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Message from the President

Marg Hall U.E.

Greetings fellow Loyalists!

This is not my first time as President, but it has been quite a while since I last held the office, so I will need the help of all of you to make this a successful term. We are truly grateful to Rosemarie Pleasant who has agreed to become our Vice President. I am hoping to find ways to increase our membership, encourage greater participation and generally strengthen the Sir Guy Carleton Branch U.E.L.A.C. so that we become a stronger and more vital organization. This is not something the President, nor our very strong executive, (and it certainly is that,) can do on their own. We need every member to be willing to go that extra mile to help us achieve all that is possible. I think most of you are aware that our Branch is putting on the Dominion Conference in 2019. This will be a BIG event and will showcase our Branch and our community. I look forward to the next few years as being possibly some of the most exciting in our Branch History. Help us to make it so!

Notes from Spring Social/AGM

By Penny Minter

This year's Spring Social/AGM was held April 23, 2016 at the Best Western Plus Ottawa City Centre. 28 Branch members, spouses and special guests were in attendance. Our guests included Anne Redish, Central East Regional Vice-President as well as Gil Johnson, Doug Emmons and Judy Dunlop, all of whom have Loyalist ancestors.

Everyone enjoyed some informal social time before the advancement of the colours by Barry Gilmore. After the singing of God Save the Queen, Dorothy Meyerhof gave the toasts to King George III and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Grace was given by Marg Hall.

After a brief introduction by out-going President Beth Sweetnam attendees again enjoyed an excellent dinner from the staff at Café 1274.

Beth then introduced our guest speaker Murray Barkley. Murray is from Avonmore, Ontario and has numerous Loyalist ancestral lines including Barkley, Casselman, Chrysler, Schwerdtfeger, Marcellus, Loucks, Haines, and Schneider. He has written several books and articles dealing with the Loyalists and has been the historical consultant on several television productions. His topic was “The Lighter Side of the Loyalists : Lies, Legends, and Levity”.

Murray gave a very informative and humorous speech. A snippet follows:

“Lies” in the title refers to Yankee writings on the Loyalists in the years following the Revolution and throughout most of the 19th century; “Legends” to our own fondly cherished traditions from the same era! (We make no attempt at impartiality!). The third element in the title, “Levity” arose, from a modern perspective, from the conflict between the first two, although the very idea of humour may seem to some of you a bit out of step with the Loyalist movement.”

He provided several examples on each element of his speech and hopes to have it published in the Loyalist Gazette.

After the presentation, Bob Adair thanked Murray for an excellent speech and provided him with a small token of the Branch’ appreciation.

Gary Bagley then presented a certificate to Sue Moss for her ancestor Nicholas Schaffer.

Thus concluded the Social aspect of the afternoon.

The Annual General Meeting immediately followed the social. After the acceptance of the previous AGM’s minutes, several reports were presented: Bob Adair (2015 Income and Expenses); Dorothy Meyerhof (Library and Archives); and Gary Bagley (Membership and Genealogist).

Only 2 of the elected positions on the Branch executive needed to be filled. Marg Hall was nominated and accepted the position of President and Rosemarie Pleasant was nominated and accepted (in abstentia) the position of Vice-President. Other items discussed were the 2019 Dominion Conference which will be hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch and a brief discussion on “where does our Branch go from here”.



Out-going Branch president Beth Sweetnam introducing guest speaker Murray Barkley.

Library Report

By Dorothy Meyerhof

The Branch Library is located within the City of Ottawa Archives Reference Room at 100 Tallwood Avenue and currently holds 950 titles and 26 periodicals. As well as purchasing titles of interest, the Branch is always willing to accept donations of materials for the collection. Donations should not be taken directly to the Archives, but, donors should contact the Branch Librarian, Dorothy Meyerhof at meyerhof@magma.ca or 613-822-2946. The City of Ottawa Archives in addition to hosting the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Library collection is also host to the library collections of the Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society, the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa and the Historical Society of Ottawa. Public computers are available for use in the Archives. Users have access to Ancestry.Institution and Newspapers.com which has fully searchable scanned images of the complete run of the Ottawa Journal (1885-1980). Wi-Fi is available to those who wish to use their own computers.

