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Link Up



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A Message from our Branch President

Since our last Link Up June 1, Chilliwack Branch Members have been involved in many UEL events: Strawberry Social June 17, Conference 2017, BC Loyalist Day July 22 and Vancouver Branch BC Loyalist Day at Queen Elizabeth Park West Westminster July 23. Thanks to our editor, Marlene Dance UE, you will see throughout this newsletter of 8 pages, a wonderful collage of pictures and articles which depict these “goings-on”.

As I reminisce while preparing this message, my mind focuses on the obvious – that we are part of a “Very Large Family” - from our local Branch to our Regional Branches and on to our UELAC, all are our extended Family which spreads out from sea to sea to sea across our huge domain. This “common bond” is truly unique. For me, the connections go back 27 years!

I was unable to attend the 2017 Conference and I truly missed meeting with “the family”. They are dear friends who I cherish and look forward to seeing every year. Next year the conference is in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and we will all catch up then.

Chilliwack Branch was honoured when our Member of Parliament, Mark Strahl, came to our Strawberry Social this past June. He had a number of commitments that day, but found time to visit with us, to see and hear Marlene’s excellent presentation on Confederation and enjoy our strawberry shortcake. He was very pleased with the wall hanging that we presented to him in honour of Canada’s 150th birthday.

In closing, Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC would like to extend our special thanks to The Governor General of Canada, His Excellency, The Right Honourable David Johnston, for the great and loyal service he has performed the past seven years that he has been in office. He has represented us with honour, humor, dignity and humbleness. For this we are most grateful and appreciative.

Loyally Yours
Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive for 2017

President: Shirley Dargatz UE

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Director: Cindy Lyftogt UE

Director: Cindy Frizell

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Diane Faris UE

Pacific Regional Councillor:

Frans Compeer



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Pacific Region Events for 2017

October 1 - Fall Fleet & 85th Anniversary of Vancouver Br.,

@ the Scandinavian Centre, 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby, BC @ 11:30 am

Agenda includes: The UELAC Dominion President in attendance*

Historic display UE Certificate presentations* and more.

Special Guest Speaker: Professor Carole Gerson

on E. Pauline Johnson - her times and texts

Buffet Lunch tickets: \$26.00 Children under 11 years: \$10.00

Loyalist period dress encouraged.

See page 8 for the registration form attached.

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

Go to the website for dates and times:

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.

There is no charge for our regular meetings.

But members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting or
make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

2017 August 7th - Noon - 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 info above and registration form on page 8)

October 14th - Surrey Stake LDS Church "Finding your Roots" event

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

December 9th - Christmas celebration - details will be announced.

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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**

Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday! Confederation and the Loyalists Strawberry Social June 17, 2017

All dressed up and ready to receive company for a presentation on the "Loyalist contribution to Canada" at the Strawberry Social. We looked very festive to celebrate Canada's Birthday. Special guest MP Mark Strahl complimented us on keeping Canada's Loyalist story alive in our community and he was then presented with this beautiful wall hanging from the Chilliwack Branch made by member Carole Lefler. It now hangs in the Board Room of his constituency offices on Vedder Road.

(Pictures courtesy of M. Dance UE)

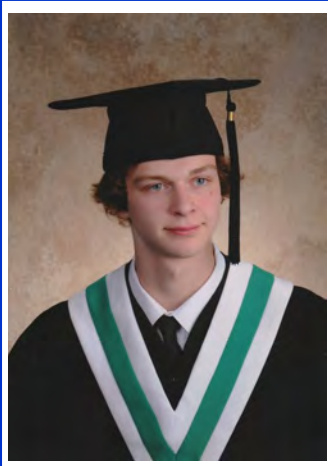


Time by: Kirra Little UE

One thing time never told me,
 Was that I wasn't special.
 He never told me
 I was just another face in the
 crowd;
 He never whispered
 About the present;
 Only the future,
 And, like so many,
 I found myself stuck in it.
 If time had told me
 That tomorrow
 Would come too soon,
 That the world I was stuck in
 Wasn't certain,
 That the present becomes the past
 In a heartbeat,
 Things could've been different;
 But they aren't.
 So here I am,
 On the verge of a beginning
 Where the road is uncertain,
 And time whispers softly:
 Remember yesterday?
 How you were so worried?
 When you wondered what you'd do?
 Look at you now.
 Look where you stand.
 See what you've done?
 That's who you are"
 And all I can do is smile,
 Because I know
 Time,
 Will be the only constant,
 In the life, I'm about to start.



Kirra is a member of the Vancouver Branch of the UELAC and was recently appointed Poet Laureate. She has just graduated from High School and will enroll in Langara college this fall. I think we see writing in her future!



**Kole Heibner UE
 2017 Graduate**

We are pleased to announce that Kole has graduated Grade 12 from Sardis Secondary School in Chilliwack, BC. The program that he was in allowed him to also complete his first year at the University of the Fraser Valley at the same time. This gave him a Heavy Mechanical Foundation Certificate. Kole will be attending Capenway, Timberline Lodge in Fraser, Colorado in September 2017.



**Honours for
 Koralee Heibner UE**

Koralee has just finished grade 10 at Sardis Secondary School. She is pictured here with an Honours Certificate and the plaque as an Exemplary Scholar achieving straight A's for the school year. Congratulations Koralee! Proud parents of both Kole and Koralee are Vicky UE and Kevin Heibner. Judy Scholz UE is one proud Gramma!



