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Link Up



Photo by M.L. Dance UE

A Message from our Branch President

I am still basking in the glow of three very special celebrations in our Branch that have occurred since the October edition of our Link Up.

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the chartering of the Chilliwack Branch in the great hall of the Chilliwack Museum in the very same venue as a quarter of a century ago added additional ambience to our festivities. The theme, "A Silver

Star Celebration" was suggested by Lois Dickinson UE who was the driving force in establishing the beginnings of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC in 1990. A lovely selection of pictures appears on pages 4 and 5.

Sadly Lois has since passed away.

With heightened anticipation and excitement, Marlene Dance UE and I were off to Victoria, BC to participate in the Cecil Ashley Family Certificate Celebration at Government House on November 15. Thanks to our Link Up editor, Marlene, the pictures on page 7 tell the stories beautifully! Much joy went into the planning to bring this event to fruition.

It was a stellar day!

Our third event, laying the Branch wreath on Remembrance Day, was followed by an open no host lunch at Canton Gardens. Here we gather as family, friends and members to connect with each other on such an important day. See page 6 for pictures.

We will finish off our year with our Annual Christmas Tea on December 5 at Carman United Church. This year's theme is "Christmas on a Musical Note". Details are on page 2.

On this finishing "note", I wish you all a most Blessed and Happy Christmas!

May love abound in your hearts as you celebrate your Christmas and anticipate a New Year filled with Hope and Peace - we will all remain, "Loyal Then, Loyal Now".

Loyally,
Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2015

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

Secretary: Margaret Strocel

Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE

Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE

Honourary: Mildred Hall UE

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

Social Conveners: Jan Duelliet &
Emily Thomason

Pacific Regional VP:

Diane Faris UE

Pacific Regional Councillor:

Marlene Dance UE



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CHRISTMAS ON A MUSICAL NOTE!

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2015 @1:30 pm

Please bring some Christmas baking to share. We will have a fruit tray, crackers/cheese with coffee, tea and juice.

Our program:

- ◆ Dale Warr- Early Music Consort
- ◆ The slide show presentation from 25 years of Chilliwack Branch UELAC shown at the 25th Anniversary gathering including additional pictures from Nov. 11th at the Cenotaph and the Nov. 15th Certificate presentations at Government House, Victoria, BC



- ◆ Christmas Carol sing-a-long
Please come and join us for this year end event.
The General Store will also be open and maybe you will find a few stocking stuffers!

2016 National Conference

July 7 - 10th, 2016

Summerside, Prince Edward Island



Link to Conference Website:

<http://www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Atlantic-Conference-2016.php>



This is the hotel we will be staying in at PEI. And look who is standing guard. Isn't that Brian McConnell UE, President of N.B. branch in uniform and ready for our arrival. Book soon, it is filling up!
My husband and I are booked for next year. Are You?

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 Dec. 5th - 1:30 pm theme is "Christmas on a Musical Note" **NOTE the time change!**

2016 February 20 - Heritage Week TBA

May - 14 - "Finding your Roots" seminar in Abbotsford, BC @ the LDS Church. TBA

May 21 - Heritage Week

July 7-10, 2016 Conference in P.E.I. see above for details.

July 22 - BC Loyalist Day Flag raising

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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**



KENNEDY, Allan Edsal RCN UE

January 10, 1924 - July 30, 2015

It is with sad and heavy hearts that we say good-bye to a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who passed away on July 30, 2015. He fought bravely but lost his fight to Alzheimer's. Allan leaves behind his wife of 69 years Jackie, two sons Brian (Lynne) and Paul, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Allan was a veteran of the Second World War (Royal Canadian Navy) and a long-time member of the Legion, Branch #263. He was also a United Empire Loyalist (Millard and Lutz) and a member of the Metis Association of Canada. He was awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for services to Veterans. No service by request.

With us always.

A Celebration of Allan's Life was held on October 28th at the Legion Branch #263.

