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United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee
for 2019

President: Marlene Dance UE
Vice Pres: vacant
Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
Asst. Cindy Frizell UE

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Directors: Carole Lefler UE
Cindy Lyftogt UE
Margaret Strocel
Honourary: Marian Reid UE
Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
Social Conveners: Jan Ouellet
w/assistants Vicky Heibner UE
& Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:
Carl Stymiest UE
Pacific Regional Councillor:
Frans Compeer



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President's Message

We are living in interesting times.

Tomorrow will be my first day out of self-quarantine.

I hope this issue of the Link Up finds you and your family safe and well.

The COVID 19 virus presents us with many challenges as I learned when in San Diego at a family reunion this past March. Our stay was cut short, as we rushed to get back home. Then in self-quarantine for 14 days, we were very grateful to friends who did some grocery shopping and lent us books. Remember that old kids game of ringing a doorbell and then running away. That was the new way to deliver stuff to my home.

Gardening and genealogy research has been a great use of my time lately.

Once home, one of the first items on my agenda was to be in touch via email with my leadership team to decide what to do about our next two scheduled gatherings. We

have decided that the April 18th and June 6th meetings are cancelled. This is in keeping with official directives for group gatherings. We need everyone to stay safe and to social distance. We hope the July 22nd BC Loyalist Day event can still happen as planned, but we see cancellations all around for events in the months ahead.

Now word has come through that the UELAC Conference scheduled for June 24-28 in Winnipeg has also been cancelled.

March 19th was the first day of spring. The signs were everywhere on my street. In my garden the lilacs are showing little buds, the forsythia is in bloom and the heather looks wonderful. Time to prune the roses.

I was so sorry to learn of the passing of long-time member, Gordon Vance UE.

We have put together a "Last Post" on page 3. Past President Shirley Dargatz UE attended the private family service, and we appreciate her representing us.

I will close by sending prayers and heartfelt thanks to all the frontline workers who are out there every day keeping the hospitals working, the grocery stores open, the mail delivered and to the police, paramedics and firemen, and to the farmers and truckers who are keeping the stores supplied.

There are many others. We thank you.

Stay home, wash your hands and blessings to all.

Loyally yours

Marlene Dance UE

PS: A little treat from the Victoria Branch UELAC has been added as our final pages. Enjoy.



Calendar of Events for 2020

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 our calendar for the coming year:

2020	February 15	Annual General Meeting, Heritage Week and National Flag Day
	April 18	Spring Fleet. Guest speaker and details TBA Cancelled
	April 25	LDS Finding your Roots table display in Abbotsford, BC Cancelled
	June 6	Berry Social and guest speaker. Cancelled
	June 24-28	Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Man. Cancelled
	July 1	Canada Day
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day. Details TBA
	August 3	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley
	October 3	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Details TBA
	October 17	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey, BC
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens
	December 5	Christmas Social TBA

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

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



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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Keeping the Past Present!

<https://www.heritagechilliwack.org/>



Last Post

Gordon Moffatt Vance UE

1935—2020



We are sad to advise the passing of Gordon Moffatt Vance UE on February 19, 2020 at age 85.

Gordon had been in poor health for the last few years and unable to attend meetings.

He joined our branch sometime after retiring. He had some papers and notes and his grandmother's story about being descended from Loyalist stock. Some cousins thought that the grandmother was wrong.

Gordon made some enquiries at a booth that the Chilliwack Branch had set up and then he joined.

His efforts and good research were rewarded. He received his certificates in 2005 for Frederick Shaver and 2008 for William Simmonds Place.

Gordon was a long-time member of Chilliwack Branch and later of the leadership team. He served as Secretary and was a Director for a number of years and was always ready to lend a helping hand with branch projects. When he joined the executive, Gordon was asked to write a bio as a way to introduce himself to the membership. His notes were published in an issue of the branch newsletter "Link Up".

We are now able to refer to that article for our write-up:

Gordon was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 20, 1935 but was raised in the small town of Balwinto, Saskatchewan. This was a short distance west of Battleford, but is no longer on the map.

His parents were Caroll and Christina Vance, and he had four siblings, Alma, Ivan, Gerald and Mervin.

In late 1939 his father sold all their holdings and moved the entire family by car to Chilliwack, BC.

Gordon attended grade school in Chilliwack, then the family moved to Vancouver for a few years. Then returned to Chilliwack where Gordon graduated in 1952 and then enrolled in Grade 13 the next year.

