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## President's Message

Last year at this time our Past President, Shirley Dargatz UE, penned a lovely poem to the first letters of Merry Christmas. I don't have a talent for that kind of thing, but I want to remind you of that issue. Go have a look.

The sentiments expressed are still in our hearts and minds this issue.  
Thank you so much, Shirley.

We have had an exciting year and are ending it on a high note with the successful celebration of the Fall Fleet in October, and our Remembrance of the fallen on November 11th, at the services conducted at the two cenotaphs here in Chilliwack.

We will remember them.

The Fall Fleet Event on October 20th, saw all four branches in the Pacific Region represented. There were 45 members and guests. Thank you so much for making this a success. Please see pages 3 & 4 for the pictures and write up. Special congratulations go to Alan Reid UE in recognition of his volunteer service to our branch, for sharing the Philip E.M. Leith award with Aurelie Sterling UE of Victoria Branch.

We are a busy and active branch. With the help of the Dominion office, Insurance requirements for all our scheduled branch events have been put in place. We continue to get regular enquiries on finding Loyalist ancestors and new memberships help us grow. We have put together a full calendar for 2019 on page 2 and look forward to your being able to attend. Travel and health issues this fall find us short of volunteers for December and have forced us to not schedule a Christmas event this year. But we invite you to celebrate the New Year and Robbie Burns day on January 26th. (see page 5)

Now we turn our attention to membership renewals. Please use page 7 and send in your renewal right away. In trying to meet all your needs and with the requirement of insurance coverage for our events, we have been forced to increase our annual dues by \$5 in each category. Please note that a single membership is now \$55 and a family is now \$75. Renewals are due by Feb. 28, 2019. But the sooner the better for us to get all our reports done and into the Dominion Office. We need your support to continue our work and the operation of our branch. A big thankyou to those who have already renewed. We appreciate it.

I hope you all received and are reading the latest issue of the Loyalist Gazette. I get mine online now and like it this way.

I want to wish you all the blessings of the season and the best of the New year. See you all in 2019.

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 Strocol
- Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
- Social Conveners:
  - Jan Ouellet & Emily Thomason
  - w/Vicky Heibner UE and
  - Rebecca Heibner UE assisting

Life Member: Mildred Hall UE

- Pacific Regional VP: Carl Szymiest UE
- Pacific Regional Councillor: Frans Compeer



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# Calendar of Events for 2019

Print and save with 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 in future newsletters and emails \*\*\***

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.

We are pleased to present an our calendar for next year.

**2019**

January 26th - Celebrate the New Year and Robbie Burns Day

March 23rd - Annual General Meeting

April 27th - Spring Fleet Celebration

May 30 - June 2nd Annual UELAC Conference in Gatineau -The Capital Calls!

June 22nd - Triple Berry Social

July 21st - Picnic in Queens Park, New Westminster to celebrate Loyalist Day.

July 22nd - BC Loyalist Day hosted by Ken & Shirley Dargatz at their home.

August 5th - Ft. Langley Fur Brigade Days Picnic at the Fort  
hosted by Vancouver Branch

October 19th - Fall Fleet Celebration

November 11th - Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens

December 7th - Christmas meeting and social

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about Guest speakers will  
be sent via email and in each edition of this newsletter.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: [chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com](mailto:chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com)



**United Empire Loyalists'  
Association of Canada**

## Fall Fleet Celebration - Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018

Pictures are thanks to: Carl Stymiest UE; Linda Drake UE; Shirley Dargatz UE;  
Marlene Dance UE; Carsten Arnold; Fay Kovacs.



The Colours were piped in by Dr. Dan McDermid to begin our Fall Fleet Celebration. Forty-five members and guests, many in Loyalist attire, attended our event at the Carman United Church Hall. The theme was nautical with the tables decorated in blue and white with sailing ships from the 1780's as the centerpiece. Following the toast to the Piper, Carl Stymiest UE Pacific Regional VP brought greetings from the President of the UELAC Suzanne Morse-Hines UE. The Loyalist Blessing was given and then a delicious luncheon was served, catered by the women of Carman United Church.





### Presentation of the Philip E. M. Leith Award

In recognition for outstanding volunteer service to the Pacific Region UELAC and to their respective Branches, the award was presented jointly to:  
Aurelie Sterling UE of Victoria Branch and to Alan Reid UE of Chilliwack Branch.  
Pictured below left: Carl Stymiest UE, Alan Reid UE, Aurelie Sterling UE and Diane Faris UE, President Vancouver Branch.

Pictured right below: Alan and Aurelie.

(Also see the Chilliwack Progress, Wednesday, Nov. 28th page 3)



Following luncheon the story of the Fall Fleet and the final evacuation of New York in 1783 was told. Then it was time for our Guest Speaker, Carsten Arnold, who presented "The Chilliwack Heritage Photo Project - A personal journey to save our past".

