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President's Message

Spring is here !

There were a few days in late March when the temperature got up to 18c and the bees started buzzing about. The early blooming magnolias are just about ready to burst.

Forsythia and heather are all in bloom. There are tiny buds everywhere.

Especially on my roses. I was worried they would not make it through the winter.

My neighbours all have daffodils and crocus up and things are looking lovely.

The AGM was completed in February and you will find a full report on pages four to seven.

At the invitation of the Abbotsford Genealogy Society, I was invited to do an opening presentation for their Beginners Genealogy 101 class. This covered "You know more than you think" and "Family Stories". Of course the Loyalist connection was mentioned.

Over the past six weeks, one of our members has been working on the update and re-creation of our branch brochure. Helena Bastedo-Smith UE has created a wonderful modern handout for us to use at upcoming events. Thank you so much for your efforts. We have just picked the order up from the printers and they look so good. Take a bow.

Another member, Carole Lefler UE (who is a first class quilter) has designed an made notebooks for us with wonderful covers in a large variety of materials depicting sports teams, flowers, patterns of bright colours and Canadiana. See page three for a picture.

These will be sold at our market table at the Conference.

Speaking of the Conference, there are a number of us who plan on attending. We hope to see a few branch members there. Are you coming? Please check page eight for an outline of planned events and then go to the website listed for all details and sign up.

A big welcome to the lovely new babies into our Loyalist family. See page three.

Next gathering will be our June Berry Social. Hope to see you there.

Well, April 9th is Easter. Didn't that come quickly?

I wish you all blessings of the Easter season and hope that you get to celebrate with family and friends.

Loyally yours

Marlene Dance UE

PS: with lots of chocolate bunnies!



United Empire
Loyalists' Association
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch
Your Management Committee
for 2023

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. Genealogist: vacant
Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE
UE Directors:

Margaret Strocel UE
Chris Hay UE
Cindy Lyftogh UE
Jan Duelllet

Honourary: Shirley Dargatz UE
Marian Reid UE

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

Social Conveners:

Vicky Heibner UE and
Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:

Frans Compeer

Pacific Regional Councillor:

Christine Manzer UE



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Happy Easter to everyone !

Calendar of Events for 2023

Print and save with your calendar



Monthly Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Venues may change for each event.

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

Schedule for 2023:

April 15th	Abbotsford Family History Day at the LDS Church (page 4)
June 1-4	"Where the Sea meets the Sky" Annual Conference in Richmond, BC - please go to www.uelac.ca for hotel info, schedule of events, flight discounts and more.
June 24th	Three Berry Social and possible guest speaker
July 23rd	BC Loyalist Day Picnic at Queen's Park, New Westminster.
October TBA	Fall Fleet event
November 11th	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow
December	Christmas Gathering to end the year

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:

chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com

Please visit our branch webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack>



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

"On the Porch" - beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.
Just Google to find all eight episodes on YouTube.

Featuring:

Hazel House, Carmichael House, Higginson House, Gwynne
Vaughan House, Brock House, Skelton House,
Gibbons House.

As well as District 1881 - the new downtown rejuvenation.





Chris Hay UE is pleased to announce the arrival of his sixth grandson -
Cody Christopher Hay born January 18, 2023.
 Proud parents are Kevin Hay UE and Christie Hay nee Kromar. Here we have:
 In front of us are the four Hay brothers - Jaxen, Kaeden, and Levi holding their new brother Cody.
 A most wonderful birthday present for their mother Christie.
Congratulations!



A big bundle of joy!

Sydney UE and Curtis Brennan are pleased to announce the Chilliwack arrival of
Joel James Kelly Brennan
 on **March 22, 2023**
 weighing in at **8 lbs 10 oz.**

Proud Grandparents
 are Becky UE and
 Kelly Heibner and
 proud Great
 Grandmother is
 Judy Scholz UE.

Congratulations !

**TWO NEW LITTLE
 LOYALISTS !**



“Most Improved Genealogist”

The British Columbia Genealogy Society presents an annual award to members based on nominations.

Our own Chris Hay UE has again come up a winner. This is the third occasion. This year he shares with a few others.

His submission involved the surprising results that developed after posting a historical story in the “Journal of the American Revolution”.

It involved the finding of distant relations that go back to a members of his Loyalist family. Check back issues of this newsletter and the Loyalist Gazette, and follow the initial story. Chris has often submitted interesting items.

We are pleased to present the full story to you in our next issue.

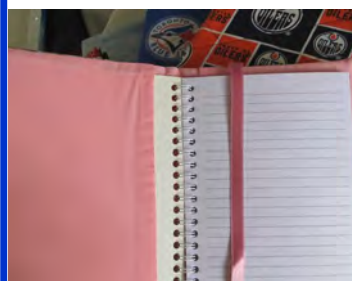
So stay tuned as they say.

