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President's Message

Tribute to Shirley Dargatz UE

After 21 years of faithful service, President Shirley Dargatz UE has decided to retire. But as we still need her valuable counsel and knowledge, we have created the position of Past President to keep her as an important part of our Executive Team. Words cannot express our gratitude for her leadership these past years. She has served with distinction and has been honoured by our association and the community at large.

Shirley does nothing in half measures.

Accolades so well deserved include the following: in 1993 BCTV Dogwood Award; in 1997 Chilliwack Woman of the Year; in 2000 UFV's "Betty Urquhart Award"; in 2007 Phillip E.M. Leith Award for Outstanding Volunteerism from the Pacific Regional Branches; UELAC Lord Dorchester Award in 2012, and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2012, just to name a few. To say nothing of the time she gives to Carman United Church and the Chilliwack Retired Teachers Association.

What a dynamo! We have been richly blessed.

Thank you so much for your devotion, energy, enthusiasm and your beautiful artistic flare - as shown in the décor we enjoy at so many meetings. May we still raid your storage room occasionally?

The newly elected officers from our AGM on March 3, 2018 are reflected in the column top right of this page, and the full AGM report appears on page 6 of this newsletter.

Shirley, you have set a wonderful example for us and, together with the elected executive, we will do our very best to meet and maintain your standards.

I am honoured to be following in your footsteps.

Loyally yours Marlene Dance UE



**United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive for 2018

President: Marlene Dance UE

Vice Pres: vacant

Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE

Secretary/ Treasurer:

Judy Scholz UE

Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE

Trainee: Cindy Frizell UE

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE

Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Directors:

Marian Reid UE

Cindy Lyftogt UE

Margaret Strocel

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

Social Conveners:

Jan Ouellet & Emily Thomason

w/Vicky Heibner UE and

Rebecca Heibner UE assisting

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>

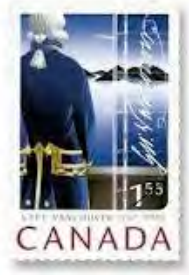


**Please renew your
2018 Membership!**

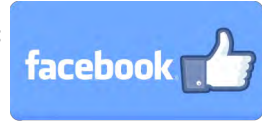
YES It is that time of year again!
 We need your support!
 You enjoy the events we plan.
 You send us lovely emails about all the
 pictures and news that we include
 in our newsletter.
 You love the Loyalist Gazette!
 So.... Please print out page 6 and
 renew your membership right away.
 Thank you!

UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH

Meetings at 7:30 pm on the third
 Thursday of the month or during the
 winter at 1:30 pm on Saturday .
 Most meetings are at
 Bonsor Park Recreation Centre,
 Burnaby, BC (near Metrotown)
 Go to their website for specific
 dates and times: 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.
 Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting
 or make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

- 2018** April 14 - Spring Fleet Celebrations at 1:00 pm **Note time change: see page 5.**
- 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 20 - Fall Fleet Celebrations TBA
- November 11 - Remembrance Day Services 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



**United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada**



LAST POST!

Irving St. John Reid UE

June 25, 1924 –Feb. 7, 2018

A man of great faith and love for family passed away suddenly at the age of 93. He had a passion for farming, sports, his church and making friends.



Irving was born in the district of Meskanaw, Saskatchewan to parents Lawrence Irving Reid and Edna Lapp Reid. He was the 4th of 10 children. School was 2 miles away but ¼ mile shorter in the summer taking the short cut through the fields. In winter the trip was accomplished with a team of horses pulling a “caboose” with a heater. High School was even further away. Once when Irving and a friend were on horseback on their way to school, they averted a train wreck by alerting an oncoming train that the track ahead was not clear.

By 1946 Irving started his farming career in earnest and married his childhood sweetheart Marian Brown. They raised a family of seven sons and one daughter, all born on the farm. They celebrated their 71st anniversary in 2017.

