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# Link Up



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## A Message from our Branch President

### Happy New Year to you all!

The first and most important item I would like to start with is the renewal of your 2018 Membership. As of January 31st, only 32 of our Branch members have renewed. To keep our branch afloat, we must have our "Member Ships". We know the winter weather and the busy family time over the holidays helps to put this item to the back of your mind, but the new year is here and we need you. Please use the renewal form on page 6 and send in right away. Thank you.

Our next item is: March 3rd will be our first event of the 2018 season. Please mark on your calendar right away. The program for this get-together will include: our AGM, Heritage Week, Black History Month and Certificate presentations. Details are on page 3.

Now a reminder about the UELAC Conference 2018  
"Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies!" (June 7 - 10)  
in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan.

We have a contingent of five members attending so far.  
But, there is always room for more.

Finally, excerpts taken from the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 "Link Up" reminds us that.. "we are the chosen in our Families who are called to find our ancestors ... we breathe life into all who have gone before ... we ARE the storytellers of the tribe".

And we have a job to do!

**Blessings and Love to You All in 2018!**

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 UE

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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**UELAC CONFERENCE 2018**  
**LOYALIST TIES UNDER LIVING SKIES!**  
 June 7-10 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
 at the Temple Garden Hotel and Spa  
<http://www.uelac.org/conference-2018/Saskatchewan-Conference-2018.php>



**Please renew your  
2018 Membership!**

YES . . . . . It is that time of year again!  
 We need your support!  
 You enjoy the events we plan.  
 You send us lovely emails about all the  
 pictures and news that we include  
 in our newsletter.  
 You love the Loyalist Gazette!  
 So.... Please print out page 5 and  
 renew your membership right away.  
 Thank you!

**UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH.**

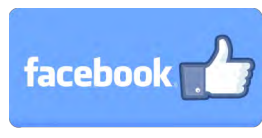
holds its regular meetings at 1:30 pm on a Saturday during the winter months and at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month otherwise.

@ Bonsor Park Recreation Centre,  
Burnaby, BC (near Metrotown)

Go to their website for specific dates and times:

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

They are also on:



**Calendar of Events for 2018**

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.

- 2018** March 3 - AGM/ Heritage Week/ Black History Month celebrations
- April 14 - Spring Fleet Celebrations
- April 28 - Family History Day Abbotsford LDS Church
- June 7-10, 2018 Dominion Conference in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
- June 16 - Mixed Berry Social/ and report on the Conference
- July 22 - BC Loyalist Day -event TBA /Queen's Park Picnic celebration with Vancouver Branch
- August 6 - Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days/Picnic in the Fort
- October - Fall Fleet Celebrations TBA
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens, Chilliwack, BC
- December - Christmas General Store and final event of the year TBA

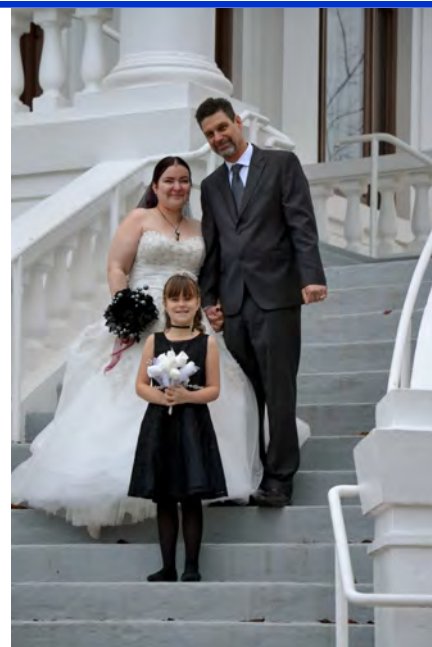
Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: [wmdance@telus.net](mailto:wmdance@telus.net)



**United Empire Loyalists'  
Association of Canada**

### Chilliwack wedding before Christmas

Historic St Thomas Anglican Church in Chilliwack (founded in 1873), made for a very beautiful venue for the marriage of Sarah Cramer UE to Rainer Schoock on December 3rd, 2017. The picture below captures the amazing stained glass windows and wonderful cedar vaulting of the interior. Then on the right, on the steps of the Chilliwack Museum (formerly Chilliwack City Hall) are the happy couple with daughter Evie, the flower girl.



Congratulations from all of us at Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC. May your life be filled with joy!

### Branch Outreach Projects

We are pleased to advise that our branch is undertaking the following projects in the early months of 2018:



1) Marlene Dance UE will be facilitating a 6 week Genealogy Class for Chilliwack ElderCollege. Start date is Feb. 24th. A major component of this course is devoted to Canadian History, the Loyalist story and how to find the documents you need to apply for recognition and a certificate from the UELAC.