Newest little Loyalist!
 Member Chris Hay UE is pleased to announce the arrival of his second grandchild Colten Robert Hay born April 6, 2017. Proud parents are Stephen Hay UE and Chelsea Hay nee Nickel.
 Let's see another UE application soon!



Queen Elizabeth II visits Canada House July 19, 2017

The Queen marked Canada's 150th birthday with a visit to Canada House in central London, where she was given a sapphire brooch Wednesday to celebrate her sapphire jubilee. The Queen was joined by her husband Prince Philip at the celebration, which drew tourists from nearby Trafalgar Square who gathered for a glimpse of the queen as she left in a chauffeur-driven Bentley flying the royal standard. Governor General David Johnston used what is likely to be his final meeting with the queen before his term of office ends to thank the Queen for her "65 years as our sovereign". Johnston said he has become convinced more than ever of the importance of the monarchy in Canadian democracy, but regrets too few in the country understand the unique role of the Crown.

(Taken from the Facebook pages of the Royal Family and the Canadian Governor General)



6th Annual BC Loyalist Day - Saturday, July 22, 2017

Shirley Dargatz UE and her husband Ken graciously offered their home for the Chilliwack Branch flag raising celebration of BC Loyalist Day. While we were just a small group for this event, we were very pleased to welcome Ed Keller and wife Marilyn Keller UE who retired to Abbotsford a few years ago moving from Newfoundland.

A short ceremony with excerpts from the BC Proclamation of 2011, a dedication and loyalist prayer

concluded with the flag raising. A lovely buffet luncheon consisting of veggie plate, a variety of salads, meatballs, and cake rounded out the beautiful table. Tea, coffee and a wonderful fresh fruit punch was enjoyed by all. (pictures courtesy of M. Dance UE)



BC Loyalist Day celebration Sunday, July 23, 2017

Queens Park, New Westminster BC

Hosted by Vancouver Branch.

Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE and Margaret Strocel represented Chilliwack Branch at the picnic in Queens Park. Wonderful catching up and making new friends.

(Pictures courtesy of Linda Nygard UE and Marlene Dance UE)





Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the United Empire Loyalists, and their descendants, have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada since they arrived as refugees, a result of their loyal support of the monarchy during the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the son of a United Empire Loyalist, was documented as being the first European to successfully cross the North American continent north of Mexico on July 22, 1793, and

WHEREAS the Pacific Region of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada wishes to annually celebrate this historically important event, for both Canada and British Columbia, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that July 22, 2012, shall be known as

“Loyalist Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Keith Bracken, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-second day of May, two thousand twelve and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Shirley Bond
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

J. K. Bracken
Administrator



BC Loyalist Day Proclamation 2012

We celebrate July 22nd as Loyalist Day in British Columbia in honour of Alexander Mackenzie.

He is the son of a Loyalist and is known for his overland crossing of what is now Canada, to reach the Pacific Ocean on July 22, 1793.

This was the first east to west crossing of North America north of Mexico and preceded the Lewis and Clark Expedition by 12 years.

The following is a poem in honour of Alexander Mackenzie written by Kirra Little UE. It was read by the author as part of the ceremony at the Vancouver Branch Loyalist Day picnic on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

We are very pleased to share it with you.

Brave Mackenzie

by Kirra Little UE

There's but one word to describe this place;
Arboreous.

Night casts shadows through leaves thick as blankets,
Speckling the mossy ground with bits of welcome moonlight where they break.

There's a cold that settles in the darkness.
One that sets under skin so deeply that no fire can fully expel it.

The howls in the distance chill the bones further,
Creating distressing thoughts of what creatures may be lurking in the brush;

Waiting for their chance.

True, days are long

And the cold stiffens the muscles,
But I never expected this to be easy.

I must make it.

Before the winter sets in;

I will make it.

I've come this far,

Mapping miles of unending wilderness;

And though lacking sleep,

Longing for a warm meal,

Or a soft bed;

I must persist.

I must etch my name in the soil of this land

So that it may forever be tied to me

Long after twisting oak roots encase my bones

There is much I must do,

Yet so little time to do it.

Pacific Regional Canada150 - Fall Fleet Celebration

Hosted by the - UELAC Vancouver Branch on the occasion
of their 85th Anniversary

Sunday, October 1, 2017 - 11:30 am – 3:00 pm



COST: \$26.00 each or \$10 each for Children under 11 yrs. Please note that tickets will be held for pickup at the event to save postage costs.

NAME(S) of those attending for name-tags:

Will anyone attending prefer only vegetarian options? _____

How can we reach you?

Home phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-Mail address _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$26.00 EACH \$ _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$10.00 EACH \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Cheque/Money Order) \$ _____
(Make check payable to UELAC Vancouver Branch)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL WITH CHEQUE TO:

Ms. Gwen DUMFRIES UE

#302 - 2 Renaissance Square

New Westminster, B.C. V3M 6K3

You may also contact Gwen at cgdumfries@shaw.ca or by phone at
604 524-4142 and arrange to pay cash for the tickets.

DEADLINE: September 15, 2017 by mail. September 21st in person.