



2020 UELAC DOMINION CONFERENCE
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PRESENTER PROFILES

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(keep watching for updates and additions)

DWIGHT MacAULAY, CVO **(Commander, Royal Victorian Order)**

Dwight MacAulay retired 3 years ago as the Chief of Protocol for the Government of Manitoba.

In 2002 Dwight was personally invested as a Lieutenant in the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) by Her Majesty The Queen during her visit to Manitoba - the first person in the history of Manitoba to receive this honour. In 2010, The Queen elevated Dwight to the position of Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO). He is the only Manitoban and one of 16 Canadians to ever receive such an honour - the *highest civilian rank* The Queen can bestow in Canada.



In 2012 he was selected to be a presiding officer for Canadian Citizenship ceremonies. Since then he has conducted over 400 ceremonies throughout Manitoba, swearing-in over 30,000 new Canadians.

Dwight's career began in local radio and television news broadcasting. He joined the Manitoba Government in 1980 and served as its Director of Radio and Television Services, Director of Information Services and Director of Citizens' Inquiry Services. He became the Chief of Protocol in 1998.

As Chief of Protocol, he organized and worked on many Royal visits. These included visits of Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, The Duchess of York and other members of the Royal family, as well as the King and Queen of Sweden.

He met and worked with heads of state, presidents, prime ministers, premiers, governors, ambassadors, high commissioners and consul generals representing many nations from around the world. He was responsible for the provincial office of the Special Envoy for Military Affairs and initiated many programs to recognize and honour Canada's Armed Forces.

He played a key role in the planning and implementation of international trade missions to such nations as the United States, China, Philippines, India, Iceland, France, England, Belgium and Australia, and for many premiers' and ministerial conferences. From 2006-2008 he was seconded to serve as the Chief of Protocol for the Government of South Australia.

In 2010 Dwight initiated and spearheaded the 3-month long exhibit of the Magna Carta to Manitoba – the first ever appearance of the Magna Carta in Canada - and secured a stone from Runnymede (the site of the Magna Carta's signing in 1215) to serve as the cornerstone of the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights. He served on a national committee to map-out and coordinate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and on the 200th anniversary committee of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers. In 2016 he was asked to deliver a TED talk on protocol. The talk was titled: "Protocol: Who Needs It?"

Dwight is the Vice President of the Manitoba Chapter of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the President of the Manitoba Intrepid Society. He serves on the boards of the St. Andrew's Society, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, St. John Ambulance, the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Historical Society. He serves on the Senate of the Fort Garry Horse Regiment.

His honours also include both The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

William (Bill) Shead, CD

RCN Lieutenant-Commander (Ret'd)

Bill Shead is a member of the Peguis First Nation. A graduate of Dalhousie University and the Canadian Forces Staff College, Lieutenant-Commander (Ret'd) Bill Shead, served 36 years in the Regular and Reserve Forces of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN).



As a junior officer in 1960, Bill was in charge of the Special Escort for the presentation of the original Hosaqami totem pole to the Royal Navy by the RCN. He was the Canadian Liaison Officer in the Royal Yacht - HMY Britannia - during the 1967 Royal Visits to celebrate Canada's Centennial. In 1975 he was seconded to head the Office of Native Employment to increase the participation of Aboriginal people in the Public Service of Canada.

He served as Prairie Regional Director General for Veterans Affairs from 1986 to 1992; Mayor of Selkirk, Manitoba from 1980 to 1983; and Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg (now Neeginan Centre) from 1993 to 1996.

As a speaker with The Memory Project, Bill's topics include Remembrance Day Themes, Aboriginal Veterans Day Themes, Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian Forces, Contributions of the Royal Canadian Navy, and more.

He is currently the Chair of Neeginan Centre, Vice-Chair of the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development, Secretary-Treasurer of the Prince Medals Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of Indspire (formerly the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation). He is also a Governor of the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Corp of Commissioners and a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society.