2) Marlene will also be presenting "Who are the Loyalists and how do I find them" at the Family History Conference in Victoria, BC on March 10.

3) Various branch members will be attending the Abbotsford LDS Church Family History Day on April 28. We will have an information table in the Market Place area. In the past, this has resulted in a few new members. In addition, Marlene will be doing a presentation titled "Are you barking up the Wrong Tree".



Our first meeting of the year:  
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Trooping of the flag @ 11:45am followed by lunch and then:

The following items are on the program for this gathering:

- 1) Annual General Meeting
- 2) B.C. Heritage Week
- 3) Loyalist Black History Month
- 4) UE Certificate Presentations





## Year end Christmas celebration Dec. 9, 2017

Pictures courtesy of Marlene Dance UE and Evan Parker



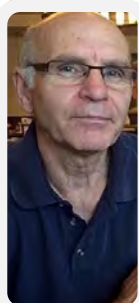
Our year of celebration for Canada's 150th Birthday ended with Dr. Molly Ungar as our guest speaker. The topic: "Queen Elizabeth II and Canada: a story in Portraits" was very well received by a group of 25 members and guests gathered for our last meeting of the year. Dr. Ungar was presented with a thankyou from our branch of a framed print by local artist Huibert Van Drimmelen.

The General Store was open and did a lively business selling branch note cards, preserves, jams and a big box of Holly branches (contributed every year by Jerry Brown UE). Lots of membership renewals came in and a surprise visit from our favourite local MP Mark Strahl, who dropped in to wish us all a Merry Christmas. A lovely time was had by all!



## LARRY ENGLAND UE

1953-2017



Larry Nelson England UE, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2017 at his home in Popkum, BC at the age of 66. This, just one year after he achieved his dream of his entire family receiving their UE designation for their Loyalist Samuel Anderson of the KRRNY. The happy ceremony took place at his home in December of 2016 and was featured on the UELAC Facebook page and in our February 2017 newsletter.

Larry was born in Regina, Sask. into a military family, who ended their career retiring in Chilliwack, BC. Larry graduated from Sardis Senior Secondary School. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Katie, his son Derek, daughter Jennifer together with his grandchildren Nolan, Hannah, Liam, Ewan and Aurora all residents of Chilliwack. Larry was predeceased by his parents Gerald & Eileen (McEwen) England, twin brother Garry and his sister Cheryl Anne. A gathering of family and friends was held December 29, 2017 in the Slesse Room at the Evergreen Hall in Chilliwack, BC. A graveside Service preceded the gathering.

Memorial donations can still be made in Larry's name to the Vancouver Children's Hospital.

Larry will be missed by everyone who knew him!

## Rebecca Berney Frances

Fraser UE

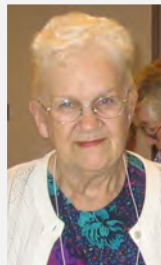
1928-2017



Rebecca passed away on Dec. 21, 2017. She was a Past President of the Vancouver Branch and also a former Branch Genealogist. During that time she maintained the

Vancouver Branch library in her home for many years. The past three years, Rebecca's health has failed and she was unable to attend most Vancouver Branch events. The family request no cards or flowers please, but a donation to the UELAC scholarship fund in Rebecca's memory would be nice.

We send out our thoughts and prayers to her family. We shall miss you my friend!



## Vona Edna (DeWitt) Smith UE

1923-2018

Vona was born in Sandy Lake, Manitoba. Following graduation, she enrolled in Brandon MB Normal School and taught in rural schools in the province.

She met and married Gilbert Smith

(RCAF) in 1942 and they moved to Vancouver in 1948 and had four children. Vona was a skilled lecturer, journalist, researcher and mentor and was part of keeping the Association alive working with others to help establish two new branches in BC. She travelled extensively to research her family and wrote her own book on Tierck Clafsen Dewitt and Descendants of his son Luycas. Vona was also a master seamstress and many of us have been graced by wearing her lovely period creations. In 2007 she was presented with the Philip E M Leith award jointly with Shirley Dargatz UE, in the first year of its inauguration. She is survived by her children: Corinne, Gilbert (daughter Kasia), Aida, Julia (husband Howard Webb: children Brennan and Jenna). A celebration of life will be held at the Poirer Sport and Leisure Complex in Room 2 at 636 Poirier St., Coquitlam, BC on Feb. 10, 2018 from 1:30—4:30 pm. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your local charity in her name.

We shall miss you my friend!



## UELAC Chilliwack Branch MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018

Dear Members.

Firstly, THANK YOU for renewing your memberships this past year.  
It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2018.

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 and still in school)

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 include other names in family on reverse if necessary)

Please send to our Treasurer, Judy Scholz UE

6100 Arlington Dr.

Chilliwack, BC V2R 2J5

*Many thanks for your continued support.*