Published in Vancouver Sun and/or The Province on Aug. 29, 2015



CURTIS, Jeffrey Bruce UE

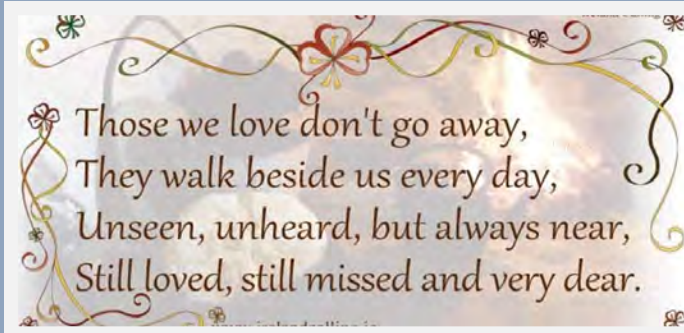
August 13, 1956 – October 4, 2015

It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our husband and father, Jeffrey Bruce Curtis. He will be forever missed by his wife Cheryl and his son Ryan. Jeff was predeceased by his parents John and Marjorie Curtis of Quebec. Jeff will be missed by his family; Peter (Joanne) of Gabriola Island, B.C., David (Krow) of Norwood, Ontario, James (Traci) of Harrison Lake, B.C. Alma (the late James) of Abbotsford, B.C., Gary (Heather) of West Vancouver, B.C., and Debra of Abbotsford, B.C. Jeff will be remembered as a much loved son, husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, great uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. Jeff worked at the BC Ambulance Service for over thirty two years and continued to work as a paramedic after his retirement. Jeff was fiercely proud of his son. He was committed to maintaining the Curtis family history; Jeff was the family historian. Jeff was passionate about his many dreams, schemes, visions and projects. Jeff always loved to sit in his favourite chair overlooking his yard in the quiet peacefulness of an early morning. Jeff had a mischievous side that will be missed at all family gatherings. No service by request. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon would be appreciated. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.woodlawnfh-abbotsford.com

Published in Vancouver Sun and/or The Province on October 16, 2015

On Dec. 7th, 2013 Jeff shared an update on the restoration of his loyalist ancestor Sir John Johnson's gravesite at our meeting. This was written up in our Feb, 2014 issue of the newsletter. Picture above from then. Then later the same year he sent us word that he had attended the festivities for the re-dedication. He was so proud to be there.

See the - Oct, 2014 newsletter issue.



Dickinson, Lois UE

June 20, 1924 - Nov.22nd, 2015

Lois's Loyalist Ancestor was Richard Rogers of New Brunswick. She was the first president of Chilliwack Branch and served from 1990 to 1996. We received word of Lois's passing, from niece Lynne Phillips UE of Chilliwack. Our last conversations with Lois (who had moved to Forest, Ontario, to be near nieces Melinda and Maribel) concerned the 25th anniversary celebration. She so wanted to be here. As she knew she couldn't make the trip, she made sure that we got everything right giving orders by telephone to the delight of our President Shirley Dargatz. Lois even sent a wonderful bouquet of flowers through Minter Gardens of course, that were front and centre at the dais the day of the event. We think she would have been proud of the results. Although not active with our branch, she kept in touch from Ontario. Her spirit and sense of fun lived on in the wonderful stories about the early days of the branch history. Needless to say she is in many of the pictures shown in the retrospective of events from the founding of the branch.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and we shall miss you my friend.

25th Anniversary Celebration - Oct. 24, 2015

Photo's thanks to Christine Manzer UE; Marlene Dance UE; and Fay Kovacs





From UELAC Facebook page.
 Saturday, Oct. 24th saw over 60 friends gather to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the granting of the charter to UELAC Chilliwack Branch. The event took place at the Chilliwack Museum, which is the former 1912 City Hall and was the site of the original signing of the Charter October 18, 1990. Special guests included the Mayor, Sharon Gaetz; MP Mark Strahl; Taryn Dixon Electoral Area Director District H. Also gracing the event were members of the Fraser Glen Camp 220 of the Sons of Scotland, members from UELAC Vancouver Branch as well as many descendants of the original charter request. Branch member, Piper David Avery led the colour party and dignitaries into the room including flag bearers Alan Reid UE and Shay Thornton UE. On hand to cut the cake were original charter signers Art Keller UE and Vera Webb UE and Linda Todhunter UE. What a wonderful celebration!
This picture and an accompanying article also appeared in the Chilliwack Progress Oct. 30, 2015 page 13 under the title: United Empire Loyalists mark 25 years.



The original petitioners in 1990
George De Witt UE – Loyalist Evert & Jacob De Wit of Ontario
Lois Dickinson UE – Loyalist Richard Rogers of New Brunswick
Arthur Keller UE – Loyalist Frederick Keller of Ontario
Maribel Roos UE – Loyalist Richard Rogers of New Brunswick
Scott Roos UE – Loyalist Richard Rogers of New Brunswick
Linda Todhunter UE – Loyalist Robert Campbell of Ontario
Ronald Todhunter UE – Loyalist Robert Campbell of Ontario
Doreen Todhunter UE – Loyalist Robert Campbell of Ontario
Andrew Webb UE – Loyalist Richardson Webb of Ontario
Vera Webb UE – Loyalist Isiah Kierstead of New Brunswick
First Executive: President was Lois Dickinson UE;
 Vice Pres. Arthur Keller UE; Secretary Maribel Roos UE;
 Treasurer Betty Keller; and Branch Genealogist Andrew Webb UE. **First Certificate** presented was to Mildred Evans Hall UE for Loyalist William Casey of Adolphustown, Ontario



This picture is from the branch archives and is the presentation of the Charter by Arnold Nethercott UE, Dominion President of the UELAC. A continuous slide show of pictures from the past 25 years played in the background during the celebration.



