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A Message from our Branch President

“Moments in the UELAC”

My dear friend, Jean Cyrull and Husband, Holly, gifted my husband, Ken and me, with a lovely memento of Peggy’s Cove which the four of us visited following the UELAC 2008 Conference in St. John, New Brunswick.

It reads: “We do not remember days, we remember moments”.

Events and encounters, happenings and happiness, memories and members, are all a part of our UELAC moments of which we have many.

On July 29, 2015, Marlene Dance UE and I had a unique opportunity to experience some lovely moments by being part of a private ceremony with a very special family. Recipients, Dorothea Hankin UE and Pat Huth UE, were presented with their certificates in the name of Loyalist Ancestor, Jesse Bigelow.

This was a most poignant “moment” as this family has waited a long time to fulfill this dream and honour their Bigelow ancestor.

On July 22, Loyalist Day in BC, was another emotional “moment” when following our outdoor ceremony hosted by our Mayor Sharon Gaetz at Chilliwack City Hall, we proceeded to the flag poles and felt so proud as our Loyalist Flag was hoisted aloft and dutifully unfurled itself in the morning breeze.

Previously, on Sunday, July 19, we gathered with our friends of the Vancouver Branch at Queen’s Park in New Westminster to picnic and celebrate their BC Loyalist Day – “moments of camaraderie”.

Harkening back to the UELAC 2015 Conference in Victoria in May, once again, to be with our Canada-wide UEL Family, this occasion offered many opportunities to have “emotional moments”.

Looking ahead, on Monday, August 3, BC Day, Vancouver and Chilliwack Loyal Friends will congregate under the big oak tree to picnic and join in the activities of the day.

I have only referred to a few of our “treasured moments” amongst our Loyalist Family- there are many, and more to come.

Like, Conference 2016 in Summerside, PEI,
July 7 – 10.

“Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters”.

Start planning now!

We will experience and enjoy together
many wonderful moments!

Loyally yours

Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

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NEWS FROM THOMPSON/OKANAGAN BRANCH



The Iroquois Confederacy Flag is presented to UELAC Thompson-Okanagan Branch President, William Adams UE at a recent 20th Anniversary celebration in Vernon, BC. The flag was a gift donated by David Hill Morrison of the Grand River Branch and was presented to a representative of the T/O Branch, Sheila Brownrigg UE at the recently held UELAC Loyalists Come West National Conference in Victoria BC 28-31 May 2015.

Photo courtesy of Pat Kelderman UE

Loyalist Day at City Hall - July 22nd, 2015



Special Guests:
Mayor Sharon Gaetz and Desmond Devnich, Constituency Assistant to John Martin MLA.



A small but enthusiastic group celebrated Loyalist Day on the steps of City Hall. We raised the flag and watched it unfurl. A beautiful sight on a sunny breezy day. Luncheon followed.

GENEALOGISTS

never die, they just lose their census

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** August 1-3 - Fur Brigade Days @ Fort Langley
 August 3rd - Picnic under our big shade tree with Vancouver Branch @ 11:30 am.
 (This location is to the right as you enter the Gates of the Fort.) Lots of parking
 October 24- celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Chilliwack Branch Charter at the Chwk Museum.
 Nov 11 - Chilliwack Cenotaph and luncheon at Canton Gardens
 December - Christmas Meeting details TBA

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



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Vancouver Branch Events:

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

Check out the website @ www.uelac.org/Vancouver/

A distant cousin of mine was attending the BC Highland Games and Scottish Festival on June 18th with relatives from Scotland.

She happened upon the Vancouver Branch booth and was delighted to meet the people there. Upon telling them that I had researched loyalist ancestors for her son, they gladly posed for this great shot. Gwen Dumfries UE and Carl Stymiest UE, Co-Chairs of Vancouver Branch. Great picture!

Submitted by Marlene Dance UE Photo taken by Jennifer Till.



All Four Pacific Region Branches now display the Iroquois Confederacy Flag

I'm truly honoured and moved by the thoughtfulness of the Pacific Region Branches. By expressing a desire to include the flag of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy with two other solemn symbols of allegiance – the Maple Leaf and the Union Flags – this gesture acknowledges the sacrifices and fidelity of the Loyal Haudenosaunee alongside their United Empire Loyalist friends and neighbours.