In 1948 the Reid family became part of the Laurel Farm Co-op. Grain was grown and cattle were raised. But in the summer of 1966 the entire family moved out to Chilliwack, where Irving had purchased a chicken farm in Sardis. Soon Irving was part of the “BC Hatching Egg Producers” industry. He held several administration positions on various boards and Co-op farms. Gradually seven of the Reid children went into the farming business. Always a lover of sports, he also found time to coach a baseball team and was very active in his church.

Later, Irving and Marian moved to a nearby house. Their chicken farm was gone, and in its place was the running track by Sardis High School. Semi-retired for a number of years, they spent winters in Apache Junction, Arizona and enjoyed many trips throughout the world.

To remember your life is one thing, but to show that life to your children and grandchildren takes a little more effort. Irving solved the problem by undertaking to write his memoirs from journals written during his lifetime. His vivid descriptions make wonderful reading.

What an amazing legacy to leave for his family.

Irving was very proud of his Loyalist descent from Jeremiah Lapp. His wife Marian is also a Loyalist descendant of James Brown. They have been long-time supporters of the UELAC Chilliwack Branch. Irving was predeceased by his parents and his son Bradley.

He is survived by his wife Marian; children Harold (Laura), Maxine (Ken), Fred (Monica) Greg (Arlene), Rodney (Marlene), daughter-in-law Karen; Alan, and Robert (Karen); 19 Grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson; and by sisters Alice and Fran (Wes). Also many nieces and nephews.

Irving was a wonderful man who had an amazing smile, an infectious laugh, a great sense of humour and a heart as big as all outdoors.

A wonderful Celebration of Life was held at the Sardis Community Church on Feb. 13, 2018.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marian and her family.

We shall miss you, my friend.





In celebration of BC Heritage week, we are pleased to advise that UELAC Chilliwack Branch has joined in partnership with the Heritage Chilliwack Society offering our support in helping them fulfill their motto: "Keeping the Past Present".

We feel that their work focusing on the preservation of the history of Chilliwack, saving historic records, buildings and creating a photographic legacy is very worthwhile. It is important that this legacy include the preservation of the history of the founding families of Chilliwack, many of whom are of Loyalist descent.

LDS Church, Family History Conference with UELAC Victoria Branch, BC March 10th, 2018

Picture courtesy of Karen Borden UE



l-r: Betty Compeer UE, Mary Anne Bethune UE, Marlene Dance UE, Frans Compeer, Cindy Quigley UE.

A nice group signed up to hear Marlene Dance UE present "Finding your UE Loyalist". Three people in the audience indicated they would be contacting Victoria Branch about joining to delve into their UE history. Thanks to Victoria Branch for the invitation, arranging transportation and accommodation. And especially the warm welcome. I enjoyed my visit with you all.

Legacy

I am the heir to a legacy written in sand:
I say written in sand,
Because stone is too permanent
And my inheritance is forever shifting.
Why sand?
Sand can be washed away;
Sand can be destroyed,
This is true,
But so can a legacy.
It's a truth.
A truth many believe is better left unspoken;
Perhaps that is why,
I am compelled to speak it.
So listen:
You do not have a legacy,
If you hold yourself to a higher standard
Than your fellow people.
You do not have a legacy
If you do not share it.
So you must share it;
You must open your arms,
And welcome people.
Kindness will be your everlasting legacy.
And this I claim as my own legacy:
Words where once the page was blank;
Stories I am incapable of telling in conversation;
Glimpses of worlds known only to me;
Until they're known only to readers.
And these arms I'll wear like a cloak,
This badge already engraved in my soul,
For this is my mother's legacy.
I am my mother's legacy.
I will wear these colours to battle,
This shield poised to defend me,
My weapon of choice:
The pen.
For words are the greatest of weapons,
My shield the greatest defense,
And my mother's arms;
The greatest comfort.

By Kirra Little UE

This lovely poem was recited at our first meeting of 2018 by the Poet Laureate of Vancouver Branch, Kirra Little UE. Kirra has presented a number of her works at our meetings this past year. We are proud of her abilities and skill as a wordsmith.