Vancouver Branch Events:
Bonsor Park Recreation Centre,
6550 Bonsor Ave., Burnaby BC
 Check out the website @ www.uelac.org/Vancouver/
Upcoming events for Vancouver Branch:
Sunday, Dec. 6th @ 1:00 pm Christmas Social
at Christine Manzer's home. Info to follow via email.
 Go to the web page listed above and click
 "contact us" for more information.

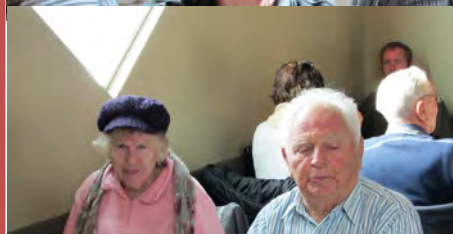
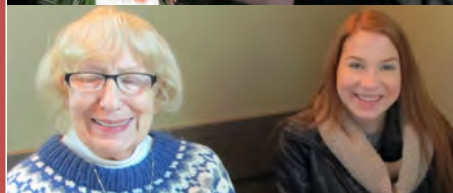


Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2015 Chilliwack Cenotaph

Our wreath was laid by Vicky Heibner UE and daughter Koralee Heibner UE. (below and left)
 It was a cold, breezy but sunny morning and the crowd was one of the largest at this location.
 The rain and hail started just at the end of the ceremonies.

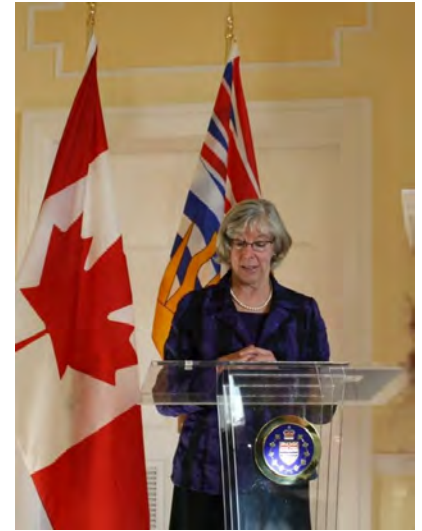
About 20 people joined us for lunch at the Canton Gardens.

- pictures courtesy of
Marlene Dance UE and Fay Kovacs



Four generations receiving their UE certificates at Government House, Victoria, BC

The two photos immediately below courtesy of Adrienne Dunton - Staff - Government House.



Four generations of the Ashley Family were on hand to receive their UE certificates from BC Lt. Governor Her Honour Judith Guichon OBC in the

Drawing Room of Government House in Victoria Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 2:00 pm. L-r above Cecil Ashley, Stephen Ashley, Gwendolyn Gold, Her Honour, Crystal Gold, Trevor Ashley, Keegan Ashley, Alison Clark, Christina Clark. Front: Andrew Clark and Drayden Ashley. All members of Chilliwack Branch, they live in various parts of BC. This gathering brought them all together for the first time. About 25 guests attended including Shirley Dargatz UE, Chilliwack Branch President, Marlene Dance UE Branch Genealogist and VP, Aurelie Stirling UE President Victoria Branch and Robert Ferguson UE VP Victoria Branch. A beautiful reception and tour of Government House followed the presentations. (above left picture and write up as shown on the UELAC Facebook page Nov. 16, 2015). The Loyalist ancestors honoured at this celebration were Simon Snider, whose 2x great Granddaughter Calista Snider married into the Ashley family in 1872 and George Buck whose daughter Margaret married into the Ashley family in 1788. It was a long time wish of Cecil Ashley UE (who received his George Buck certificate in 2001) to have family be recognized. On this day his efforts came true. What an honour it was to have the ceremony take place at Government House in Victoria. Ten certificates were presented. And as an added bonus to mark the occasion, each member had their picture taken receiving their certificate from the Lt. Governor. A special thank you goes to the staff of Government house for making us so welcome, and to Victoria Branch representatives Aurelie Stirling UE and Robert Ferguson UE for being part of the proceedings. What a wonderful family and a beautiful day!



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Bottom three photos courtesy of Mrs. Joyce Ashley



UELAC Chilliwack Branch MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

Dear Members.

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

It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2016.

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 annual 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 2016.