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President's Message

Welcome 2021! Happy New Year to you all.

For the first time in history, when you say "hindsight is 2020", it is actually true. Well, the weather last month has been cold, windy and a bit wet. But lots of sunshine as well. In the garden my heather is in full bloom, and I can see various plants sticking their heads up above the dirt. Not a bad way to start the year.

It is membership renewal time and a good number of you have jumped in using the on-line

system. We also are pleased to see seven new members join our branch so far. Your Management team has been meeting via Zoom these past few months. Our January meeting was an opportunity to welcome Shirley Dargatz UE back into action. We were so pleased to see her and chat for a bit before the agenda was started. We are still learning

how Zoom works, but we feel confident enough to announce that we will do our first meeting via Zoom on February 27th at 2:00 pm. This will be our AGM. See details on page 3. We will start at 1:15 pm for meet and greet time to chat and catch up with old friends.

I hope you will join us. Fingers crossed that we get a good turnout. The parking lot at Carman United Church turned out to be the venue for our raffle draw on December 5th. Pictures are on page 6. A beautiful sunny day, and one of our own members was the lucky winner. Congratulations Rebecca Heibner UE.

Thank you so much for all the lovely emails saying how much you enjoyed the "Thanks for the Memories - a walk down Memory lane" published over three issues in celebration of our 30th anniversary. It was fun to go through all the pictures and share them with you.



There were so many and only a few could be used. But I am glad you liked the selections. I will put them together into a power point presentation and one day we will see them all. Thanks to Chris Hay UE for contributing another item for us. I have added a map because the locations of the land grants of the loyalist named are just below Chris' and my ancestor's. Good bye for now. See you on Zoom!

> Loyally yours Marlene Dance UE

Please remember to renew your membership!

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee for 2020

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

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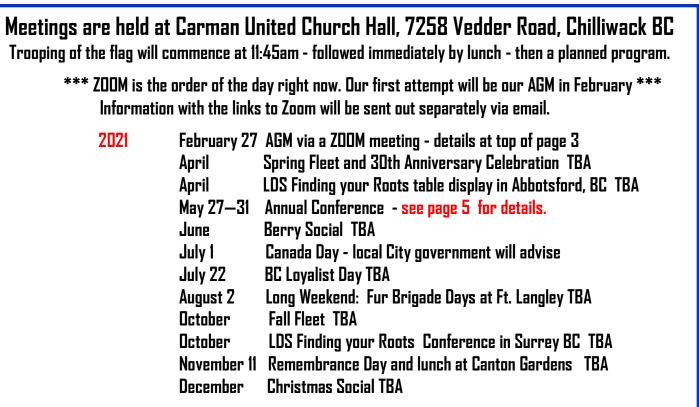
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AGM Chilliwack Branch 2021



zoom

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for UELAC Chilliwack Branch will take place Saturday, February 27th, 2021 @ 2:00 pm via Zoom. Please put this date on your calendar immediately.

The meeting will be open at 1:15 pm for an opportunity for a Meet and Greet for you to chat and catch up with old friends.

The AGM booklet will include: Agenda, Minutes from AGM 2019,

President's report, Financial statement for the year ending 2020, and an update on pending or completed projects from 2020. All documents will be PDF and forwarded by email together with the Zoom link 7 days before the meeting.



Presenting our newest little Loyalist! Isla Jane King born January 28, 2021 in Chilliwack weighed in at 7 lbs 15 oz. and 51 cm.



Proud parents are: Kaitlyn Lyftogt UE & Stewart King. Proud Grandmother: Cindy Lyftogt UE and proud Great-Grandmother is Judy Scholz UE



Welcome to our world little one!

UELAC face mask They are available in two tone beige as shown or black. Contact Trish Groom www.uelac.org/promotion/catalogue.php



Did you notice this mask added to the President's picture on page 1? It was fun making it fit.

Be kind, be safe, be well and wear a mask.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - TRY ONLINE!

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If your first time: #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) You will receive an email message from Word press, 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") If you paid Online last year: #1) go to www.uelac.ca #2) sign in with the password you set last year #3) click on renew/add membership #4) scroll down and select Chilliwack Branch #5) chose your membership type, ensure name, address etc. all correct #6) pay with a credit card and click "Renew" your contribution. You are finished! You will receive a receipt and we will be notified of your renewal. Thank you.



Christmas Crafts made by Members

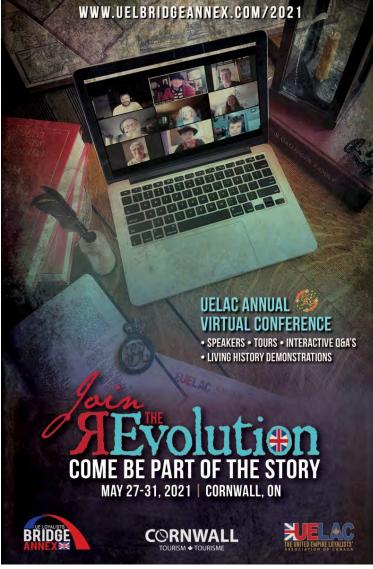
Each of our Management team received one of these lovely clothes-peg Loyalist Soldiers for our Christmas tree which were made by member Carole Lefler UE. Sorry the picture does not do justice to the wonderful tri-corner hat. Thank you so much Carole.

Using scrap pieces of canvas and leftover strands of embroidery thread, another member makes cross stitched snowmen and a goose. Then a remnent of Christmas material is stitched on the back, they are stuffed with cotton balls and made into small Christmas tree ornaments.

