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Link Up



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**United Empire
 Loyalists' Association
 of Canada**
Chilliwack Branch
 Your Management Committee
 for 2024/25

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
Branch Directors:
 Margaret Strocel UE
 Chris Hay UE
 Cindy Lyftogh UE
 Jan Duellert
Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE
Social Conveners:
 Vicky Heibner UE &
 Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP
 Diane Ferris UE
Pacific Regional Councillor
 Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

The lovely sunny days we have enjoyed in March are a sure sign that spring is waking up. The daffodils, snowdrops, crocus, and little yellow winter aconite are all in bloom. The rhodas have lots of tight buds ready to burst a bit later. My neighbour's star magnolia has burst into bloom as well as the pieris japonica. The irises and day lilies are already up over ten inches, the dwarf lilac has buds and my forsythia is blooming. My grandfather would say it is time to trim back the rose bushes for spring. My next sunny day chore is to do that and tidy up the garden.

February and March have been busy with archiving projects and then our branch AGM. We had a quorum for our AGM. The minutes are on page 4. Following this meeting, a group of us gathered for lunch to wish farewell to Margaret Strocel UE, who is moving to Comox at the end of March. We shall miss her. See page 7. We loved having our exec meetings at her home on the twelfth floor in Abbotsford. Great view of Mill Lake Park.

You know I am an "old map lover", so when I found the map on page 10 that showed where my husband's Loyalist land grant was located, I just had to save it and share. While going through a large number of boxes marked UEL, we uncovered a good number of our missing "Link Up's" from its first publication in 1994 as well as interesting things to go into our archives - more pictures, write ups, newspaper clippings and many books. Please take a moment and review page 8 for the full list. We don't really know if this is all of them. Could you take a minute and see if you have any issues that are not listed and share with us? That would be appreciated.

My husband and I plan to attend the conference in Cornwall, Ontario. We will be driving and will visit with friends and family as we go. So, I will be on the road for the next issue of our newsletter - June 1st. Don't worry if it is a bit late - it is coming. An exciting project is shaping up. Please see page 7 for the details.

If you have something to contribute, it will be very much appreciated. We will report our progress. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful sunny Easter weekend with family and friends. Blessings to all.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE



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Calendar of Events for 2024

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Road, Chilliwack, BC

Unless otherwise advised.

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 2024:

April or May	Spring Fleet celebration/ Berry Social TBA
NOTE: MAY 11, 2024	UELAC Annual General Meeting via Zoom 8:am PST
May 11, 2024	Family History Day, LDS Church, Abbotsford, BC
June 6 - 9th	Annual Conference in Cornwall, Ontario Canada
July 22nd	BC Loyalist Day TBA
October	Fall Fleet celebration TBA
November 11	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow
December	Christmas Social TBA

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

chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com

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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society since 2019

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.





**THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS'
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**
****United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (UELAC)
Business and 2024 AGM****

Dear Chilliwack Branch Friends,

As we approach the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for May 11th, 2024, at 8:30 AM (PDT), it is imperative to ensure active participation and representation from the Chilliwack Branch. The AGM presents an invaluable opportunity to engage in critical discussions, make decisions, and shape the direction of our esteemed organization.

Firstly, it's crucial for all members intending to attend virtually to ensure their registration for the AGM. Registration details are available through the official UELAC channels. For those unable to attend physically or virtually, it is recommended to delegate a proxy vote to a designated Chilliwack Branch member who will be in attendance. This ensures that our branch's voice is received, and our interests are represented during the proceedings.

Additionally, it's important to note that the UELAC AGM is distinct from the upcoming 2024 Cornwall Conference scheduled for June 6th to 9th. This conference promises to be an exhilarating event as we collaborate with the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Historical Community to commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the Loyalist Landing in Cornwall, Ontario, in 1784. The celebration will be enriched with *"living history"* experiences, fostering a deeper appreciation for our shared heritage and the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

In summary, the 2024 UELAC AGM is a pivotal moment for our branch to actively participate in the association's affairs and contribute to its ongoing success. Whether attending virtually or via proxy, let us ensure our presence is felt, and our voices are heard as we navigate the future of our organization.

Warm regards,

Carl Stymiest UE
UELAC Dominion President

Minutes from the Chilliwack Branch AGM

Saturday, March 16, 2024 via Zoom

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

1. **Meeting called to order at 12:07 pm**

The playing of God Save the King and Parade of Flags was displayed on the screen.

2. **Declaration of Quorum:** 14 members in attendance.

3. **Introduction of Guest:** Susan Strocel

4. **A Moment of Silence:** called for in memory of the passing of

Shirley Dargatz UE and Marian Reid UE – long time branch members.

