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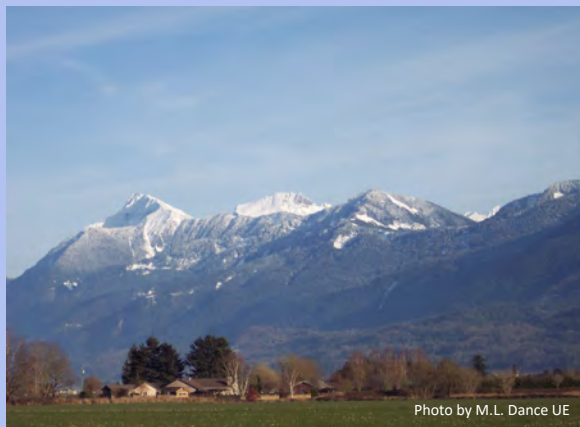


Photo by M.L. Dance UE

## President's Message

**Happy New Year to you all! I can hardly believe it is 2019.**

**It does not seem like this new century is in its 20th year.**

**January saw my husband Wayne and I visiting with family in Roseville, California and Surprise, Arizona. We love to drive and the weather cooperated beautifully. Cold, but not freezing, and lots of sun even with cooler temperatures made for great travel weather. The Siskiyou Summit at 4310 ft. was clear with only a dirty skiff of snow left from the plowing weeks before. Once over and down the other side we felt home free for the next part of the journey to Roseville, CA. After a few days visiting, we drove further south and then east to Bakersfield, over the Tehachapi Summit at 4039 ft. and on to Barstow. Next day we drove to Needles and then on to Surprise, AZ. A nice few days with family visits and then the trip home via another route. We see a lot of the country this way. The branch saw some challenges last fall. Members traveling and health issues forced us to cancel our usual December gathering. But we made up for it using Robbie Burns as the reason for a late January New Year's celebration. What an enjoyable afternoon. (see pages 4 & 5)**

**We are now concentrating on our membership renewals (see page 7) and our AGM scheduled for March 26th. We have a full agenda of activities planned for the coming year and hope you will join us as often as you can.**

**Enquiries continue to come into our new email account at:**

**[chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com](mailto:chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com) and we have gained a few new members this way. Please keep those questions coming. As well, a number of**

**members are working on their Loyalist certification.**

**One application is ready and going in the mail this week.**

**We look forward to seeing you soon, so plan to come out to our many events.**

**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 Stymiest 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 the year.

**2019**

March 30th - 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**



## Membership Renewals are due!

Just a reminder that your membership renewal is now due. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the form. Print out and send back as soon as you can please.

We need your support for the meetings and events that we arrange to keep you up-to-date.

Space rental, insurance, occasional guest speaker/Piper fees, coffee/tea and light refreshment contributions at our meetings, together with office costs for printing, mailing and storage of our books and archives all contribute to the annual expenses incurred to keep our branch running in tip top shape. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 23rd this year.

If you have already renewed—a big Thank You.

If not - we need you, so please renew now!



## New Grandchildren in the Chris Hay UE family

Chris is pleased to announce the arrival of his fourth grandson Kolby Stephen Hay (at left) born December 13, 2018.

Proud parents are Stephen Hay UE and Chelsea Hay nee Nickel.

Yet another arrival for Chris was his first granddaughter Haylie Madison Foulds (at right) born January 15, 2019. Proud parents are Ryan Foulds and Jennifer Foulds UE nee Hay.

Congratulations!

Get going on these five new applications Chris!



## Happy Birthday Prince Charles November 14th, 2018

Our last newsletter was too full to include this delightful picture of the Royal family taken in celebration of Prince Charles' 70th birthday. Don't know what the Photographer did to get this great shot, but it shows a happy relaxed family.

In the gardens of Clarence House are Prince Charles with the Duchess of Cornwall, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis, and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

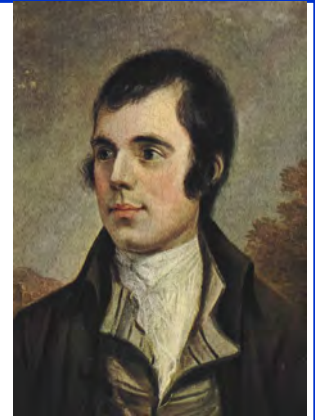
Photograph Handout/Clarence House via Getty Images





## Chilliwack Branch UEL celebrates Robbie Burns' Birthday

We decided to celebrate the 2019 New Year with a Robbie Burns' Birthday event. January 26th saw 30 registered to attend our celebration including members from Vancouver Branch and the "Sons of Scotland" who came out to support us and to participate in our program. The tables were beautifully styled in tartan squares, heather centrepieces and plaid napkins. Thank you, Shirley - you did it again!