His father bought land at Yale Road East and Quarry Road. There they built a house and motel and operated the Texaco Gas Station. Gordon attended UBC in 1955/56 but did not find the life of a "poor student" to his liking. So he went to work for the Construction Department of BC Highways for a couple of years and then sailed to New Zealand with three friends. Gordon returned in 1959 and went to work with the Maintenance Branch of the Department of Highways. He and Carol married in 1960 and settled in Chilliwack and raised six daughters: Alison, Komala, Heidi, Kristen, Erin, and Melissa.

Gordon tried to make sure the whole family had their UEL certificates.

Gordon retired in 1993. His hobbies included fishing, badminton and the UELAC.

Gordon is survived by Carol, his wife of 59 years, by his six daughters, their husbands and 6 grandchildren.

We shall miss you, dear friend.

A private service was held for family and close friends. Condolences may be left at Dignity Memorial:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/chilliwack-bc/gordon-vance-9044947>



Gordon was good at hiding from the camera but we found him: L-r: Marian Reid UE, Irving Reid UE, Vicki Heibner UE, Shirley Dargatz UE, Gordon Vance UE, Margaret Strocel, Judy Scholz. UE. Taken at Judy's home during a meeting.



Gordon loved fishing and here he is with a prize catch. Looks like good eating.

Taken from the Dignity Memorial Site see link above.



Chilliwack Branch Presents:
LOYALIST BARN RAISING QUILT RAFFLE
 \$2 per ticket /\$20 per book of 10

Beautifully designed and quilted by branch member Carole Lefler UE.

100% cotton top of various colours to reflect the wood of the barn, the colours of nature and in the patterns of the era.

The lighter squares clearly allow the quilting pattern in the background to be seen. The reverse side is a soft polyester velour type of fabric called "Fireside" with a Canadian flag and two squares.

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Altogether a beautiful quilt and piece of art!

Thank you, Carole, for your skill in creating this for our branch!

SO.....the best laid plans.....as the saying goes, have been derailed by the various Covid 19 shutdowns and cancellations. Sales were very brisk until then.

All the venues in which we had been scheduled to sell tickets are now cancelled.

We have asked the BC Gaming Commission to extend our draw date to

December 5th, 2020 and have received a confirmation.

The printed tickets will still say the original draw date as it is too expensive to reprint what has not been sold.

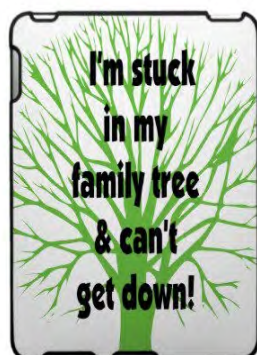
So please help us out and buy a few tickets! (Maybe even a book of 10 - hint, hint)

And may we suggest one of the following options for payment:

- 1) Send us an email at chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to arrange to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided or you can mail us a cheque. OR
- 2) Send an email directly to wmdance@telus.net or Carole Lefler UE cjlefler45@gmail.com We will arrange to reserve tickets for you. We will send you an email picture of your ticket numbers and then ask you to pay us by e-transfer to account information provided or you can mail us a cheque.

We have already done this successfully in a number of cases and it works very well.

So please support us and buy some tickets.



I read the obituaries this morning...

Why do people die in alphabetical order??

Gene•som•nia
 jēnsāmneə, noun

When you really should go to bed, but you stay up and do genealogy instead.

Genealogy forever



HOUSEWORK WHENEVER



UELAC Annual AGM and Conference

June 24-28, 2020

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Hosted by Manitoba Branch UELAC

It is with sincere regret and an "abundance of caution" that the Manitoba Branch and the UELAC have made the joint decision to cancel the 2020 Conference. We cannot in good conscience proceed with the Conference knowing that it may be months rather than weeks that we are all required to practice social and physical distancing. Like other provinces, Manitoba has declared a state of emergency. Gatherings of more than 50 people are not allowed, and they have asked all those who have travelled internationally or within Canada to self-isolate for 14 days. We deeply regret the inconvenience and disappointment this cancellation has caused for our UEL friends across the country. We were enthusiastically preparing to welcome you as our guests here in "Friendly Manitoba", and sincerely hope we have the opportunity again in the near future.

Thank you all for your outpouring of support.

Be safe, practice physical distancing and we look forward to seeing all of you at events once this virus has been contained.

Wendy Hart and Mary Steinhoff

Manitoba Branch 2020 UELAC Conference Co-Chairs

And

Suzanne Morse-Hines UE
President UELAC

The UELAC AGM was planned for Saturday, June 27, 2020. Steps are being investigated to find a way to hold the AGM as scheduled in some sort of "online" meeting format. Maybe like a "webinar" or such like. We will keep you informed and send out information in good time for you to register and participate if you so choose.