Recent additions to the Library

808.81 LIG	Old Measures : Collected Verse	W.D. Lighthall
971.6061 Macl	Petticoat Doctors : The First Forty Years Of Women in Medicine at Dalhousie University	Enid Johnson MacLeod
325.2071 KIP (2005)	United Empire Loyalists	E. Kipp
973.342 CRY	Hessians : Mercenaries, Rebels, and the War for British North America	Brady J. Crytzer
973.342 MER	Guide to help find your Hessian Soldier of the American Revolution	Johannes Helmut Mertz
972.3420713 MER	Hessians of Upper Canada	Johannes Helmut Mertz
973.3420714 MER	Hessians of Quebec	Johannes Helmut Mertz

Last Post: POWERS UE, William Donald

William, beloved husband of Sylvia Powers, passed away after a long battle with cancer at his home near Mountain Grove. He was born in St. Catharines to Charles Victor Powers and Ada Marjorie Jewiss. Loving father of Maria (Peter Lerch) and Elizabeth (Tim Meyer), and foster father of Laura (Brad Smith), and Robert Knight and treasured grandfather of Chris, Kim, Melody, Trillian, Calvin, Amber, and Haley and stepgrandfather of Andreas, Dylan, William, and Annamarie. Dear brother of Mary Ann Martin, Jean Holder, and Ethel Simpson, predeceased by Bud Powers and Martha Jessome.

A graduate of RMC, he served in the airforce, then was a popular high school teacher in Bracebridge, Ottawa, Argenta, and Monteverde and a small engine mechanic with Hurst

Yamaha.

As a member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the UELAC, he received certificates for his ancestors Myndhert Harris, William Marsh, and Ruliff Ostrom. Another ancestor Elisha Jones was an early victim of the rebels and did not live to reach Canada.

He found pleasure in being a volunteer fireman, a ski patroller, a bass for the Arden Glee Club, and a hockey player. Through International Rescue, he responded to disasters in Indonesia, Haiti, New Orleans, and others. In 2015 he received an award for senior of the year from the Township of Central Frontenac.

A celebration of his life will take place at the Olden Community Hall in Mountain Grove on May 15 beginning at 2pm. Donations in lieu of flowers can be given to International Rescue (Canada Helps online.)

Sylvia Powers

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Bill Powers receiving his certificate in 2014 for his ancestors Rulif Ostrum and Col. William Marsh from Branch Genealogist Gary Bagley and UELAC President Bonnie Schepers

Upcoming Events

Conference 2017 : Jun 22-25, 2017, at the Delta Armoury Hotel in London, ON, co-hosted by London & Western Ontario Branch and Grand River Branch

Conference 2018 : Jun 7-10, 2018, "Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies", at the Temple Gardens Hotel and Spa, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, hosted by Saskatchewan Branch

Conference 2019 : May 30-Jun 2, 2019, "The Capital Calls", hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch

Editor's Note

This issue of the Ottawa Loyalist is my first attempt in producing a newsletter. I hope that it will live up to your expectations. Producing a newsletter on a regular basis is not an easy task and I would ask all members to let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the future. Do you have interesting articles about your Loyalist ancestor? Have you read a new work on

the Loyalists and would like to submit a review? Please feel free to send me any suggestions that you might have.

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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**

Membership Renewal Form

Name :

Street Address :

Apartment Number :

City :

Province/State :

Country :

Postal Code/Zip Code :

Fees :

Individual : \$55.00

Family : \$70.00

Branch only : \$15.00

Would you be willing to accept an executive position?

Would you be willing to be a guest Speaker?

Can you help at some of our events?