Bill holds many honors including the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) Canadian Navy (1968, 1979 and 1989), Aboriginal Order of Canada, and The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

Dr. Gordon Goldsborough

President: Manitoba Historical Society

Environmental scientist, educator, historian, webmaster

A member of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Manitoba, prior to moving to the University in 1996, Gordon worked for seven years at Brandon University and four years at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He has also been employed as a Research Scientist by the Manitoba Department of Environment (now Manitoba Sustainable Development).



He is a citizen member of the City of Winnipeg's Historical Buildings and Resources Committee (2017-2019) and a citizen member of the Heritage Committee of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. As a member of the Manitoba Historical Society, he has served as Vice-President (2003-2004, 2017-2019), President (2004-2006, 2019-2020), Past-President (2006-2008), Secretary (2010-2013), Chair and member of the Management Committee for Dalnavert Museum (2004-2010), Webmaster (2003-present), and Pageant Editor and Production Coordinator of *Manitoba History* magazine.

He has written four books: *With One Voice, A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba* (2008), *Delta: A Prairie Marsh and Its People* (2015, co-written with Glen Suggett), *Abandoned Manitoba* (2016), and *More Abandoned Manitoba* (2018).

He specializes on studying the impacts of humans on the aquatic environment, water quality, and the ecology of plants and algae in wetlands and lakes. He has published articles in scientific journals and has contributed to three books. He is a member of the Society of Wetland Scientists. He is involved actively in water policy development in Manitoba. He was the founding Chair of the Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board, and a member of the Lake Manitoba Lake St. Martin Regulation Review Committee, Manitoba Water Council, and the International Red River Board of the Canada-US International Joint Commission. He was Chair of the Manitoba Water Council from 2014 to 2018.

Greg Agnew

Historian, Researcher and Speaker
Friends of the Metropolitan Theatre

Greg has always been interested in the old buildings in Winnipeg. He got involved with the group "*Friends of the Met*" in the 1990's to save the Metropolitan Theatre from the wrecking ball. He became the historian for the group and has been

researching Winnipeg history ever since. He started speaking in 2004 and speaks about 50 or more times a year on numerous subjects about the rich history of our city. He spoke at the reopening of the Metropolitan Theatre by Canad Inns in 2014 - a very proud moment indeed. Greg is semi-retired. He is a Board Member of Heritage Winnipeg and is involved with "Doors Open Winnipeg" each year.



Alice A. Walchuk UE

Manitoba Branch Genealogist

- Branch Genealogist Manitoba UELAC (12+ Years)
- Member Manitoba Branch UELAC (14 years) with 2 proven lines (Banta, Forsyth) and 2 'in progress' (Middaugh, Ayckler)
- Member Ontario Genealogical Society (20+ years)
- Member New England Historical Society (15+ years)
- Member General Society of Mayflower Descendants (15+ years) with three established Mayflower lines (Alden, Mullens, Brewster)
- credited by The Alden Kindred of America and Society of Mayflower Descendants with discovery of "Previously Undocumented Primary Source Evidence" (Located original Registers of St. George's Church, Hempstead, Queens Co., Long Island to prove a Marriage 07 Feb 1768. Original Registers cover over two centuries of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials)
- Honours Bachelor Arts (Education), Lakehead University
- Deans List Honours ECE, Confederation College
- 20 years educating pre-school level and special needs children
- Researched in Canada, USA, England, Wales, Germany, Netherlands
- Commissioned researcher – Metis genealogy & Scottish genealogy
- Continuously upgrading my knowledge through online courses
- Compiled several genealogical presentations
- Member of Dryden Genealogical Society (20 years)
- Founding member of committee to digitalize, transcribe and index 25 volumes of Baptism, Marriage and Burials of United Church in Dryden dating back over 100 years.
- Have assisted in digitalization project of tombstones from four area cemeteries by transcribing inscriptions and producing maps of each. Placed material on file locally and at Library and Archives Canada