Branch Annual Field Trip

- Saturday, April 18th - Tour of the 15th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery Museum & Archives with our guide Peter Moogk UE

CANCELLED



Thomson, Stuart (Photographer) Available from the City of Vancouver Archives

UELAC Vancouver Branch news:

- 1) The annual BC Heritage Fair in the Vancouver School district is usually scheduled in March thru May each year. Vancouver Branch UELAC have been adjudicating these projects for the past 10 years. They had just got underway in March when spring break began and then the closure of the schools for an undetermined period due to Covid 19.
- 2) It is expected that the April 19th branch meeting will be cancelled. Please go to their website near the date: <http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/>
- 3) Vancouver Branch will not have a display tent in the BC Highland Games on June 14th, 2020.

Annual General Meeting
Carman United Church Hall February 15, 2020
 pictures thanks to Carl Stymiest UE and Marlene Dance UE



Only 16 people made it out to our meeting. Grey skies and

quite a few late winter colds kept many at home.

My pictures were a bit blurry. Thank heavens for Carl.

Maybe I either need a new camera or a new person to operate it? Our agenda included the AGM package with all our reports for 2019 a most successful year. Please see page 7 and 8 for the minutes and financial statement.

We also celebrated Shirley's birthday with song and cake.

Notice I didn't give away the year Shirley. Ha Ha.

Carole Lefler UE introduced our Quilt raffle announcing our schedule for ticket sales and selling a good number right away. Do to the extraordinary times we are living in right now, please see page 4 as things have changed with regards to the draw date. As always, we enjoyed a very lovely luncheon and lots of visiting time. It was so nice to see Honourary member Marian Reid UE out and about again. See you all again soon.

Your new UELAC Membership System:

First Time for Member Login to Set Up Account (from Doug Grant UE)

- #1) Go to uelac.ca note the different web address!
- #2) "Click here to set up your account."
- #3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)
- #4) Click on "Get new password"
- #5) If an error message appears just below the green box "Error: The email address isn't correct..", make sure you entered your email address correctly. If you did it correctly, send me an email as most likely your email is not correct in the member system, or is missing. Sent me a note with your branch and your correct email address to loyalist.trails@uelac.org I will check it and get back to you.)
- #6) You will receive an email message from Wordpress, with a link in it
- #7) Click on the link
- #8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.
- #9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use. Record the password somewhere.
- #10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)
- #11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"
- #12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and click log-in
- #13) This should then show "My Account" page
 (in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

Still time to renew your membership. Please do it now!

**UELAC Chilliwack Branch
Annual General Meeting
February 15, 2020**

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:29 pm
The meeting was declared competent to do business as the quorum had been met.
2. A moment of silence for the passing of Mildred Hall UE – an active member from our charter in 1990. She held the position of Branch Genealogist for over 15 years retiring in 2013. She was made an Honourary member in 2017.
3. Adoption of the agenda as presented: moved by Carol Lefler UE, seconded by Carl Stymiest UE.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the March 30, 2019 AGM as circulated:
moved Shirley Dargatz UE, seconded Carole Lefler UE. Carried.
5. Adoption of the Financial Report: year ending 2019
presented by Judy Scholz UE Treasurer. Moved by Judy, seconded by Vicky Heibner UE. Carried.
6. Report of 2019 Branch events;
President: Marlene Dance UE
Adopted into the record: Moved by Carl Stymiest UE, seconded by Judy Scholz UE.
7. The slate of officers presented for the 2020 term is as follows:
President: Marlene Dance UE
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
Asst. Genealogist: Cindy Frizell UE
Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
8. Election: A call for nominations from the floor was made three times. Hearing none, this slate was declared elected by acclamation.
Past President: Shirley Dargatz UE. We would like to acknowledge this appointed position and thank Shirley for her continued devotion to our branch.
9. Announcing appointed positions for 2020:
Directors: Cindy Lyftogt UE
Margaret Strocel
Marian Reid UE (Honourary Director)
Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
Social Convener: Jan Ouellet
to be assisted by Vicky Heibner UE and Becky Heibner UE
Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE
We would like to add one more Director to our Leadership team. We will advise.
10. Floor open to any questions. There were none.
11. Adjournment @ 1:05 pm by Vicky Heibner UE, seconded by Becky Heibner UE.