Together, our ancestors faced a common foe and stood firm in their united commitment to defend a principle and a just cause.

Today, as then, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy recognizes the many nuances that give rise to a better way of life for us all. Joseph Thayendanegea Brant's visionary convictions would be validated – over and over – in the many decades to follow his life.

Truly, from sea to sea to sea, the flag of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy now flies proudly as a reminder of yet another contribution made by the First Nations of Canada. For that, I'm pleased and grateful to all who were and are involved.

Loyally

Dave

UELAC Central West Regional Councillor
Webmaster, Grand River Branch UELAC
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David Kanowakeron Hill Morrison UE (descendant of Loyalist Joseph Brant)



Dear Ancestor

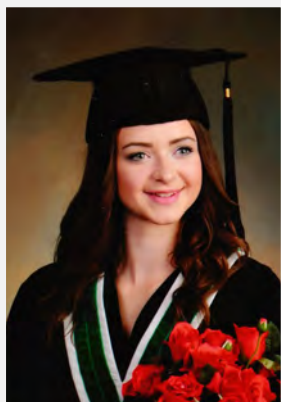
"Your tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone.
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh and blood and bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago.
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder how you lived and loved
I wonder if you knew.
That someday I would find this spot
And come to visit you."

-Walter Butler Palmer

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Karaline Heibner UE

Congratulations go to Karaline daughter of Kevin & Vicky Heibner UE & granddaughter of Judy Scholz UE, who graduated from Sardis Secondary School on June 5, 2015.

Karaline is the recipient of the District/Authority Awards – Applied Skills – Trades - Woodwork \$1,000 and received the Upper Fraser Valley Skills Canada – Cabinetmaking – Gold award.

We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Congratulations Karaline—well done!



Special Event for Certificate Presentation

Back Row: l-r Shirley Dargatz UE; Colleen Bodman; Gary Huth; Terry Bodman; Shelia Huth and Marlene Dance UE.
Front Row: l-r Sig Huth, Pat Huth UE, Dorothea Hankin UE
photo taken by Barb Robbins

Ninety-six year old Aunt Dorothy who lives in Richmond, BC, doesn't get out much these days. So family arranged a get together in Chilliwack so she and her niece Pat could be presented with their certificates for Loyalist Jesse Bigelow. President Shirley Dargatz UE and Branch Genealogist Marlene Dance UE joined with the family to make this a special occasion. A lovely luncheon was served following the presentation.

City of Vancouver Heritage Award

In the October 2013 edition of this newsletter, we reported on the rediscovery of the Stanley Park Rock Garden created in 1911 by John Montgomery who at the age of 65 in 1909 accepted the position of Park Gardener in Stanley Park. John convinced the then Parks Board to let him build a Rock Garden from the debris left from the excavation of the Stanley Park Pavilion. The garden was a beautiful and popular attraction in its time appearing on numerous post cards.

But the garden slowly became overgrown and gradually disappeared. It was not until the big wind storm of 2006 when a great deal of damage was caused in the park by falling trees, that its location was rediscovered. John Montgomery is the great Grandfather of our member Chris Hay UE. Chris started lobbying for the restoration and commemoration of the garden for the 100th anniversary of its creation. Finally in July of 2013, a historical marker was placed to commemorate the garden.

The story received both newspaper and TV coverage at that time. In July of this year, Chris was presented with the City of Vancouver Heritage Award as shown on the right.

Once Chris sets himself a task he goes for it and never gives up. We have, over the years been delighted at our branch meetings when Chris gets up to regale us with the latest interesting story he has uncovered in his family.