As a professional Architectural Photographer, Carsten has been concerned with the loss here in Chilliwack and the surrounding area of our wonderful buildings. Once gone, many of them will have no record of their previous life or usefulness to our community. So he has set himself the task of ensuring that these buildings are saved in pictures detailing their beauty. This presentation was very well received and the photos were just wonderful.

Carsten is also on the Board of Directors of the Heritage Chilliwack Society of which UELAC Chilliwack Branch is a life member supporting their efforts to preserve Chilliwack's heritage. Certificate presentations were followed by the presentation of the Philip E.M. Leith award.

We concluded with the drawing of the door prizes. All items were donated by the Pacific Region Branches together with a special framed picture from Carsten Arnold.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Carman United Church ladies.

They are: l - r: Diane Wicker, Barb Bearsto, Wanda Chester, Carole Gillette, Brenda Paterson, Marge Thornton.



During the Fall Fleet event, branch member Cindy Frizell UE was presented with her Loyalist Certificate for ancestor Francis Ulman by Branch President, Marlene Dance UE. Cindy has been working hard on her Loyalist heritage. Recently, she has made a connection with another member, Branch Director Margaret Strocel. Margaret has been searching many years for her Loyalist connections.

## Remembrance Day November 11, 2018

Below left: Judy Schulz UE with grandson Jaden Heibner UE laid the wreath on behalf of the Chilliwack UEL Branch at the Cenotaph located back of the Chilliwack Museum.

Below right: Cindy Frizell UE did the honours for our Branch, at the Vedder Crossing Cenotaph. We are proud to present a wreath from our branch at both locations these past two years. The Vedder Crossing site represents the previous location of the Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack. As is usual following the ceremonies, members and guests then adjourn to the Canton Gardens Restaurant for lunch. This year there were 23 in attendance. Sorry, no cameras to record events at lunch this year, but we were so pleased that Jerry Brown UE was up and about and able to attend.



"If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are."

-Madeleine L'Engle



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## Celebrate the New Year and Robbie Burns Day January 26th, 2019

Carman United Church Hall

See top of page 2 for time, address and details.

**Wear your best kilt!**

Enjoy a light lunch, tea, coffee, juice and desserts.

We will put a program together with speaker, poems of Robbie Burns, stories and a slide show presentation of our recent 2018 Fall Fleet celebration.

Please come out and join us.

Keep your fingers crossed that the weatherman is kind to us.

Reminder emails will be sent in the new year!

"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley."

— Robert Burns, [Collected Poems of Robert Burns](#)



## UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH

**Regular meetings at Bonsor will be on Tuesday evenings.**

***There will be four (4) meetings: September, November (AGM), March and May or June.***

***No meetings are scheduled in January or February due to dark evenings and expected poor weather.***

**Various Social events annually: Picnic at Queens park in July and in Fort Langley in August; Spring (May) or Fall (October) Fleet celebrations within the Pacific Region as planned and a Christmas Luncheon. Date this year is Dec. 9th**

**Community Engagement: Finding Your Roots seminars in October; Remembrance Day each year .**

**[www.uelac.org/](http://www.uelac.org/) the branch is also on Twitter, Pinterest and Facebook.**

***Dates of upcoming events: can be found at the webpage above.***

**December 9th: Christmas Luncheon at the home of a member.**

**Details will be emailed to all members.**

**Results of the AGM for Vancouver Branch is shown below.**



### VANCOUVER BRANCH UELAC

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. November, 20, 2018** pictures from Linda Nygard UE

**The Vancouver Branch held its annual AGM on Tuesday, Nov. 20th at the Bonsor Park location.**

**We are pleased to advise the following executive have been elected and sworn in for the coming term:**

**President: Christine Manzer UE**

**1st Vice President: Coco Aders-Weremczuk UE**

**2nd Vice President: Norm Spencer UE**

**Branch Secretary: Donna Little UE**

**Branch Treasurer: M. Diane Rogers**

**Past President: Diane Faris UE**

**Congratulations all!**

**Here are a few pictures from the event.**





**UELAC Chilliwack Branch  
MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWAL FORM 2019**

**Dear Members.**

**Firstly, THANK YOU for renewing your memberships this past year.**

**It is "time" again for us to renew our Memberships for 2019.**

**As you have heard Shirley 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) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00**

**Family Membership: \$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$70.00**

**(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)**

**Please make your cheques payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch**

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**Please return this portion with your membership:**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Loyalist Ancestor (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fees:**

**Please indicate with a tick:**

**Individual \$55.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family \$70.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**If Already a Member of another branch \$15.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of other Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send to our President Marlene Dance, UE**

**5546 Highroad Crescent**

**Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9**

***Many thanks for your continued support.***