Congratulations, Chris, you are always up to something that makes us proud!

Branch fund raiser to debut at the 2023 Conference!

One of our very talented members has created a delightful notebook with a quilted type cover that has many uses. The plan is to present them for sale at the Conference to raise a bit of money for our branch projects.

Cost: \$15 each



7 1/2" x 5 1/2"
 Notebook
 inside in a wide
 variety of
 designs and
 colours on the
 covers.





Chilliwack
Branch
Parade
Of our
Flags

Piper:
Dr. Dan
McDermid

Annual General Meeting held via Zoom

February 11, 2023

On the following pages (5 - 7), please find the information from our meeting.

They include the minutes and the approved year end Financial report from 2022. We needed to invoke Article 3.4 to proceed as we didn't have our required quorum of ten.

This procedure allows us to wait 15 minutes and then proceed with those present, declaring those in attendance as the quorum. Business was quite straight forward and the meeting then proceeded quickly.

Your Executive for the coming year is shown in the minutes.

To date we have had 47 members renew, down from the 58 of last year. I am told of a few other renewals in the mail. Thank you all for your support.

We hope to see you in June at our first in person gathering of the year which will be our Three Berry Social.

Details will follow with location, time and date as well as hopefully, the name of our guest speaker.

Thank you to everyone.

Abbotsford Family History Day

Saturday, April 15th, 2023 from 9:00 am
LDS Church, 30635 Blueridge Drive, Abbotsford BC
Registration now open

<https://www.abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com/>

There are 20 Genealogy topics to choose from.
There is no charge, and a light lunch is included.

Chilliwack Branch will have a display table in the Exhibit Hall. We will debut our new brochure.

Sign up and come on out and see us.



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting:
Feb. 11th, 2023
Meeting via Zoom**

We are honoured to live, work, and play on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Sto:lo Coast Salish peoples.

In attendance via Zoom: Marlene UE & Wayne Dance UE, Judy Scholz UE, Margaret Strocel UE, Vicky Heibner UE, Christine Manzer UE, Diane Faris UE, Koralee Heibner UE, Carl Stymiest UE.

1. Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m.

Playing of God Save the King and Parade of Flags on the screen.

2. Declaration of Quorum was not met. Only 9 people as of 2:11 pm.

As per Article 3.4 of the branch Constitution, we waited 15 minutes for another member to join us. No one did, so we declared those in attendance to be the Quorum and proceeded. Another member joined us later in the meeting.

3. Introduction of Guests: there were only members in attendance

4. Special Happy Birthday wishes were sent out to Shirley Dargatz UE.

5. Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Margaret, seconded by Diane, carried.

6. Adoption of the AGM Minutes of the Feb. 26, 2022:

Moved by Carl, seconded by Vicky, carried.

7. Adoption of the Financial Report for year ending 2022:

Carl moved, Vicky seconded, carried.

8. Adoption of President's Report: Christine moved, Vicky seconded, carried.

9. The slate of officers presented for the 2023 term is as follows:

President: Marlene Dance UE

Vice president: position vacant

Secretary: Judy Scholz UE

Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE

Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE

Assistant Genealogist: vacant

Web mistress: Vicky Heibner, UE

There were three calls for nominations from the floor, none received.

All the above were declared elected by acclamation.

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10. Appointed positions for 2023:

Past President: Shirley Dargatz, UE

Directors: Chris Hay UE, Cindy Lyftogt UE, Margaret Strocel UE, Jan Ouellet

Honourary Life Branch Members: Shirley Dargatz UE & Marian Reid UE.

Flag bearer: Alan Reid UE

Social Conveners: Vicky Heibner UE and Becky Heibner UE

Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE

11. Floor open to Notices, questions, comments:

#1) Marlene will be giving a talk on March 11 at the Abbotsford Genealogy Society meeting at the Reach Gallery.

#2) Abbotsford Family History Day April 14 in Abbotsford. Chilliwack Branch has booked a display table. Marlene Dance is giving two presentations. Also attending are Judy Scholz, Margaret Strocel and Carole Lefler. Vancouver Branch may be interested in attending and arranging a display table beside ours. Information sent to Vancouver Branch.

#3) UELAC Convention June 1 - 4, 2023. Registration form and all information is on the UELAC.ca website. Christine Manzer mentioned that registrations are coming in from all over. Judy Scholz and family have been asked to look after the centerpieces for the banquet room.

#4) Discussion about membership cards. Due to the increased cost of mailing a membership card, a letter could be sent by email. It was agreed to copy the layout provided by Victoria Branch and try this out for a year. Discussion as to whether membership cards are necessary.

#5) Forty-seven (47) people have renewed their Branch membership for 2023.