5. **Adoption of Agenda as presented:** moved/ seconded by Marlene Dance UE and Judy Scholz UE. Carried

6. **Adoption of Minutes:** of February 11, 2023 A. G. M. Moved/seconded by Vicky Heibner UE and Margaret Strocel UE. Carried

7. **Adoption of Financial Report Year ending 2023:** moved/ seconded by Judy Scholz UE, and Vicky Heibner UE. Carried

8. **Adoption of the President's Report:** year ending 2023: Moved/seconded Margaret Strocel UE, and Terry Strocel UE. Carried.

9. **The slate of officers:** presented for the 2024/25 term is as follows:

Branch President: Marlene Dance UE

Branch Vice President: vacant

Secretary: Judy Scholz UE

Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE

Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE

Assistant Genealogist: vacant

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE

A call was made 3 times for nominations from the floor for either of the two vacant positions. As there were none the above were declared elected by acclamation.

10. **Appointed positions for 2024/24:**

Past President: Held in memory of Shirley Dargatz UE

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

Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE

Social Conveners: Vicky Heibner UE & Rebecca Heibner UE as needed

Newsletter Editor: Marlene Dance UE

11. **New Business:**

a) Reminder of the 2024 Cornwall, Ontario Conference June 6 - 9, 2024.

b) UELAC Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on May 11. If unable to attend, please appoint Proxies. Marlene Dance is attending and willing to accept Proxies. Email reminders with attachments have been sent. You need to be a member to vote.

12. **Floor open to comments, questions:**

a) Victoria Branch UELAC Spring Fleet meeting May 25. Everyone is invited.

b) The question was raised as to the number of members to make the quorum. Maybe it's time to review the number and amend if necessary. The new management committee will look into this.

13. **Adjournment:** at 12:35 by Vicky Heibner UE

The meeting was closed with the playing of O' Canada. (forgot the sound - Sorry !)

Respectfully submitted Judy Schulz UE, Secretary

**Canadian Air Force Mess Dinner
Calgary Aviation Museum
Friday, March 22, 2024**

This annual gala event was significant this year as it commemorated the 100th anniversary of the RCAF. The guest speaker for the dinner was Lieutenant General Eric Kenny, Commander of the RCAF.

Chilliwack Branch members, brothers, and both sons of Margaret Strocel UE are Maj (ret'd) Tim Strocel UE and Maj (ret'd) Terry Strocel UE (Photo at left) attended the event. (Don't they look handsome!)

Maj Tim Strocel UE retired after 34 years as a pilot in the RCAF and spent time as an instructor on the CT114 Tutor, a fighter pilot on CF 101 Voodoos and CF 18 Hornets and as an operational helicopter pilot on CH 124 Sea Kings.

Maj Terry Strocel UE retired after 31 years as a transport and search & rescue pilot on the CC 138 Twin Otter and the CC 115 Buffalo. Tim and Terry grew up in Coquitlam BC. Tim is now living in Calgary and Terry lives in Edmonton.

Thank you so much for contributing this item.





Winter sun shines on Loyalist Attire!

We have recently inherited these four lovely dresses from the estate of Shirley Dargatz UE. The two in the middle were worn by Shirley. The dress at the far right, has a lovely underskirt that shows through the parting at the front of the full dress shown. It was worn by Phyllis Sutton UE. The dress at the far left, is a plain cotton print with lace on sleeves. Origin not known. They have just been washed and pressed, and

we are in the process of establishing sizes to put them out for sale. They are all in cotton, and very well made by a seamstress. In addition, two others (not shown) may be made ready as well. We will post more information shortly. Is anyone interested?

Please let us know - chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com



Meet our newest little Loyalist!

Colter James Peter Lyftogt.

**Born January 31, 2024 in Langley, BC
at 7 lbs 3 oz.**

Parents are: Ethan UE and Chelsea Lyftogt.

**Proud Grandmother is Cindy Lyftogt UE
and Great Grandmother is Judy Scholz UE.**

Here is the whole family:

**I-r Brindley,
Ethan, Chelsea,
Colter and
Kiernan**



Goodbye, Margaret!

Margaret appears in our archived pictures from the mid 1990's. Always ready to lend a hand, she has helped at every level - Social Convenor, Recording Secretary, Director, meeting set up and décor. Many a conference across this country has been blessed with her infectious laugh. We have been so blessed with her friendship.



Picture l-r: Vicky Heibner UE, Marlene Dance UE, Jan Oulette, Judy Schulz UE, Margaret Strocel UE and Susan Strocel (daughter-in-law)



Margaret spent over 20 years searching for her Loyalist. Along the way she discovered a DNA cousin among our membership - Cindy Frizell UE, the assistant Branch Genealogist helping her with her search. So we thought it most appropriate to give her a special gift of the UELAC medal with the name of her Loyalist engraved on the bar. Margaret - enjoy your next adventures on Vancouver Island being near family and making new friends. I can see a "girls road trip" being planned soon for a visit. Have the kettle on!
All the best, blessings and see you soon.



