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**United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada**

**Chilliwack Branch**

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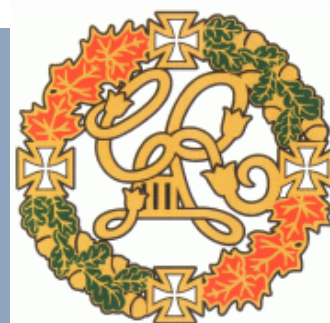
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## A Message from our Branch President



I begin my message with a huge “Thank You” to the folks who attended the Pacific Region Fall Fleet Celebration hosted by the Chilliwack Branch on November 5. Vancouver Branch had a large contingent of their members who also came in Period Dress. As well, the Fraser Glen Sons of Scotland again graced us with the gift of their presence. The theme of course was sailing ships. Check out our celebration cake and pictures on page 4. A lovely lunch was prepared by the ladies of Carman United Church and we thank them.

Our program included guest speaker Matthew Francis, Executive Director of the Chilliwack Museum and Archives. The audience was enthralled with his presentation about world famous Archaeologist, Homer A. Thompson who was a local farm boy - “The Indiana Jones from Chilliwack”.

Dr. Warren Bell UE was the recipient of the Pacific Region Phillip E. M. Leith Award. Dr. Bell is a long standing member of the Vancouver Branch as well as serving on the UELAC Dominion Council. Loyalist certificates were presented to James A Morton UE and Craig Barraclough UE of Chilliwack and Vancouver branches respectively.

Our Branch Genealogist has been “out and about” doing a yeoman job of telling folks our Loyalist Story. The pictures are on page 3.

As we move into the four weeks of Advent and then Christmas, we are reminded of the “Reason for the Season”. It is a Season portraying human hopes, dreams, fears and expectations. The Advent

Wreath of candles symbolizes the coming of Christ and the four virtues of Jesus; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The Christ Candle that is lit on Christmas Eve reminds Christians that Jesus is the Light of the World.

This Yuletide, may you experience this light!

Merry Christmas and Blessings to All!

Shirley Dargatz UE

Please refer to the last page (5) for the Membership Form for 2017.





## Pacific Region Events for 2017

Please mark on your calendars

Vancouver Branch holds its regular meetings at Bonsor Park Recreation Centre,  
Burnaby, BC (near Metrotown)

**June 22-25 - UELAC Conference** @ Delta Arms Hotel, London, Ontario

**July 23 - BC Loyalist Day** Picnic in Queen's Park, New Westminster  
hosted by Vancouver Branch

**October 1 - Fall Fleet & 85th Anniversary Vancouver Br.,**  
@ the Scandinavian Centre, Burnaby, BC . All Pacific Branches are invited  
to this ticketed and catered luncheon.

Theme features: E. Pauline Johnson the celebrated Canadian  
Poet, writer and performer.



Watch for further details of all these  
events and check out their website:

[www.uelac.org/Vancouver/](http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/)



## Calendar of Events for 2017

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 starting time will be listed below

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

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting

**2016** December - There will be no gathering this month. See you in 2017

**2017** January 14th - Happy New Year - What to look forward to in the coming months.

February - Black History Month and Heritage week - details TBA

April 29th - Family History Day, Abbotsford LDS Church and celebrate the Fall Fleet.

June 22 -25 - Dominion Conference in London, Ontario

July 22nd - BC Loyalist Day - details TBA

July 23rd - Picnic @ Queens Park, New Westminster, BC hosted by Vancouver Branch

August 7th - Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days Picnic under our usual Oak Tree.

October 1st - Celebrating the Fall Fleet and the 85th Anniversary of Vancouver Branch details TBA

November 11th - Remembrance Day @ Cenotaph and lunch at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack, BC

December 9th - Christmas celebration - details TBA

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



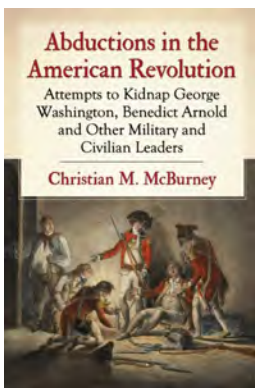
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### Chris Hay UE brings exciting news again!

In our April, 2015 edition branch member Chris Hay told us of the publication of “Kidnapping the Enemy” in which his UE ancestor Maj. Richard Stockton played a role in the plans to kidnap key revolutionary figures. A new book (seen below right) by the same author, Christian M. McBurney, tells more of these stories. Letters and journals are quoted showing the extent to which these tactics were employed by both sides of the revolution and approved of by Gen. George Washington.

Chris has contributed a write up to the Loyalist Gazette in which he tells us about the adventure discovering all the new information about his loyalist ancestor.

It has been accepted and will be published in the Spring 2017 edition. Well done Chris. You always have a great yarn to tell. We are looking forward to reading all about it.



### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your membership renewal form is page 5 of this newsletter.

**We need your support.**

Just look at the schedule of events planned for 2017 that appears under “Calendar of Events” on page 2! Please give yourself a special gift this Christmas and send in your renewal to us first thing.



### The Cousins Caper!



Carl Stymiest UE presents Marlene Dance UE with a wonderful bouquet following her presentation of the “Cousins Caper” to the Vancouver Branch meeting on Nov. 12th. Her genealogy adventure to help a man find the WW2 RAF father he had never known nor even seen a picture of, was very well received. Photo above and below courtesy of Linda Nygard UE

### UE Certificate presented at Sardis Library Workshop!



The topic at the Sardis Library Genealogy Workshop on Nov. 17th was “Finding your Military History”. Attending was Chilliwack Branch member Lyn Christian UE who was presented with her certificate for Loyalist ancestor James Matthews. Over 25 attendees learned of James’ enlistment with the Kings Orange Rangers in 1777 and his postings at the northern tip of Manhattan and later to Nova Scotia. In 1799 he settled on Concession 6 Lot 3 of the Gore, Woodhouse Twp., Norfolk County, Simcoe, Ontario. A certificate was also presented for son Sean for his Christmas surprise. Congratulations to you both!

### Finding your United Empire Loyalist Ancestor



Marlene Dance UE presented the above topic at the LDS Surrey Stake “Finding your Roots” seminar on Oct. 15th to an enthusiastic

audience with lots of questions. Follow up queries were handled by the Vancouver Branch in the main Market Hall. This well attended Genealogy day has seen growing numbers in attendance since its inception over 21 years ago.



# Pacific Region Fall Fleet Celebration Hosted by Chilliwack Branch November 5, 2016

Pictures courtesy of  
Shirley Dargatz UE, Carl  
Stymiest UE and Marlene  
Dance UE





## UELAC Chilliwack Branch MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017

Dear Members.

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

It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2017.

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

(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

Please make your cheques payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch.

Thank you,

Shirley Dargatz UE President

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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 make cheque payable to UELAC Chilliwack Branch

Please indicate membership category with a tick:

Individual	\$50.00	___
Family	\$65.00	___

Please send to: Mrs. Judy Scholz UE

Treasurer Chwk Branch

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*Many thanks for your continued support.*