#6) Thanks to Marlene for organizing the Zoom meeting and thanks to Chilliwack ElderCollege for the use of their Zoom License.

12. Adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Judy Schulz UE

Secretary

Approved at the Feb. 11, 2023 AGM

UELAC Chilliwack Branch 2022 Year End Financial Report

Dec. 31, 2020	Bank balance forward:		\$3,373.04
INCOME:	2021/2022 Memberships	600.00	
	2023 Memberships collected to date:	400.00	
	YTD Bank Interest	.29	
	TOTAL income:	+ 1,000.29	
	Sub. Total:		\$4,373.33
EXPENSES:			
	Service Charges (1.11 pm at new location)	2.22	
	Two meetings/rental/refreshments	308.84	
	Misc. Stationery/ postage/Photocopies	105.66	
	UELAC Scholarship donation	200.00	
	Remembrance Day (2 wreaths)	100.00	
	2022 memberships remitted to Dominion	565.00	
	TOTAL:	\$1,281.72	\$3,091.61
		Net Balance	
Dec. 31, 2022	Bank Balance:	\$3,091.61	

NOTES:

- #1) Unused portion of 2020 Archives Grant \$111.38 held in balance.
- #2) Proceeds of Raffle in 2020 less scholarship donation: \$455.11 held in balance.
- #3) Annual insurance owed to Dominion Office \$137. (Cheque will clear in January)
- #4) Balance includes \$295.00 portion of 2023 memberships to be remitted in new year.
- #5) Asset Purchased in 2019: Projector: Epson LCD Model: H719A S/N: WDPK5X02985
Purchase Cost second hand was: \$200.
- #6) 2022 Year end membership was 58.
Consisting of 7 families of a total of 27 members, 9 associate members, and 22 individuals.

Prepared and reviewed by Carole Lefler UE – Treasurer
and Marlene Dance UE – President



2023 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

<https://uelac.ca>

Registration available online or download.

Hotel and Venus booking

Flight Booking discounts

Conference Highlight Tours

Watch the two videos:

1) UELAC Conference Committee

2) BC Tourism

Download registration form. Discount available if registered before May 1st.

List of Virtual Presentations & Guest Speakers now available:

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/virtual-guest-speakers/>



Highlights of the 2023 Conference:

Thursday, June 1st - Registration in the Hotel's Main Lobby.

Conference Display and Sales Room will be open

Branch Genealogists meeting in the morning and

Membership meeting in the afternoon

Thursday evening Welcome Reception

Friday, June 2nd - Registration in the Hotel's Main Lobby

Conference Display and Sales Room will be open

Bus Tours arranged by pre-registration (incl. boxed lunch)

If not attending one of the tours lunch is on your own.

Recorded virtual guest speakers

Evening Casual Dinner and Program with entertainment

Saturday, June 3rd - Registration Desk opens before the AGM

2023 Hybrid Annual General Meeting (incl. Coffee Break)

followed by AGM Buffet Luncheon

Gala Banquet (suggest period clothing)

Guest Speaker: the Hon. Steven Lewis Point OBC, Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and former Lt. Gov. of British Columbia

In 2012, as Lt. Gov. of British Columbia, The Hon. Steven Point OBC established an Order in Council 903 for the UELAC Pacific Region, BC Loyalist Day to be celebrated annually on July 22nd.

[The Honourable Steven Lewis Point, OBC, UBC Chancellor | historyproject.allard.ubc.ca](https://historyproject.allard.ubc.ca)

Be sure to wear your dancing shoes for the Scottish Dancing entertainment.

Sunday, June 4th - Church Service at the Hotel conducted by one of our very own members.

“Reconciliation in Today’s World - We pray that justice and reconciliation come to all peoples in the love of the Creator”

Wrap Up Buffet Luncheon - celebrating the 285th anniversary of the Birthday of King George III (04 June 1738)

HOSPITALITY SUITE will be open following all evening events. Be sure to visit.

Time to say goodbye till we meet again in 2024 in Cornwall, Ontario!

Loyalist Trails



Our weekly e-newsletter is full of information, research, and community events.

Go to www.uelac.ca for back issues of this newsletter to April of 2004.

Sign up for Loyalist Trails!
Every Sunday morning the new edition of the Loyalist Trails newsletter appears in your inbox. A good read to start off the day. Always filled with interesting items from our Loyalist past. Many items are contributed by well known authors and writers who share our enthusiasm for this era in history.
Links are provided to other publications that provide further details like the item below which takes you to the “Journal of the American Revolution”. Go to the website listed to the left and click on the logo.
Scroll down to “Subscribe”.
This newsletter is free to anyone.