Bruce G. Walchuk

“Broadcaster, Genealogist’s Assistant, UE Camp Follower, Amateur Historian and Small-Town Curmudgeon”

- 45-year Broadcast veteran
- Amateur Genealogist and local historian
- Long-time member and former Chair of Dryden Genealogical Society
- Member Ontario Genealogical Society
- Assisted in digitalizing, transcribing and indexing 6 cemeteries in Dryden area
- conceptualized and assisted in project to digitalize, transcribe and index over 100 years of Baptism, Marriage and Burial records at First United Church Dryden
- 15-year member Manitoba Branch UELAC (no known Loyalist Ancestors)
- Have prepared and delivered numerous Genealogical presentations/workshops to groups from Beginners workshops to Dominion Conference of UELAC
- 8-year term including 4 years as Chair of TV Ontario's North West Advisory Council (Ontario's Provincial Education Network)
- 4-year term as member of TV Ontario's Adult Programming Advisory Board
- 9-year term Dryden District Board of Education
- 10-year term as Director of Dryden District Chamber of Commerce including two terms as President
- Two-time Member of Northern Ontario Chamber of Commerce Delegation to Provincial Cabinet

Helen White Jazz Band

Helen White has a Masters (Music) in Jazz Performance.

She grew up in Kent, England, and came from a musical family.

At the University of Cambridge, she studied jazz, sound technology and electro-acoustic music. She also has classical music training. She is a singer and piano player.

Her background as a vocal instructor includes Winnipeg Conservatory of Music, Portage Conservatory of Music, Canadian Mennonite University and the International Music Camp.

Bob van den Broeck is a trumpeter and singer, and a former member of the Canadian Forces Air Command Show Band - a second generation Air Command Band member.

More information – including the other band members performing for our UEL Banquet – will be available soon.



Celtic Country

As the name implies Celtic Country offers fine Celtic music, as well as country, folk, bluegrass, sacred and other genres.

They are a four-piece group featuring bass, rhythm and lead guitar, mandolin, banjo and harmonica with tambourine, bodhran, maracas, keyboard and accordion.

Rob Knight Senior....

Lead singer for the band, Rob has been singing since he was a toddler. He has performed at over 200 venues, with many notables from the Winnipeg music scene. He was a member of the Irish Association of Manitoba's "Irish Myst" choir, and of the "el Mirage" choir in Mesa, Arizona. Rob also plays maracas, tambourine and the "train whistle." Rob is a retired radio and television media veteran, including CHUM radio and CBC – TV Winnipeg.

Rob Knight Junior....

Rob Jr. has been playing guitar since the age of 15. He is accomplished on both electric and acoustic guitar, as well as mandolin and some keyboard and banjo.

Jeff Knight....

Jeff plays guitar, as well as harmonica, mandolin and the Irish tin whistle, and is the younger brother of Rob Jr.

Steve Paulus....

Steve plays bass and rhythm guitar and can also play accordion. Besides his instrumental input, Steve also acts as backup singer with the group.

As a means of offering their time and talent in support of worthy causes, Celtic Country now contributes to Alzheimer Manitoba through each of their musical performances, along with donations received.



Kerrine Wilson AMM, LMM, B. Music

Conference Pianist

Kerrine Wilson holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Manitoba and an Associate and a Licentiate Diploma from the Western Board of Music. Born in Winnipeg, Kerrine studied piano, voice and organ from a young age.

As a pianist in the 1960's she performed in trios with her brothers Eric (cellist) and Carlisle (violinist), and accompanied Eric in recitals in New York, Indianapolis and Iceland. She has adjudicated music festivals in Manitoba, Ontario, and the Yukon. Kerrine has served as Organist/Choir Director at several Winnipeg churches, and currently holds the position at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. She is the accompanist for the Seniors Choral Society and the Music Director of the Solskrikjan Icelandic Choir.

Kerrine has served as President of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association, as well as serving on the Board of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