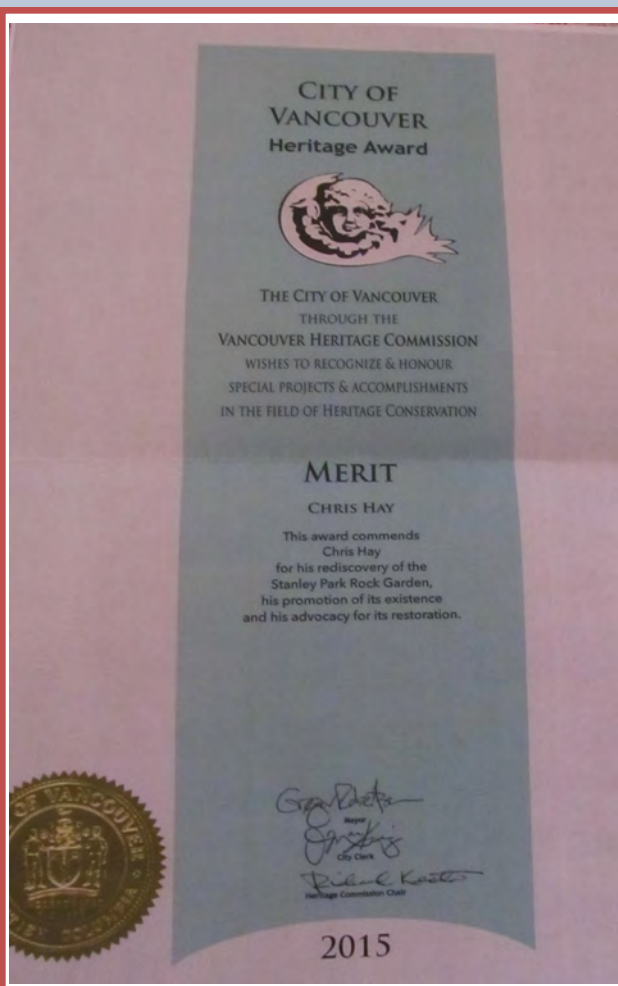
Congratulations Chris, well done and well deserved!

Loyalist Day Picnic

Queens Park, New Westminster, BC

Vancouver Branch hosted the 4th annual Loyalist Day Picnic on July 19th. It was a beautiful and warm day, but the breeze through the trees and the picnic shelter provided the ideal protection to enjoy our food and the company of our sister branch. Chilliwack Branch was well represented with Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE, Jan Ouellet and Emily Thomason. Emily was surprised with a lovely big birthday cake.

L-r Emily, Marlene, Jan and Shirley
Photo courtesy of Linda Nygard UE

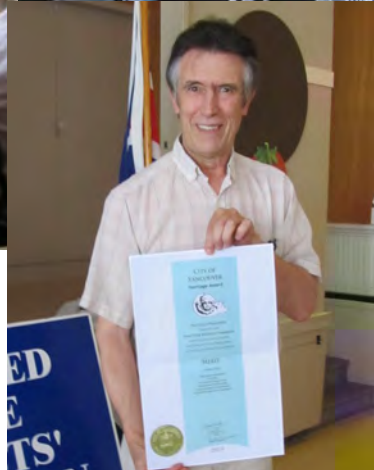


The Triple Berry Social Saturday, June 27th. Submitted by Judy Scholz UE

A great tribute to our forefathers who gave us such stamina to attend a social on one of the hottest days of the year. I noticed most were either glistening or fading. Despite the weather situation everyone seemed to enjoy the time together. Thanks to Marlene who presented a slide show of the conference in Victoria. Such good memories of a wonderful time. Thanks to member Chris Hay for his always interesting adventures. (see below) Thanks to Jan, Margaret and Emily for setting up and serving the refreshments and kept us all refreshed. The 3 berry selection on the short cake with whipped cream was delicious. I noticed a few people went back for seconds. Thanks to Shirley our decorator, the tables looked so pretty. Thanks to Alan our handsome flag bearer/table & chair setter upper, what a good job on a hot day. To Marian and Irving such faithful helpers. What a team. Also a special thanks to Vancouver Branch for coming out and joining us and contributing to our raffle table.



Welcome to the UELAC Vancouver Branch guests: l - r: Diane Faris UE, Gwen Dumphries UE, Carl Stymiest UE, Pam Simpson and Mavis Pickett UE. So glad you drove out to join us.



City of Vancouver Heritage Award presented to Chris Hay UE in recognition of his rediscovery of the Stanley Park Rock Garden, his promotion of its existence and his advocacy for its restoration. See page 4 for details.