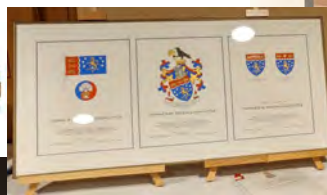
Dr. Dan McDermid piped in the colours together with the parade of attendees all dressed in their best "bib and tucker" for the occasion. Following the toast to the Piper, the Queen and the singing of God Save the Queen, Wilma Hardy gave the Selkirk grace and Shirley Dargatz UE led us in the Loyalist prayer. Jan Ouellette had prepared a Haggis for us, and we asked her to show it off to the guests - much to their delight. It looked delicious and tasted even better. Our buffet luncheon was then ready. Everyone had been asked to bring a contribution to the food table, and we had an abundance of tasty choices. Following lunch, our program began with branch announcements and plans for the coming year. Branch member, Helena Bastedo-Smith UE extended a warm invitation to Chilliwack branch to be sure to attend the 2019 conference "The Capital is Calling". Her sister is on the conference organizing committee. A nod was given to Australia Day as we had a couple of "Aussies" in attendance. Two table displays had been set up of items Scottish and thanks was extended to Wilma Hardy and Jan Ouellette. Donna Little UE had brought her framed "Coat of Arms" to show us. Beautiful. Murray Stewart told us of the beginnings of the "Burns Supper" tradition (which dates back to 1802) with a few funny anecdotes in his wonderful Scots brogue. He then read a Burns' poem "Address to the Toothache" much to everyone's amusement. A slide show of pictures from the Fall Fleet 2018 event was shown and the afternoon ended with Cindy Frizell UE overseeing the door prize draws. We all joined hands in a circle and sang "Auld Lang Syne" in celebration of the new year. The colours were then retired and the singing of O Canada ended a delightful afternoon. Thank you all for coming and for the wonderful food you contributed to the buffet. See you again in March. A few pictures are shown below, with more on the following page. We tried to get everyone in. I hope you can find yourself!





### More pictures of the Robbie Burns event held Jan. 26th, 2019 at Carman United Church

Pictures were contributed by: Carl Stymiest UE, Deleine Perry UE, Shirley Dargatz UE, Marlene Dance UE and Carl Larsen.



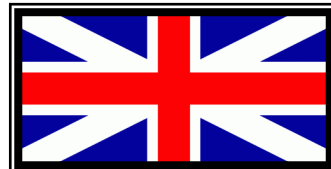
**THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
CHILLIWACK BRANCH







Proud parents Kevin and Vicky (UE) Heibner are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karaline Heibner UE to Mr. Jon Siemens. The engagement was announced before Christmas, and the wedding is scheduled to take place in Chilliwack on September 7, 2019. Congratulations to you both from all the members of Chilliwack Branch UEL.



## THE LOYALIST DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE 1776

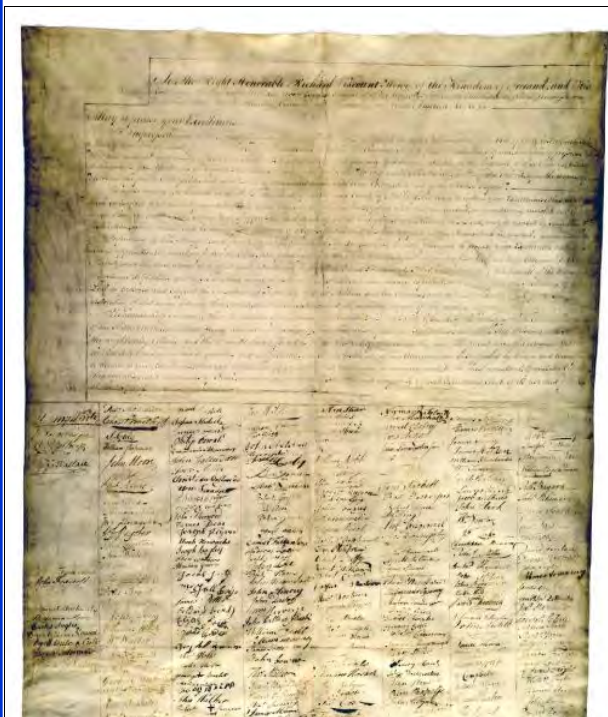
We have all heard of the “Declaration of Independence” ratified in Philadelphia, Pa. July 4, 1776. But has anyone heard of a “Loyalist Declaration of Dependence” signed by 547 Loyalists in November of the same year? Sandra McNamara UE of the Grand River Branch, has made it her mission to discover all she can about this document and has been researching for years. Sandra’s story and article telling of her discovery and subsequent search has been published in the December 2018 issue of the “Journal of the American Revolution”. This article can be found at the following link and makes for a very good read.

[www.allthingsliberty.com/2018/12/the-loyalist-declaration-of-dependence-of-1776/](http://www.allthingsliberty.com/2018/12/the-loyalist-declaration-of-dependence-of-1776/)

Needless to say, my curiosity was piqued and I sent Sandra an email to see if any of my Loyalist ancestors may have signed. We have come up with two possibilities. They are John Sherwood and Jonathan Akerly or Ackley. I must get busy and do some checking. More research is needed. Sandra has already submitted another article to the JAR and is hopeful it too will be published.

Well done, Sandra! Take a bow! Please keep us up to date.

You may contact Sandra at: [themcnamaras.sm@gmail.com](mailto:themcnamaras.sm@gmail.com)





**UELAC Chilliwack Branch  
MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWAL 2019**

Dear Members,

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 pay \$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.*