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A Message from our Branch President

MEMBER SHIPS KEEP US AFLOAT!

THANK YOU Members who have renewed your 2017 Memberships!
Your loyalty is greatly appreciated! Not only are you supporting our Chilliwack Branch, but also the entire UELAC.

Our Mission Statement is to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists.

In this Canada 150 Celebration Year, it behooves us to ponder anew the contributions that our ancestors made in the development of our great country. We are blessed and proud to be their descendants and grateful for their perseverance and the hardships they endured.

What a legacy they have left us!

We would like to expand our "Fleet" by reaching out to others; your immediate family, extended family and friends, folks with whom you communicate etc. There are millions of Canadians who share our ancestry. Give them an opportunity to experience the excitement that we enjoy! Please encourage them to join our branch and research their Loyalist heritage.

While on the topic of ships, may I remind you that our next Chilliwack Branch event is the "Spring Fleet" Celebration.

APRIL 22, 2017

Carman United Church

Gathering at 11:30 am, Flags at 11:45 am, Lunch at 12:00 noon.

Let's strive for a full fleet of attendees!

I would like to close with my heartfelt appreciation to all the folks who helped me celebrate my "Three Score and Ten plus Ten" = 80th Milestone

Loyally,
Shirley Dargatz UE



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive for 2017

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

Vice Pres: Marlene Dance UE

Secretary: Margaret Strocel

Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE

Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE

Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Director: Marian Reid UE

Director: Irving Reid UE

Director: Gordon Vance UE

Director: Cindy Lyftogt UE

Director: Cindy Frizell

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

Social Conveners:

Jan Ouellet, & Emily Thomason,

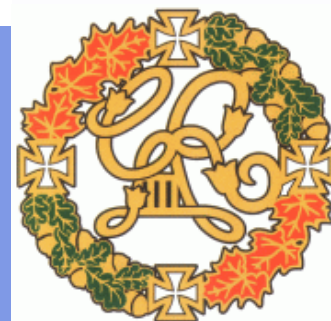
Honourary: Mildred Hall UE

Pacific Regional VP:

Diane Faris UE

Pacific Regional Councillor:

Frans Compeer



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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 of Vancouver Br.,
@ the Scandinavian Centre, Burnaby, BC . All Pacific Branches are invited
to this ticketed and catered luncheon.

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

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

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

- 2017**
- April 22nd - Spring Fleet Celebration
 - April 29th - Family History Day, Abbotsford LDS Church
 - June 17th - Mixed Berry Social event details to be announced
 - June 22 -25 - Dominion Conference in London, Ontario
 - July 1st - Canada's 150th Birthday
 - July 22nd - BC Loyalist Day - event details to be announced
 - 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.
See details on the event in box above
 - 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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Report from the Branch AGM March 4, 2017

We are pleased to report that the opening portion of the above meeting was dedicated to our AGM. The following excerpt from the minutes will bring you up to date on the results of the items on the agenda.



- 1) **Election of Officers:** We are pleased to advise the following executive was declared elected for the 2017 term: President: Shirley Dargatz UE. Vice President: Marlene Dance UE. Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE. Secretary: Margaret Strocel. Board of Directors: Gordon Vance UE; Marian Reid UE; Irving Reid UE; Cindy Lyftogt UE; Cindy Frizell. Web Mistress Vicky Heibner UE, Branch Genealogist/Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE.
- 2) **Appointed positions:** Flag Bearer Alan Reid UE, Social Convenors: Jan Ouellet and Emily Thomason.
- 3) **The financial report** was tabled by Judy Scholz UE. The opening balance for January 1, 2017 is \$3,316.99. Expenses for the first months of this year include: membership renewals remitted to the Dominion office, costs for hall rental, kitchen catering costs and stationery items for printing and mailing the newsletter. Careful planning and use of our resources has kept us viable.
- 4) **We ended 2016** with 89 members plus 4 Associate members from other branches.
- 5) **To date we have received** 60 renewals of membership plus 6 Associate members.

Thank you so much to everyone for stepping up and volunteering.

The branch could not continue without your dedicated commitment. We appreciate all that you do.

With all business concluded, the AGM portion of the meeting was adjourned.



Margaret Strocel Inducted into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW)

November 5, 2016 saw more than 1,000 folks attend the 8th Investiture of new members into the ODNW at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster, BC.

