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# Link Up



Photo by M.L. Dance UE

## A Message from our Branch President

I was thrilled to hear that Dr. Gwendolyn Point had been selected as the new Chancellor of the University of the Fraser Valley. And then, I was “over the moon” when I received a special invitation to attend her Installation Ceremony. The beautiful ceremony held in the Atrium of the UFV at the Canada Education Park (formerly, Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack) which is on traditional territory of the Sto:lo Nations ( people of the river) was a most poignant event. I was so honoured to witness it! The event was further enhanced by the Aboriginal Drummers who with the Talking Stick (instead of the mace), led in first of all, the colourfully robed academics, and then Dr. Point accompanied by The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lt. Governor of British Columbia. During the program, the drummers performed an Honour Song and led the dignitaries out during the recession. Other folks in attendance were clad in cultural and ceremonial attire.

Dr. Point’s career and education journey has paralleled the development of the UFV from college to university. She brings a wealth of experience to this prestigious office. Her contributions to the University are legion as well as the Chilliwack Community as a whole. To mention a few: many years with the Fraser Valley College, now the Fraser Valley University, as a teacher, scholar, mentor, administrator, board member, a passionate leader, role model. She is a respected leader of the Sto:lo and Skowkale First Nation. Her attributes are enormous! Further information is on page four of this Link Up. And, I invite you to Google her biography to learn more about this incredible lady. On page two in the article written by Anne Russell, in her own words she says  
 “...dreams do come true and good things do happen.

### ”Dominion Conference 2015

Dear Members, if you have not taken advantage of our UELAC

Canada- Wide Conference

“SO CLOSE to HOME”,

I encourage you to do so. It would be wonderful to have a strong contingent of Chilliwack Members.

(see page three for information).

Thank you Marlene!

For another superb newsletter!

Loyally Yours,

Shirley Dargatz UE



United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2014

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

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Director: Irving Reid UE  
Director: Gordon Vance UE

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Diane Faris UE  
Pacific Regional Councillor:  
Marlene Dance UE



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**LAST POST**

**Mrs. Elizabeth (Libby)  
Hancocks U.E., A.O.C.A., C.G  
Dominion Genealogist**

We are all saddened by the recent death of Dominion Genealogist Libby Hancocks on Friday, February 13, 2015. With her passing, UELAC lost a valued member and dedicated Loyalist historian. Libby gave thirty-one years of her time and expertise to the position of UELAC Dominion Genealogist, studying and approving thousands of Certificates of Loyalist Lineage for appreciative members.

She will be greatly missed.

*Above: Libby receiving the  
UELAC Dorchester award in 2013.  
Photo courtesy of Jo Ann Tuskin UE.*



Kathryn Lake Hogan UE, a member of UELAC since 2007, has six years of experience as a UELAC Branch Genealogist. Since 2012, Kathryn has acted as a webinar host and moderator for the Ontario Genealogical Society and is known as an enthusiastic public speaker in the field of genealogical research.



Kathryn holds a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (PLCGS), Canada Research, England Research and General Methodology. She is currently Director-at-Large of the Association of Professional Genealogists, an international org. dedicated to supporting those engaged in the business of genealogy through advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of high ethical standards.

Congratulations from Chilliwack Branch.  
We look forward to working with you!

*If you want to understand today, you have to research yesterday.* Pearl S. Buck

## 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** May 2 - Display at the LDS Church in Abbotsford BC  
 May 28-31st Dominion Conference in Victoria, BC  
 June 27 - Strawberry Social  
 July 22 - BC Loyalist Day Flag raising and luncheon  
 August 3 - Fur Brigade Days Fort Langley  
 October - celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Chilliwack Branch Charter. Details TBA  
 Nov 11 - Chilliwack Cenotaph and luncheon

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



**United Empire Loyalists'  
Association of Canada**



## **Vancouver Branch Events:**

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

**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/](http://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](http://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.



### DR. GWEN POINT NEW CHANCELLOR OF UFV

By special invitation, President Shirley Dargatz attended the investiture of Dr. Gwen Point. She is well known to the family and is a former teacher of Dr. Point's husband Steven.