Do I see a crafty Zoom meeting in our future to teach us how to make these?



Conference 2021 - Think Virtual is boring? Think again!



UELAC Conference & Historical Event 2021 Join the rEvolution –

Come Be Part of the Story Join the rEvolution has never been a more apt slogan than it is now. Bridge Annex, the 1st virtual branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), is proud to announce we will be hosting the first virtual conference in UELAC history! Innovation is what Bridge Annex was founded on, and the pandemic has shown us this foundation allows us to take our vision for an interactive and memorable conference & historical event and apply it to a virtual platform. Think virtual is boring? Think again! We're producing a mix of multimedia and live elements to engage our audience. The opportunity of a virtual conference is that we can produce expanded content and bring in partners from across Canada

and the US to participate and share their knowledge. In fact, our list of possibilities

just keeps growing because of the enormous enthusiasm and sense of cooperation from our many partners on this journey. We are pleased to announce that our major partner Cornwall Tourism is on board. Their support has been critical to developing our vision for sharing the rich history of the region – Loyalist and more. We'll be hosting live elements on the ground from Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (SDG) Counties throughout the conference weekend.

Our tagline still holds true: Join the rEvolution – Come Be Part of the Story. Our conference and historical weekend will allow you to connect with others and participate in meaningful ways. We're excited to share our new promotional video to share a taste of what is to come. Further details will be posted on our website in the coming weeks: <u>www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021</u> It's going to an incredible journey, so in May 2021,

Come Be Part of the Story!



Searching for Loyalist - Captain John Cougle submitted by Chris Hay UE

The arrival of the COVID pandemic in March 2020 was to quickly curtail all of our regularly established social activities. Surprisingly, I soon discovered that the Fraser Valley Regional Library would be offering free home use of their Ancestry family history website to Library patrons at home.

This was very exciting news as I had never before subscribed to this site for home use. I decided that I would try to fill in my earlier family relations that were still missing personal details of their later lives. I started to search for my New Brunswick Loyalist family records of Captain John Cougle.

My Loyalist line from my 5th great grandfather Capt. John Cougle follows through his eldest son Peter Cougle 1770 - 1831. Upon reviewing my family notes, as expected, it was Peter's female siblings missing the most information. I had very little information regarding his sister Ann Cougle 1768 – 1796 other than she had married George Leonard Jr. I soon discovered they had two children Thomas (1795) and Ann (1796). Ann in 1815 had married Thomas A. Beer (1777 – 1857) of the British navy and they had two children Caroline (1823) and Eleanor. In 1848 Caroline had married Richard Sandys Deveber a prominent Saint John merchant and ship owner. This New Brunswick Loyalist family was now starting to pique my interest but any further clues had now ended with both Ancestry and Family Search.

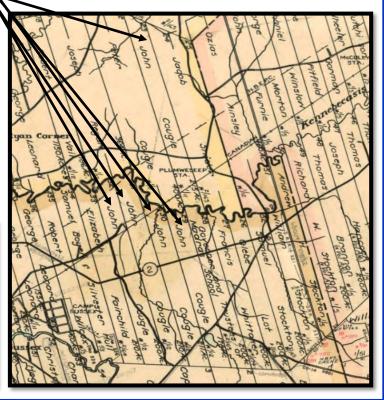
I then decided to use my old standby and just do a Google search for Deveber. This was to bring up an old RootsWeb site on the Richard Sandys Deveber, family of New Brunswick and included the amazing story of their son Leverett George Deveber 1849 – 1925. He had studied as a doctor and in 1882 had joined the North West Mounted Police. He soon became a Regimental Surgeon for the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Successfully elected in Alberta's first election he was soon appointed to the Alberta Cabinet and eventually was elevated to the Alberta Senate. In recognition of his services an mountain in Alberta was named in his honour. I was very pleased to have uncovered this incredible story of my third cousin three times removed.

My greatest thanks to Ancestry and the Fraser Valley Regional Library for offering this free feature during the COVID pandemic which has greatly helped to save my sanity at least thus far. Also published in the Maple Ridge Family History Group Newsletter January/February 2021 issue We provide some additional information for you below:

Location of Land Grants for John Cougle in New Brunswick

www.findagrave.com/memorial/147866985/john-cougle







Thank You for renewing!

In renewing early, six names have been drawn to receive a 2021 Calendar designed and published by the B.C. Genealogy Society. Front & back covers are right & below. The calendar celebrates both the 50th Anniversary of the BCGS and the 150th Anniversary of BC becoming a Province in Canada. The lucky winners were: Bonnie Corcoran UE; Cecil Ashley UE; Gwen Gold UE; Chris Hay UE; Cheryl Curtis; and Deleine Perry UE. I hope you enjoy the excellent design and great pictures chosen for this publication. Well done BCGS. **Congratulations everyone!**

The British Columbia Genealogical Society Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary By Visiting 1971 Memory Lane

While members of the newly formed BCGS attended the inaugural meeting in February 1971, our province had just begun a year of celebrating British Columbia's centennial anniversary of becoming Canada's sixth province. Our "50 Years Ago" keepsake calendar will stoke memories for some, and spark curiosity in those who are too young to remember those long ago days. The BCGS 2021 Calendar Team hopes the images and stories between these covers will stimulate satisfying family conversations about what was going on in your lives in 1971.

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UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW MEMBERSHIP 2021/ or Renewal

Many thanks for your continued support. It is so appreciated.

The options and fees are as follows:

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