Loyalist Jesse Bigelow. Special Christmas Poinsettia's were presented to Shirley and Marlene for all their hard work.

Pictures from Shirley Dargatz UE and Marlene Dance UE



NOTICE: Applying for a UE Certificate.

The guidelines for applying for your certificate were outlined in the October, 2013 issue of your newsletter. However, due to the increase in postal costs this past Fall, we are no longer able to absorb the mailing fee and we need to pass these costs on to you as part of the application fee.

Effective Jan. 1st, 2015 a charge of \$3.10 per application will be assessed for the mailing of your application to the Dominion Office in Toronto.

It is important that your application have all the required proofs included and we always do our best to ensure that the bulk of the package does not get too large. In monitoring these costs this past year, we feel that this is sufficient barring another postage increase from the Postal Service.

As the Branch Genealogist, I ensure that the format of the application, all attached proofs together with the affidavit and approval all go together in one shipment. I then monitor the turnaround time so that we can plan on presentations at our meetings where ever possible.

Therefore, I would like to control the mailing portion of the transaction and ask you include the fee when you mail page 10 duly signed together with a cheque for the application fee and mailing charge.

The Dominion Office is looking at the electronic delivery of applications and proofs in the future, but we are not there yet.

Thanks so much for your understanding. I am already working with members on 15 applications. So keep them coming!
Thank you - Marlene Dance UE

Next Meeting!

March 21, 2015

Carman United Church Hall

**See further information
on page 3.**

**Lots to celebrate with
The Spring Fleet, Heritage Day
and St. Patrick's Day
And also a few Certificates to present.**

**Members are reminded to bring
contributions to the refreshment table.
Coffee, tea and juice provided.**





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
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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.