*Report taken from the Chilliwack Progress dated Feb. 6, 2015:*

*Image Credit Jenna Hauck/Progress*

Dr. Gwen Point was installed as Chancellor of the University of the Fraser Valley at a ceremony at its Chilliwack campus at Canada

Education Park on February 4, 2015. The installation ceremony was attended by more than 400 dignitaries and special guests, including the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

Dr. Point takes over from Dr. Brian Minter, who was UFV's first Chancellor and served two terms stretching from 2008 to 2014. The [Chancellor](#) is the ceremonial head of the University of the Fraser Valley and serves as a member of the Board of Governors and the [Senate](#). Dr. Point will also preside over UFV's Convocation, conferring degrees, diplomas, and certificates, and serve as an ambassador for UFV at major events.

The Chancellor is appointed by the [UFV Board of Governors](#) upon the recommendation of the Alumni Association and consultation with the UFV Senate.

The new Chancellor's connection to the University of the Fraser Valley stretches back decades, starting in the early 1980s when she and her husband Steven (former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and a B.C. provincial court judge) took university-level courses there.



### Banner Year for Chilliwack Branch. Loyalist Certificates issued.

In the February 2014 issue of this newsletter it was suggested that we should try to make 2014 a banner year for the number of certificates issued to our members. The total is in and we had 22 approvals for 2014. We will now add the following names to our list of proven ancestors on our web page:

Jesse Bigelow  
Richard Carman  
John Cole  
John Elliott  
Capt. William Hutchinson  
Agnes Hutchinson  
Lewis Powell  
Samuel Shipman  
Richard Whittle

This brings a total of 34 certificates approved since May 12, 2013 for our branch. In addition, we are working on about 10 others for this year. Are there more out there? Send your enquiry to [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net) and we will look into it.

### Recent Branch Executive Meeting



I thought you might enjoy seeing some of your executive hard at work. This was March 16 and so St. Patrick's was the theme of the day. Plans were made for the March 21st meeting with "Your Irish Loyalists" as the talking point. See page 5 for pictures from that event. From l-r: Marian Reid UE, Irving Reid UE, Judy Scholz UE, Shirley Dargatz UE, Jan Ouellet, Gordon Vance UE and inset Vicky Heibner UE showing off the beautiful Loyalist dressed doll she made. She has kindly donated it to the Dominion Conference Raffle in May. Judy played hostess at this meeting and always makes us welcome with freshly brewed coffee and tea. Members bring a little sweetie and the meeting gets underway. We all have a sweet tooth or two!



## Celebrating our Irish Loyalists!

March 21, 2015—a fun and informative gathering of friends. Welcome to a special attendee from Victoria Branch - Maralynn Wilkinson UE .



Following luncheon, a presentation on Irish Palatine Loyalists was given by President Shirley Dargatz UE. A loyalist certificate presented to Leon Merchant UE for new Loyalist Caleb Powell and it was also announced that Pat Huth UE had been awarded her certificate for Loyalist Jesse Bigelow.

Then member Chris Hay UE introduced us to his first grandchild, Kaeden James Hay born March 13, 2015. (Parents are Kevin Hay UE and Christie Kromar Hay). Next he then produced a portrait of his Loyalist ancestor Maj. Richard Witham Stockton of the New Jersey Volunteers (7th Great Grandfather of Kaeden) which he obtained from descendants of the Stockton family who had remained in the US. This picture was painted by Henry Benbridge who also painted Benjamin Franklin. While it is listed by the Smithsonian Museum, its actual present location remains unknown. But a book named "Early American Painting" by F.F. Sherman published in 1932 is the last known reference to its existence. Chris also uncovered a great story about Maj. Stockton written in the book "Kidnapping the Enemy" - The special operations to capture Generals Lee and Prescott (of the Revolutionary Army); in which Maj. Stockton played a key roll. The story is fascinating and we have included a picture of the front cover in case anyone is interesting in finding it. Great Sleuthing Chris! You always bring us such interesting stories about your family.



## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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.