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A Message from our Branch President

CONGRATULATIONS to MARLENE DANCE UE and DICK MACKEY UE

Joint recipients of the PHILLIP E M LEITH MEMORIAL AWARD.

On Sunday, October 1st, 2017, Vancouver Branch of the UELAC hosted their 85th Anniversary Celebration. Seven members of our Chilliwack Branch joined in this milestone event along with members of the Victoria and Thompson/Okanagan Branches. (See page 5)

The venue was an ideal location for this auspicious occasion. Displays, décor, Loyalist memorabilia, gifts to win, tables decorated, special treats, a delicious meal, folks dressed in Period Attire, audio/visual screen slide show, the Procession of the Flags led by a Piper, and Certificate Presentations and so on. But go to page 5 for the details.

Special Guest was Barb Andrew UE President of the UELAC who made the trek from Brandon, Manitoba to honour us with her presence.

Guest Speaker Dr. Carole Gerson enlightened us on her topic, "Pauline Johnson - Then and Now". Note: Pauline Johnson has Loyalist ties.

It is always a joyous time when we meet together with our Loyalist Friends and Family. Thanks to Carl Stymiest, Emcee (plus, plus, plus), and his great team of Vancouver Branch members who made this gathering a momentous occasion, a happy inspiring time for all of us who attended.

Please note these dates on your Calendar: (see page 2)

Remembrance Day - Saturday, November 11, 2017

at two venues for the first time this year:

Chilliwack Museum Memorial AND

Vedder Crossing Memorial

Followed by Lunch at Canton Garden

Christmas Tea – December 9, 2017 at

Carman United Church

What a wonderful start to our fall events.

Loyally yours,

Shirley Dargatz UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

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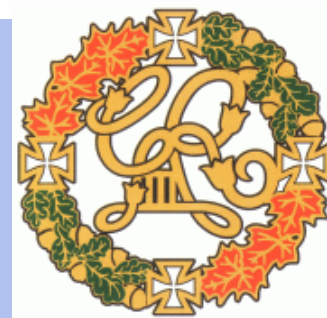
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BC Heritage Fair Winners 2017

Since 2011, the UELAC Vancouver Branch has awarded BC students for their history projects across the school districts participating in the BC Heritage Fairs. Students are adjudicated at their individual schools and selected to represent their school at the Regional Fairs. Finalist winners are selected throughout the province and awarded the UELAC Vancouver Branch History Award.

The winners join branch members in September and present their oral projects to the membership.



"The presentations this year by these wonderful gifted students was exceptional to say the least. The BC Heritage Fair in which branch members adjudicate about 1200 projects yearly is our branch's most anticipated Community Engagement Program", says Carl Stymiest UE, Past President.

L to r: Adrea Lui: Slavery - Underground Railway
Kai Yang: Genocide? Residential Schools
Alicia Clare: Laura Secord
Arianna Ha: Take a stand - The British Home Children
Mara Anglehart: Mary Shadd

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**
- October 1st - Celebrating the Fall Fleet and the 85th Anniversary of Vancouver Branch.
 - October 14th - Surrey Stake LDS Church "Finding your Roots" event
 - November 11th - Remembrance Day - 2 venues Chilliwack Museum Cenotaph and Vedder Crossing followed by lunch at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack BC
 - December 9th - Christmas celebration - Guest speaker -
Dr. Molly Ungar - Queen Elizabeth II and Canada: a Story in Portraits

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



**United Empire Loyalists'
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Ft. Langley Fur Brigade Days

August 7, 2017

Dozens of canoeists participated in a 3-day voyage from Hope to Fort Langley in celebration of Brigade Days. This year a plaque was unveiled honouring Simon Fraser and his contribution to expanding the fur trade west into what became British Columbia.



Judy Scholz UE and many of her family attend this annual festival, camping on the grounds of the fort all weekend.

This year she brought a quilting frame and worked on a quilt. This was very popular and attracted many visitors asking lots of questions. Judy chose a basic and simple design that may have been worked back in those times.

L-r: Judy and visitor in tented area and with granddaughter

Sydney Heibner UE.

We picnicked under our usual Oak tree, but it was a really hot day.

The Battle of Bennett's Island: the New Jersey site rediscovered

by Christian M. McBurney

It is not often the site of a Revolutionary War battle is rediscovered. It is even more unusual that the probable site is in between New Jersey's largest trash dump and the loud rushing traffic of its most crowded highway. New research indicates that the site of the Battle of Bennett's Island is either just inside, or on a rise of land just west of the Edgeboro Landfill and immediately east of the New Jersey Turnpike (Exit 9 on Route 95) in East Brunswick Township in Middlesex County.