From Loyalist Trails: March 19, 2023 www.uelac.ca

Attended with Disagreeable Consequences:

Cross-Border Shopping for Loyalist Provisions, 1783–1784

by Stuart Lyall Manson UE 14 March 2023, The Journal of the American Revolution

In the months following the end of the American Revolutionary War, British authorities in Canada desperately required supplies for refugee Loyalists slated to be resettled in that northern colony. The cross-border market that they targeted to meet these supply demands was ironic. They looked southward to a region of the United States that, during the recent military conflict, British, Loyalist and Indigenous troops had recently raided and ravaged.

By 1783 the war and its effects had turned tens of thousands of American Loyalists into landless refugees. They were no longer welcome in the Thirteen Colonies—now the newly-minted United States of America—where they formerly made their homes and where they had lived for years or decades. In the case of Indigenous Loyalists such as the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), their wartime displacement disrupted a history that spanned centuries. Many factors contributed to the Loyalists' plight: siding with the Crown during the conflict in general; enlistment and service in Loyalist military regiments; and indirect acts such as supporting raiding parties or gathering intelligence for the British war effort against their rebellious neighbours. Moreover, throughout the war, Loyalist lands and possessions in the thirteen colonies were seized and sold by their enemies. In some areas, both sides waged vicious campaigns in which vast amounts of property and numerous lives were destroyed.

In particular, during the previous eight years of war, detachments of Loyalist regiments and allied Indigenous war parties based in Canada (also known as Québec) launched destructive raids into the northern colonies. Originating from British posts on the Great Lakes, the upper St. Lawrence River, and the settled parts of Québec, the Loyalists were often joined in these raids by British regular regiments and occasionally by German auxiliary troops. Their objectives focused on the fertile regions of the Mohawk River valley in central New York. Occasionally targeted were the communities nestled among the green mountains along the eastern shoreline of Lake Champlain in what is now known as western Vermont. One such raid against the latter was commanded by Major Christopher Carleton, the nephew of Guy Carleton who was an earlier Governor of Québec and who would soon to become its governor once again.

[Read more...](#)

[Attended with Disagreeable Consequences: Cross-Border Shopping for Loyalist Provisions, 1783–1784 - Journal of the American Revolution \(allthingsliberty.com\)](#)

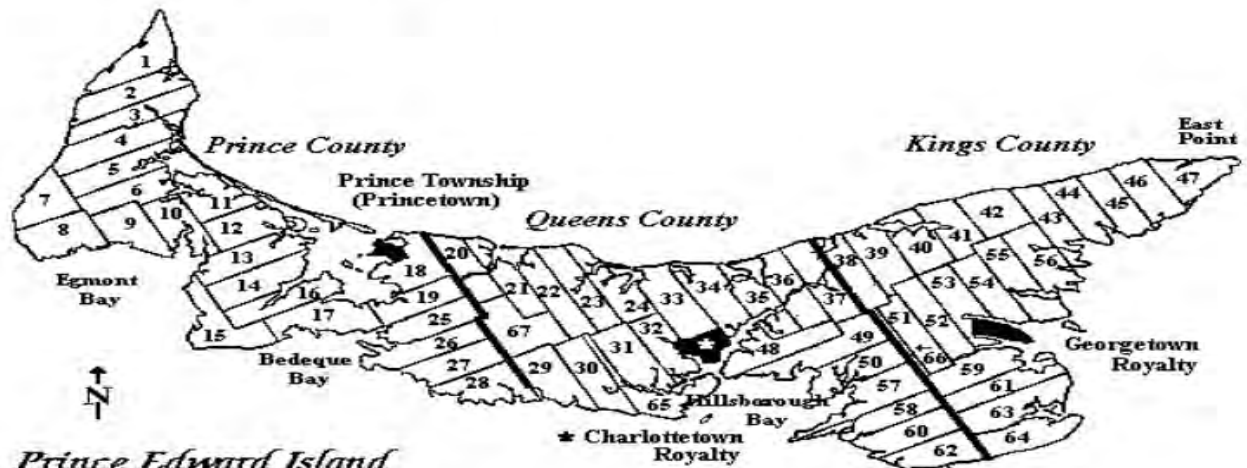
Abegweit Branch announces its new web page

Go to: <https://abegweit.uelac.ca>

There are a number of interesting things on this new site, particularly as it pertains to Prince Edward Island. I love maps and this one is intriguing. Go to the "settlements" heading to find out more.

SETTLEMENTS

United Empire Loyalist and Disbanded Soldiers Areas of Settlement in Prince Edward Island



A map of Prince Edward Island's Lots (islandregister.com)

I joined as an Additional Branch member to show my support and to meet new people. If you have a Loyalist who settled on PEI, go talk with this enthusiastic group of people and find the help you need. Good luck and happy hunting. From Marlene Dance UE

You're Going To Bite My
Ears off First, Aren't you?



A HAPPY EASTER



May Easter bring you every pleasure
Joy and gladness without measure.