Chilliwack Pioneers and the Loyalist Connection.

The Chilliwack Archives, the Chilliwack Library Genealogy Workshop group, and the Chilliwack Branch UEL have undertaken a project to create family trees for all the founding pioneers of our community. The Archives will provide the list of names, the Library Workshop group will be researching the Pedigree charts, and then we will be seeing if we can take the family tree back to the Loyalists. An outline of this project was begun back in 2014, but not acted upon. So the time has now come. We have a small committee organized, we have the support of the Archives and in April we begin. We are now turning to our membership to see if you have something to contribute. We are using the 1881 and 1891 Canadian Census records of Chilliwack as a starting point. If your ancestor was residing in the greater Chilliwack area and was recorded in either of these Census records, and you know of a Loyalist connection, please be in touch with us. We already have a small list and would like to expand it.

Thanks for your interest. Please contact us at chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com

The "Link Up"- Branch newsletter: first issue November 1994.
We are pleased to advise that the following back issues of our newsletter have been recovered and archived:

Vol. 1 #1 November 1994

Vol. 1 #2 January 1995

Vol. 1 #3 March 1995

Vol. 2 #1 March 1996

Vol. 2 #2 May 1996

Vol. 2 #3 Autumn 1996

Vol. 2 #4 December 1996

Vol. 3 #1 Spring 1997

Vol. 3 #2 September 1997

Vol.3 #3 December 1997

January 1998

Vol. 3 #4 February 1998

Vol. 3 #4 Fall 1998

October 1999 &

December 1999

Vol. 6 February 2000

May 2000

October 2000

Vol. 6 #4 December 2000

February 2001

June 2001

Fall 2001

Vol.7 #4 December 2001

Vol. 8 #1 February 2002

Vol. 8 #2 May 2002

Vol. 8 #3 October 2002

Vol. 8 #4 December 2002

Vol. 9 #1 February 2003

Vol. 9 #2 June 2003

December 2003

Vol. 10 #1 March 2004

Vol. 10 #2 June 2004

Vol. 10 #3 September 2004

Vol. 10 #4 December 2004

February 2005

May 2005

October 2005

December 2005

February 2006

December 2006

May 2007

December 2007

December 2008

December 2009 -

Single page dated

March 2010

Nothing for 2011

or early 2012

We were not able to find anything else, but feel very fortunate to have recovered all of this among the many boxes of papers belonging to Past President Shirley Dargatz UE. It would appear that four issues a year was the original goal. But there were years of only two or three issues. When the issue was prepared, it was either mailed or photocopied to be picked up in person at meetings.

Do you have an issue that you would share so that we may fill in the blanks?

Going forward, we have every issue from June 2012. Issue numbers were re-started at Volume 1, as we were unable to establish the last Volume/number issued. We can now see that up to Volume 10 in 2004, regular numbering was used but not afterwards.

To view any back issues from June 2012 forward, please go to our branch web site:

www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/newsletter.php

Glenn Smith UE Honoured at Government House



In the photo above, Glenn at right, with the Last Post Fund BC Branch President Gino Simeoni (centre) receiving a print from (left) one of the selection committee members, p'i-q' Dr Christopher Horsethief - Ktunaxa Nation.

Vancouver Branch member, Glenn Smith UE was honoured on January 18th 2024 at Government House, in Victoria, by the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of BC, in partnership with the BC Achievement Foundation. It was in recognition of the 2023 BC Reconciliation Award Recipients. Glenn has done extensive work for the Last Post Fund-Unmarked Grave Program. He has identified - and had headstones placed on hundreds of previously unmarked veterans graves. Glenn also works with families of indigenous veterans, to place headstones on their unmarked graves.



In addition to the print shown above, the beautiful basket at left was also presented: Titled 'River Ripples' it was woven by ̑əliχʷəlʷət (Thelliawhatlwit) Debra Sparrow - a Musqueam weaver artist and knowledge keeper. The British Columbia Reconciliation Award draws inspiration from the work of the Honourable Steven Point [Xwě lī qwěi těi], 28th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and a founder of the Award. His hand-carved red cedar canoe, Shxwtitostel, currently on display at the BC Legislature buildings, was created as a symbol of reconciliation, with the understanding that "we are all in the same canoe" and must "paddle together" to move forward. In honour of this legacy, this year's recipients will receive a print of a canoe paddle created by Kwakwaka'wakw artist Jamie Gentry to commemorate the award. Gentry is the Crabtree McLennan Emerging

Artist recipient of the 2022 Polygon Award in First Nations Art.

Congratulations and well done Glenn!