On February 18, 1777, New Jersey militia Colonel John Neilson led about 150 militiamen and 50 Pennsylvania riflemen on a surprise pre-dawn raid of Bennett's Island located on the Raritan River to the southeast of then British-held New Brunswick. The raid resulted in the capture of Major Richard Stockton, renowned as the "land pilot" for guiding British forces across New Jersey, as well as three other officers and sixty soldiers of the New Jersey Volunteers, a Loyalist regiment. Four of Stockton's soldiers were killed in the raid, while Neilson lost only one man. The raid also permitted Colonel Neilson and his Middlesex County militia to impede British vessels attempting to supply New Brunswick.

I had become aware of this interesting military engagement as a result of covering Richard W. Stockton in one of my prior books on kidnapping attempts, but researcher extraordinaire Chris Hay of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada, had studied the Battle of Bennett's Island in great detail and was gracious enough to share his research discoveries with me. Chris is a descendent of Stockton (a fifth great grandson).

This excerpt is taken from "The Journal of the American Revolution" just published in July, 2017.

Please go to the web page listing below:

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2017/07/battle-bennetts-island-new-jersey-site-rediscovered/>

(I could not get this in our last newsletter issue as it was full, so I am making sure it was in this issue)

P. E. O.

(Philanthropic Educational Organization)

Women helping women reach for the stars. Founded in 1869 at Iowan Wesleyan College by seven young friends who recognized the importance of women's education. PEO is dedicated to continuing and promoting their vision of fellowship and philanthropy. This organization has almost 6000 chapters in North America and over 240,000 members. A North Delta BC chapter invited our branch genealogist Marlene Dance UE to present a "Create your Family Tree" slide show at their gathering on Monday, Sept. 25th.

The group enjoyed a light dinner, had many questions and told stories about family events that added to the evening. They were each presented with a folder of helpful items to assist in their search. Loyalist descent, Home Children and the value of old letters, Bibles and family pictures were all covered.

Marlene was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the end of the evening.

Loyalist names currently being researched by Branch Members:

Henry Smith

Peter Lampman Sr.

Henry Fratts (Frats)

Christian Barkley

Peter Ouderkirk

Isaac Kierstead

Andrew Sherwood

Benajah Northrup

John Forshee

Valentine Nigh (Nye)

Do you know any of these names?

Can you provide us with some assistance?

We would love to hear from you.

Please contact me by email:

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Marlene Dance UE

Branch Genealogist



Pacific Regional Fall Fleet Celebration Vancouver Branch celebrates its 85th Anniversary 1932 - 2017



A wonderful program greeted attendees at the Scandinavian Centre in Burnaby BC on October 1st. Special Guests included Barbara Andrew UE, President of the UELAC, who brought greetings from the Dominion and guest speaker, Dr. Carole Gerson, Professor, Department of English at Simon Fraser University, who spoke on "Pauline Johnson: Then and Now".

The Colour Party was led in by Piper Joe MacDonald, which was followed by the Royal Anthem, toasts to the Queen, our Ancestors, to the Association, to Canada and of course to the Piper. A special Grace was written and presented by Kirra Little UE, followed by an excellent luncheon catered by Austin Gourmet. Following lunch and the cutting of the celebration cake, the program continued with a special presentation to Vancouver Branch from the office of Mayor Gregor Robertson of Vancouver; the recitation of a special poem by Vancouver Branch Poet Laureate, Kirra Little UE (see next page); the presentation of UE Certificates, the guest speaker and then closing with the Philip E.M. Leith award for 2017. Richard Mackey UE of Vancouver Branch and Marlene Dance UE of Chilliwack Branch shared this honour. Lucky draws and door prizes followed by the singing of O Canada and the retiring of the Colours brought the afternoon to an end. Congratulations Vancouver Branch! What a wonderful celebration.

Please enjoy a selection of pictures on the next two pages.

(Photo credits to: Barb Andrew UE, Marlene Dance UE; Linda Nygard UE; Carole Lefler)



A look around the room with the archives, table settings, Program and chocolate moose cookie for Canada's 150th.

Descendants

by Kirra Little UE

Many years ago,
Long before you or I were born;
There were those who searched the sea,
Weathering heavy storm.

The waters rose and fell,
Sickness was no surprise,
When land was reached at last;
They kissed the ground and praised the
skies.

But their journey did not stop,
Across wilderness they trekked west;
And I can't speak for you,
But I would want some rest.

Yet still they kept on going,
Determination in their blood;
Forts and tents and houses,
Raised just above the mud.

But they couldn't sit for long,
There was work to still be done;
The threat of deathly cold,
Had them always on the run.

Small towns soon turned to cities,
Progress was being made;
Log houses became homes,
And there those families stayed.

Fast forward just a little,
200 years and more,
Those people haven't left;
Just as stubborn as before.

And here we stand today,
Strong hearts within our chests;
Thanks to those few people,
We get to write the rest.