Presentation to Cindy Frizell UE

Part of the program at the March 3, 2018 meeting was to present a Loyalist Certificate to Cindy Frizell. You are now a UE. Her loyalist is Henry Froats. Other spellings include: Faults, Frats, Fratz, Fraats and Fratts. Henry is listed on the muster rolls of the Kings Royal Regiment of New York and he settled in the Williamsburg Township of Upper Canada with his family after the war. His wife was Elizabeth Ulman (Ulleman) and they had 12 children. Johannes (John); Magdalena (Lena) Elizabeth; David; Mary; Heinrich (Henry); Jacob; Philip; Catarina (Catherine); Francis; George and Peter.
Congratulations Cindy - well done!

Memorial Service for Rebecca Fraser UE 1928-2017

We reported Rebecca's passing in the February 2018 issue of this newsletter. The family has advised that there will be a memorial service as detailed below:

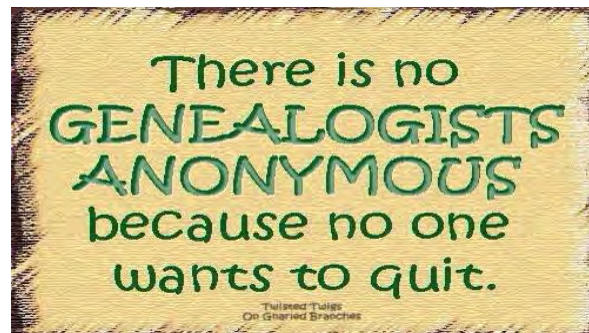
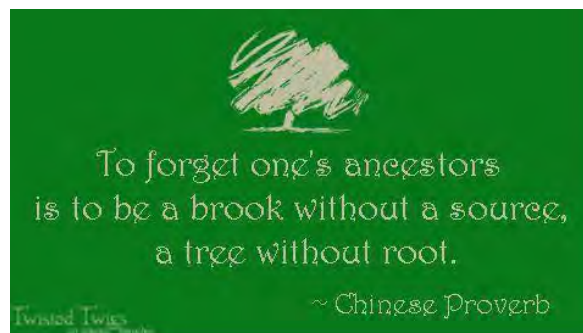
May 6th, 2018 @ 2:30 pm.

**St. John's Shaughnessy Church,
 1490 Nanton Avenue,
 Vancouver, B.C.**

Following the service, there will be a scattering of Rebecca's ashes in the Memorial Garden. Then refreshments and a chance to offer condolences to Rebecca's family and friends.



**You are cordially invited to celebrate
 The Arrival of the Spring Fleet - April 14, 2018.
 Carman United Church Hall @ 1:00 pm
 Coffee, tea, juice and a celebration cake!
 The program will include:
 History of the Spring Fleet,
 Loyalist Certificate presentation and an
 update on the upcoming events for our branch
 including the UELAC Conference
 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan June 7—10, 2018.**



AGM, Heritage Week and Black History Month - March 3, 2018

Report from the Branch AGM March 3, 2018. 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 elected for the 2018 term: President: Marlene Dance UE; Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Scholz UE; Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE with assistance from Cindy Frizell UE; Past President: Shirley Dargatz UE; Directors: Marian Reid UE; Cindy Lyftogh UE and Margaret Strocel; Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE.

2) **Appointed positions:** Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE; Social Convenors: Jan Ouellet and Emily Thomason with assistance from Rebecca Heibner UE and Vicky Heibner UE.

3) **Financial Report** was tabled by Judy Schulz UE. After all expenses, the balance as at December 31, 2017 is \$2,492.05. Regular expenses include: Hall rental, kitchen catering costs, stationery items for the printing and mailing of the newsletter and remitted memberships to Dominion office. Careful planning and use of our resources has kept us viable.

4) We ended 2017 with 62 members plus 6 associate = 68. To date we have received 48 renewals plus 4 associate = 52. We also have had three emails saying that the membership cheque was in the mail.

Thank you so much to everyone who steps up and volunteers to help.

We need someone to help with the Secretarial position. Judy has kindly volunteered to do this in conjunction with the Treasurers position, but we need some help please!

Contact Marlene Dance UE at the email on page 2.

A few pictures from our event. Hard to get everyone in, but we tried.

Pictures from the camera of Marlene Dance UE with help from Carl Stymiest UE