The purpose of the ODNW is to honour people who have distinguished themselves in living out their baptismal identity and purpose in an exemplary way through service in their parishes, in their communities and in the diocese. One of those named was UEL Chilliwack Branch member Margaret Strocel,

who was honoured with the following dedication:

Ms. Margaret Strocel of St. Matthew, Abbotsford, BC.

“Margaret has served three Anglican parishes for decades. In each she has served significantly as Outreach Coordinator, ACW President and ACW Diocesan Board Member. She is a tireless fundraiser. Margaret is a true community organizer who really gets going when others quit or when a parish is going through a hard time.

By refusing the naysayers she has galvanized the women of St. Matthew, Abbotsford into an ACW Chapter that is active in community and outreach programs”.

Congratulations Margaret. We are so proud of you!

(picture at top left: The Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton, The Bishop of New Westminster with Margaret Strocel)

Black History Month



A **Black Loyalist** was an [United Empire Loyalist](#) inhabitant of [British America](#), of African descent, who joined the [British colonial](#), military forces, during the [American Revolutionary War](#). Many were slaves held by [Patriot](#) rebels who joined the British in exchange for [The Crown's](#) promises of freedom. Some 3,000 Black Loyalists were evacuated from [New York](#) to [Nova Scotia](#); they were individually listed in the [Book of Negroes](#) as the British gave them certificates of freedom and arranged for transport. The original of the *Book of Negroes* and an authenticated transcript are now online. http://blackloyalist.com/?page_id=631

LOYALIST NAMES WE ARE RESEARCHING

CAN YOU HELP?

Ezekiel Younglove

James Honeyford

Andrew Sherwood

Peter Lampman

Henry Smith (Heinrich Schmiette)

William Pickering

Christian Barkley

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Victoria Branch advises the passing of Alvin D. Huffman UE.

May 2, 1924 - Jan. 30, 2017

Al was born in Windsor, Ontario to Donald and Katherine (Bailey) Huffman. He leaves his wife of 67 years, Joyce (Smale), their three children Robert (Sheila), Janet and Catherine, their three grand-daughters Emily, Stephanie and Alexa, and his brother Bruce (Kay). Al served as an RCAF pilot during [WWII](#), flying Halifax bombers. After the war he enrolled at the University of Toronto and graduated as a Chemical Engineer (Hons.) in 1949. He had a varied business career, living in many places across Canada, and retired in Winnipeg where he was President of CSP Foods. He moved to the Victoria area of Vancouver Island in 1992 to enjoy a milder climate.

In his retirement he became involved with genealogy and was able to prove descent from five United Empire Loyalists. This earned him the honorific designation of U.E., Canada's only hereditary title. He was an active member of the local branch of the United Empire Loyalists of Canada, holding several executive positions. He was also a member of the Vancouver Island Aircrew Association, a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

He was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

A gathering of remembrance will be held on April 8th. The family wishes to thank the staff of Broadmead Lodge for their care of Al. Donations in Al's name may be made to the CAMH Foundation and will be directed to Alzheimer's Research.

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Report from Aurelie Stirling UE of Victoria Branch:

Al was an active member of the Victoria Branch and was instrumental in establishing a garden project in Victoria's Inner Harbour the feature of which were the specimens of the Loyalist Rose together with a plaque honouring the Loyalists. He created a booth for the Branch's outreach and education program which is still in use today. In 2014 a scholarship was named the "UEL Victoria Branch Alvin Huffman Scholarship in Canadian History" in his honour. He was able to present it himself on several occasions before becoming ill. We are so very grateful for the dedicated service on the part of both Al and his wife Joyce over the years.

We send our deepest condolences to Joyce and the family.



Next meeting: Spring Fleet Celebration April 22, 2017 (see details on page 2)

See a list of the ships that helped evacuate New York and bring the Loyalists to safe harbour in Quebec, Nova Scotia and what became New Brunswick, go to:

[@ http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Ships/Loyalist-Ships.php](http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Ships/Loyalist-Ships.php)

HERITAGE WEEK, BLACK HISTORY, AGM, CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150 BIRTHDAY AND SHIRLEY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

March 4, 2017 at Carman United Church Hall saw the branch come together for a number of special occasions. We also welcomed a number of Vancouver Branch members to the celebrations. And to special guest Jamie Brown from the Cloverdale Library. Thank you all so much for coming. Chris Hay UE brought us news of his upcoming article in the Loyalist Gazette.

Enjoy the collage of pictures below.

(Pictures thanks to Shirley Dargatz UE or her camera)



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