This concluded the AGM portion of the gathering.
Respectfully submitted,
Judy Scholz UE

UELAC Chilliwack Branch
2019 Year End Financial Report

Dec. 31, 2018	Bank balance forward:		\$2,331.47
INCOME:	2019 Memberships**	2085.00	
	Fall Fleet income*	1078.00	
	Other general	251.04	
	Archives Grants	450.00	
	Fall Fleet Grant*	300.00	
	TOTAL:		+\$4,164.04
EXPENSES:			
	Remit Memberships to UELAC**	1470.00	
	Carman United Church	250.00	
	Kitchen expenses	101.34	
	Misc. Stationary postage, paper, ink, envelopes	116.18	
	Purchase Projector	200.00	
	Promo UEL sign/brochures	90.00	
	Guest speaker/Piper	100.00	
	Archive expenses to date	338.62	
	Insurance 2019	67.50	
	Remembrance Day (2 wreaths)	90.00	
	Fall Fleet expenses*	1356.60	
	TOTAL:		\$4,180.24
		Balance:	\$2,315.27
Dec. 31, 2019	Bank Balance:	\$2,315.27	
NOTE:	Membership renewals held in this balance for 2020	345.00	

Prepared and reviewed by Judy Schulz UE – Treasurer
and Marlene Dance UE – President

The following asset was purchased by the branch during 2019:

Projector: Epson LCD Model: H719A S/N: WDPK5X02985

Original Purchase price: \$506.61 on Dec. 8, 2016.

Purchase Cost second hand to our branch \$200.



THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

VICTORIA BRANCH

MARCH 28, 2020

Greetings to you all

Today was supposed to be our Branch's meeting day. Instead we find ourselves self-isolating and social distancing. In order to bridge the distance we send out this little message. Hoping you all remain well.

Even the gulls are social distancing



Some people are creative and find themselves spending more time in their studio creating art, such as Betty Compeer UE. This piece of fabric art was inspired by a photograph from a local photographer of the worm moon over Mount Baker:



Wendy Clapp sent us this picture of the Loyalist Bateau at the Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park of the Bay of Quinte Branch, well worth a visit should you be in the area.

<https://uel.ca/uel-heritage-centre-park/>



As always nature does not stop and Spring is in full swing and continues to reveal its colours and fragrances.



Sending

to all our front line workers



VICTORIA BRANCH

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

MARCH 28, 2020

An update from our President:

Your Victoria Branch UELAC Executive and I wish you all the healthiest spring possible in this difficult corona virus time.

Betty Compeer suggested, that we post an up-date of our activities.

I know there is some disappointment in the cancellation of the Conference in Winnipeg. Sue Hines, our Dominion President sent a note regarding the 2020 AGM. The AGM provides not only an opportunity to refresh old friendships, and have lots of fun, but it also validates our standing and compliance in meeting the By-Law and the Not-for-Profit Act that states there must be a meeting within six (6) months of our year end. In light of that there is going to be an attempt at a virtual meeting taking place. The intent is to hold it on June 27, 2020, which is the same date as originally planned. The accomplishment of this concept is still in the works. I don't know how the membership(s) will be involved, but it may be simply through proxies carried for the Branch members. We'll keep you in the loop on how this will progress. Also, if you have booked your transportation and/or hotel for Winnipeg be sure to cancel on your own behalf. There will be no generalized cancellation completed by Dominion.

To update you on the continuing work of your Executive:

- Catherine Fryer (Treasurer) has been spending most of her time garden weeding and working on an UE certificate application. She also has kept up with the Citadel where we have paid all our past meeting invoices and has also cancelled our up-coming meetings at no charge to us.

- Dawn Goodwin (Director) was going to the Maritimes this summer, but has been researching with her second-cousin-once-removed, Marion Ennis. Dawn also is looking forward to the Victoria Genealogical Society starting video-conferencing through Zoom. She notes that when you sign up for a free version of Zoom, the policy was that the maximum length for a meeting was 40 minutes (the paid version was necessary for a longer meeting), however this limit may have been waived because of the pandemic.

- Maralynn Wilkinson (Genealogist) has been continuing to help a couple of people with applications and would be happy to assist others. She mentions that although we cannot send in any applications right now, except for short merges, we can be prepared for when things improve.

- Wendy Clapp (Social Convener) has been doing research re obtaining her UE certificate. She has been creating interest in the UEL history with her family, and has also been reading some very interesting historical facts on the UEL Facebook site as well as on the Ancestry link.

- The Archives committee got a good start, but obviously has put this all on hold.

- Frans and Betty Compeer (Membership and Community Engagement) report that the Victoria Highland Games for the Victoria Day weekend have been cancelled and may possibly be rescheduled for later this year. Frans also keeps the Victoria Branch FaceBook page filled with interesting links and information.

- Betty Compeer (Speaker Seeker) is busy lining up speakers for when things normalize and we can resume our regular member meetings.

It's good to share this information with you. Remember to come together – while social distancing of course – in these difficult times.

Loyally Yours, Judith McMullen



Photo by Frans Compeer, CompeerPress



Sending

to all our front line workers